



## The Early Bird Regatta

### Niantic Bay Yacht Club

Saturday June 5th, 2021

THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA) IS THE NIAN TIC BAY YACHT CLUB located at 8 Shore Road, Niantic , CT, 06357. Phone number: 860-739-0558. VHF Channel 72. Club and Event information is available at [www.nbyc.org](http://www.nbyc.org)

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in RSS, including Appendix V.
- 1.2 The Class Rules in effect are the rules of PHRF handicap and of applicable One Design classes
- 1.3 This event is an ECSA Offshore Circuit Series Points Regatta
- 1.4 This event is a Pre-Off Soundings Cup Series Points Regatta. Qualification requires finishing both the Early Bird and the Thames' YC Commodore's Trophy Race

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 This regatta is open to PHRF ( Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker ) and One Design Class Boats if more than three entries are received for a class.
- 2.2 ENTRY DEADLINE IS FRIDAY JUNE 4TH, 2021 AT 1500.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)
- 2.4 The official scratch sheet will be finalized by the Race Committee by 1800, Friday, June 4th, 2021.
- 2.5 ECSA Membership is not required to participate in this regatta.
- 2.6 ECSA Members must have a valid ECSA PHRF certificate on file at ECSA.net
- 2.7 Non ECSA Members sailing PHRF will use a PHRF base rating assigned by the OA.

#### **3. FEES**

- 3.1 Entry fee for the event is \$30 payable on YachtScoring. All net proceeds ( plus any additional contributions!) will go to support the Niantic Bay Sailing Academy

#### **4. SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 First Warning is scheduled for 1100 Saturday June 5th, 2021
- 4.2 Multiple races are possible for any class at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 4.3 One race shall be completed to constitute a series

#### **5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and at [www.nbyc.org](http://www.nbyc.org) by June 1st, 2021

#### **6. VENUE**

- 6.1 Racing will take place in Niantic Bay, Fisher's Island Sound and Long Island Sound



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#### **7. THE COURSES**

7.1 Courses will be selected by the Race Committee based on weather conditions

7.2 The marks will be identified in the Sailing Instructions and may be a combination of government marks and drop marks

#### **8. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

8.1 The Race Committee will make every effort to use VHF radios to keep sailors informed of Start Times, On Course Side ( OCS), Postponements and other information regarding the racing. Race announcement channel will be listed in the SI.

8.2 Failure by the Race Committee to hail, failure of the radios or amplification system, or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This instruction changes RRS41 and 62.1

#### **9. SCORING**

9.1 Time on Time calculation using the ECSA / PHRF Time Correction Factor will be used to score PHRF Classes.

9.2 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's total score will be the sum for all races completed ( no throw out.)

#### **10. PRIZES**

10.1 Trophies will be awarded for the first three places in each class. Trophies will be shipped to the winners or will be available at the NBYC Clubhouse on a future date.

10.2 No after race party is currently planned due to ongoing Pandemic Safety Concerns

10.3 Participants are welcome to come ashore if necessary but must abide by NBYC's Pandemic Protocols which include wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing. This requirement may be changed as State regulations change.

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