



NOTICE OF RACES Off Soundings Club

79th Annual Race Series

Spring Series: June 10–11, 2016 **Fall Series:** September 16–17, 2016

www.offsoundings.org

1. RULES

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Class Rules in effect are the rules of PHRF–Eastern Connecticut and New England Multihull Association (NEMA) handicap.
- 1.3. The registered Master(s) are considered the Person in Charge and at least one Master shall be aboard while racing.
- 1.4. Sail numbers shall conform to sail numbers listed on a boat's event registration.
- 1.5. All participants shall meet the OSC Safety Equipment Requirements 2015 Edition posted on the club website – offsoundings.org.
- 1.6. Participants on boats without lifelines must wear life jackets while racing.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. These races are open to all Off Soundings Club members and their invited guests.
- 2.2. Boats shall have a current PHRF–Eastern Connecticut, NEMA or Off Soundings Club PHRF Certificate handicap.
- 2.3. The minimum LOA is 23.75 feet and the maximum LOA is 62 feet.
- 2.4. The maximum PHRF rating is 300.
- 2.5. Boats must be equipped with a self-bailing cockpit and be outfitted per their current rating certificate.
- 2.6. Guest Invitations are active for 4 series over a 2-year period.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. Entrants register online at Yachtscoring.com by direct link at offsoundings.org.
- 3.2. If necessary, entry forms may be downloaded from offsoundings.org and mailed with payment to Anne Wilkinson, Off Soundings Club Race Secretary, 10 Harbor Court, Noank, CT 06340.
- 3.3. Non member entrants require a Guest Invitation from a member. Guest Invitation forms are available at offsoundings.org.
- 3.4. Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker classes are offered.

4. DEADLINES

- 4.1. Entrants shall have registration and payment on file with the Race Secretary by the appropriate deadline. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 4.2. The Spring Series deadline is midnight, May 19, 2016.
- 4.3. The Spring Series Guest Invitations from sponsors shall be on file no later than May 12, 2016.
- 4.4. The Fall Series deadline is midnight, August 25, 2016.
- 4.5. The Fall Series Guest Invitations from sponsors shall be on file no later than August 18, 2016.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are \$70.00 per boat per series plus \$15.00 for each adult party ticket for crew over 21 and \$1 for crew under 21 years of age.

5.2. Additional party tickets may be purchased online, by mail, or on site for family and friends.

6. SCHEDULES AND VENUES

6.1. The **Spring Series** starts Friday, June 10th with the First Warning scheduled at 1025 just East of Watch Hill. The fleet races to Block Island Friday, June 10th and races in the vicinity of Block Island on Saturday, June 11th. First Warning on Saturday is at 0955. A post race party will be held at The Oar following racing both days.

6.2. The **Fall Series** starts Friday, September 16th off New London Ledge Light. The fleet races to Gardiner's Bay, on Friday and in Gardiner's Bay on Saturday. The First Warning both days is scheduled for 0955. A post race party will be held at Townsend Marina, Greenport, NY after racing both days.

6.3. The courses will be a combination of government and drop marks and will be determined by the Race Committee on race day based on wind and weather conditions.

7. MEASUREMENT, HANDICAPS AND CLASSES

7.1. All PHRF–Eastern Connecticut, PHRF OSC, and NEMA certificates must be on file by the entry deadline for each series. PHRF–Eastern Connecticut certificates are available at ECSA.net, NEMA certificates are available at NEMAsail.org, and OSC PHRF Certificate forms are available at offsoundings.org.

7.2. PHRF handicaps are rationalized based on the work of PHRF–Eastern Connecticut and additional information which may be developed by the OSC Handicapper.

7.3. Final classes will be assigned by the Race Committee one week before each series.

7.4. Class flags will be designated in the Sailing Instructions. Flags shall be no less than 12" x 15" (Size 0) and flown from the bow pulpit while racing.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The sailing instructions for each series will be posted online at least two weeks prior to the start of the first race.

8.2. Race documents will not be distributed on the water.

9. SCORING AND PENALTIES

9.1. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

9.2. Scores shall be calculated using the Time on Time method for all classes.

9.3. Penalties of 15% for first place, 10% for second place, and 5% for third place are assigned to the top 3 finishers in each monohull class to a maximum of 45 percent and expire after 3 series in the order they were achieved.

9.4. The Time Correction Factor is determined by the formula $TCF=600/(480+HCP)$ where HCP is the assigned PHRF handicap for the series including any penalties carried by individual boats acquired in a prior series.

9.5. Series trophies are awarded at the post race party based on finishing places with penalties.

9.6. ECSA points and OSC member perpetual trophies are awarded without penalties.

9.7. OSC member perpetual trophies are awarded at the annual meeting.

10. MORE INFORMATION

10.1. The Off Soundings Club Yacht Scoring Events Page will be the primary source of venue information, safety procedures, forms, changes to Race Documents, Entry Lists, Scratch Sheets and Race Official contacts. Access to Yacht Scoring will be available beginning in March at offsoundings.org.

10.2. Further questions may be directed as follows;

Registration – Race Secretary Anne Wilkinson at raceosc@gmail.com.

OSC Handicapper –Paul von Maffei at pvm461@yahoo.com.

Guest invitations and Membership – Jackie Fisher at myrustynail31@gmail.com.