

2018 J/88 North American Championship Logistics Information

Chicago Yacht Club, August 9-12

J/88 Sailors: We are very excited to host the 2018 North American Championship. We hope you will consider traveling to Lake Michigan and Chicago for what should be the largest fleet of J/88s to date. Below is some information that may help you plan for the regatta. Please contact either of us if you have any questions about the event or location.

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Location: Chicago Yacht Club has two locations - CYC-Belmont Harbor and CYC-Monroe Harbor. North Americans will occur during a larger regatta: the Offshore Verve. The J/88s will be based out of Belmont Harbor as it offers launch facilities, trailer parking and will be racing on a "Championship Circle" near the harbor.

CYC Monroe is located along the lake adjacent to downtown in Monroe Harbor. Belmont Harbor is located 4 miles north of Monroe in the Lakeview neighborhood. Both locations are located in close proximity to tourist attractions and hotels. There will be a shuttle running continuously between CYC Monroe & CYC Belmont. Uber/lift is also convenient as it's a quick trip between the clubs.

Hotels:

There are some hotels located near Belmont in Lakeview, but it is unlikely that you would be close enough to walk to the club and the selection is more limited. There are numerous hotels (with rooms available online) located within walking distance of CYC-Monroe downtown. River North would be another desirable location. It is in between the two clubs (although not walkable) and near Michigan Ave. and many restaurants.

Launching:

Option 1: Belmont Harbor at Regatta Site. This is free and recommended. There is a 5-ton crane for use with a single-point lift. There will be a few single-point harnesses on site to use if you do not have your own. The 5-ton crane should not be used for mast stepping. For mast step, you may either use the mast crane after launching at the yacht club dock or a gin-pole in the parking lot before launch. On Tuesday & Wednesday, we will have volunteers to help with both the launch crane and the mast crane.

Option 2: There are professional boatyards available 15 miles south, near the Indiana border that offer full service rigging, launching, storage and delivery. (We are working on a package with the boat yard if anyone is interested, please let us know)

Trailer Parking During Regatta: available at Belmont Harbor, included in the regatta entry fee.

Storage before and after regatta: You may have your boat and/or trailer stored in the Belmont Harbor parking lot after the CanAm regatta (July 30th) and leave it for up to one week after NAs.

Docking during regatta: There will be docking included with the regatta on U-Dock, the dock closest to CYC-Belmont. See map on next page.

Vehicle parking: at Belmont during race days will be available directly on site at a pay lot. We will investigate if this can be made free to the regatta, but no promises.

Fleet Party: There will be a J/88 Class party on Thursday after racing at CYC-Belmont. This is included with the regatta entry fee for your crew.

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Other Social Events: There will be a regatta-wide party at CYC-Monroe, Friday and Saturday after racing. Awards will be at CYC-Monroe on Sunday after racing.

On towing a J/88 into Chicago Belmont Harbor:

1. You need to plan your route ahead of time and be careful not to take wrong turns towards low bridges in traffic. Many of the older viaducts within the city streets are too low.
2. It is *against the law* to drive with a trailer on Lake Shore Drive.
3. This route is one that we have used. It may not be the only way, but it works well:
 1. From points South and East, take I-90/94 towards downtown Chicago. You may take either the I-90 Tollway (Skyway) for a fee or the I-94 free route from Indiana.
 2. As you approach downtown, follow signs towards Wisconsin. Avoid express lanes.
 3. North of downtown, you will take exit 48A for Armitage Ave.
 4. At the bottom of the exit ramp, you will need to make a right hand turn of about 110-degrees under a bridge. Leave yourself room to make a wide turn, probably from a half lane to the left of the right turn lane.
 5. After crossing under this bridge, you will turn left onto Ashland Ave within 400 ft.
 6. Take Ashland Ave. North to Belmont Ave. Turn Right on Belmont.
 7. Take Belmont East all the way to the lake. You will pass underneath Lake Shore Drive just before the harbor. This bridge is arch-shaped. Stay near the left side of the right-hand land and make a right turn into the harbor drive. There is a "No Right Turn" sign telling you not to turn the wrong way into the off-ramp of Lake Shore Dr. You will turn right just past the off-ramp from Lake Shore Dr. and follow south to the harbor parking lot entrance.

