



## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Changes to the RRS are noted with each instruction that changes a rule.
- 1.3. Double-handed and Single-handed entrants may use self steering devices. *Rule 52 is changed.*
- 1.4. In the event of an abandonment signaled with N over H on Friday, the fleet shall proceed to harbor at Block Island for further signals.
- 1.5. The Race Committee (RC) will broadcast on VHF Ch. 72 throughout the regatta. Radio communications are for safety, convenience and courtesy. Only the RC may request redress for misunderstandings, errors or omissions that may result from such communications. *Rule 60 is modified.*
- 1.6. Appendix T, SECTIONS A and B are in affect providing alternative penalties.
- 1.7. *Appendix T1 changes the first two sentences of Rule 44.1 to: "A boat may take a One-turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty."*

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The official Notice Board is on the Off Soundings Yacht Scoring Events Page. It is accessible at [www.offsoundings.org](http://www.offsoundings.org). Access is also available at [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com) by searching for 2016 Off Soundings Spring Series.
- 2.2. Notices will also be posted on the Notice Board under the tent at the Oar on Block Island after Friday's race.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be announced on VHF Ch. 72 after 0800 and prior to the first warning on both days of the regatta.
- 3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the official Notice Board by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. At 0830 Friday and Saturday the RC will broadcast "Off Soundings Club Harbor Start" on VHF Ch. 72.
- 4.2. To postpone or abandon before leaving the harbor, the RC will display signals from the Signal Boat at Ram Island Yacht Club on Friday and at the Boat Basin on Saturday. Appropriate announcements will be broadcast on Ch. 72.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. One race is scheduled each day of the series.
- 5.2. The first warning signal on Friday, June 10 is scheduled at 1025.
- 5.3. The first warning signal on Saturday, June 11 is scheduled at 0955.
- 5.4. Abandoned races may be resailed.

6. **CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1. Class flags shall be flown vertically on the bow pulpit as far forward as possible while racing. Failure to do so is not a reason for protest.
- 6.2. **Appendix S-1** displays the code flags assigned to each class. **Please note:** some class flags have changed from prior events.
- 6.3. Single and double handed entrants shall fly the appropriate numeral pennant 1 or 2 from their backstay.

7. **CHECK IN**

- 7.1. Prior to her warning signal, each boat shall pass the RC Signal boat stern to bow on the side opposite the starting line and hail the committee with the name and sail number of the boat. Failure to do so may be protested by the RC.
- 7.2. A boat not starting shall keep clear of the starting area and of boats starting.

8. **THE START**

- 8.1. The Starting Line each day will be between an Orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and an inflatable buoy. An auxiliary RC boat with an Orange flag may be substituted for the buoy.
- 8.2. Friday, the Starting Area will be approximately 0.8 NM bearing 090 Magnetic from Watch Hill Lighted Bell Buoy 2.
- 8.3. Saturday, the Starting Area will be approximately 0.5 NM bearing 045 from Mark K, Great Salt Pond Entrance Bell 2.
- 8.4. Either day the RC may reposition for a better starting location depending on the weather.
- 8.5. **Appendix S-1** displays the Starting Sequence.
- 8.6. The RC will attempt to notify individual OCS boats by name or sail number on VHF Ch. 72.

9. **THE COURSES**

- 9.1. The courses are displayed on the RC Signal Boat using a horizontal arrangement of mark symbols reading from left to right indicating the order and direction of rounding. Courses will be announced on VHF Ch. 72.
- 9.2. The fleet may be divided into two Groups as follows:
  - 9.2.1. *Group 1* includes Classes C-1, C-2, H-1, SB, H-3, NS-1, D.
  - 9.2.2. *Group 2* includes Classes NONS, NS-2, NS-3, C-3, H-4, A
- 9.3. If separate courses are to be sailed, the Group designated at the far left of a row shall sail the course listed on that row.
- 9.4. If there is no Group designated, all classes shall sail the same course.

10. **THE MARKS**

10.1. The marks of the course and their identifying names and approximate locations are listed in the Marks Table below:

B	North Reef Bell Fl G – “1BI “	T	41 12.10N 071 36.15W
G	Block Is. Sound Entrance “BIS”	W	Range/bearing from RC
H	Pt. Judith Bell “4”	X	41 10.65N 071 37.55W
J	Pt. Judith Whistle “2” Fl R	Y	41 11.65N 071 38.25W
K	Great Salt Pond BI Bell “2”	Z	41 13.60N 071 38.90W
N	Nebraska Shoal Nun “2NS”	4	SW Pt Whistle “4” Fl R
S	SW Ledge Whistle “2” Fl R	5	NE Whistle “5”

- 10.2. *Mark W* is an inflatable buoy whose Range in nautical miles and magnetic bearing from the RC is indicated on the bottom row of the Course Board.
- 10.3. *Marks T, X, Y & Z* are inflatable buoys pre-positioned at the approximate latitude and longitude listed in the Marks Table 10.1.
- 10.4. Circled Marks are to be rounded to Starboard. Uncircled Marks are to be rounded to Port.
- 10.5. All boats shall pass off shore of the following government buoys: Southwest Pt. Bell 6, Black Rock Pt. Nun 2, and Clay Head Can 7.

#### **11. CHANGING A LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1. The RC may change a leg of the course by displaying the symbol of the new mark identified in the Marks Table in SI 10.1. *Rule 33(a) is modified.*
- 11.2. If Mark W ends the leg that is changed, the range and/or bearing to the new position is from the mark that begins the changed leg.
- 11.3. A course change will be announced on VHF Ch. 72.

#### **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The Finish Line is between an Orange flag on the RC boat and Mark K. If an RC boat is not on station at the Finish Line, a boat finishing shall note her own finish in GPS time and report it per RRS 34 prescription.
- 12.2. Boats shall not cross the finish line except when finishing. *Rule 28 is changed.*
- 12.3. A boat withdrawing shall promptly notify the RC on VHF Ch. 72, or advise OSC officials at the shore rendezvous.

#### **13. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES**

- 13.1. The time limit for each class is 1730 on Friday and 1700 on Saturday regardless of starting times.
- 13.2. Boats that do not finish within the time limit shall be scored TLE and receive points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus 1. *Rule 35 and Appendix A11 are changed.*
- 13.3. At approximately five minutes after the expiration of the time limit, the RC will broadcast abandonment for classes with no finishers. No visual and sound signals will accompany this announcement. *RRS 32 is changed.*

#### **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1. Appendix T, Sections A and B are in effect for this regatta.
- 14.2. A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the RC Signal Boat as soon as possible after finishing and to identify the protested boat(s).
- 14.3. Protests shall be filed with the protest committee at the RC Signal Boat at the Boat Basin no later than one hour after the RC docks. The docking time will be posted on the Notice Board online and under the tent at the Oar.
- 14.4. Official protest forms are available from the RC Signal Boat

#### **15. SCORING**

- 15.1. Two races are scheduled. One completed race constitutes a series. There are no exclusions. The scoring is explained in Section 9 of the NOR.

#### **16. PRIZES**

- 16.1. Series trophies will be awarded at the post race rendezvous Saturday at the Oar. The top three finishers will receive trophies in each class and the top four in classes with more than 10 boats.

## APPENDIX S-1

### STARTING SEQUENCE and CLASS FLAGS

First Warning is scheduled at 1025 on Friday, 6/10 and 0955 on Saturday, 6/11.

<u>ORDER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>	<u>ORDER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>
1	NONS	NONSUCH	8	C-2	OSCAR
2	NS-3	3 <sup>RD</sup> SUB	9	SB	TANGO
3	NS-2	GOLF	10	C-1	HOTEL
4	C-3	FOXTROT	11	H-3	JULIET
5	H-4	ECHO	12	H-1	WHISKEY
6	A	ALPHA	13	D	DELTA
7	NS-1	UNIFORM			

### FLEET ADVISORY

**The Deepwater Wind Turbine Project is under construction in the waters east and southeast of Block Island. The primary construction area is approximately 3 miles offshore of the island. There may be cable laying operations underway during the Spring Series between Crescent Beach and the off shore location. Additional work vessels may be in operation between Pt. Judith and the offshore site. Mariners are required to stay a minimum of 500 yards clear of any construction vessels and sites. For daily updates, visit [dwwind.com](http://dwwind.com).**



## **SPECIAL NOTES** **from the Race Committee**

The Race Committee Signal Boat will be *Nor'Easter*, owned and operated by Henry duPont IV. The Mark Boat will be an Intrepid 30' motorboat owned by Gerry Leger. The Pin Boat will be the 34' *Cricket*, owned and operated by Tom Bishop. Each will be flying a race committee flag.

The Race Committee will be docked at Ram Island Yacht Club in Noank on Thursday night and at the Boat Basin after racing on Block Island. The daily post race rendezvous will be at The Oar on Block Island at 1700 or 30 minutes after the RC docks, whichever is later. Launch service will be available from Oldport Marine Services at their usual fares. The Launch monitors VHF Ch. 68.

Great Salt Pond is a federal no-discharge zone. There is a \$200 fine for discharging marine toilets and holding tanks into the water. The Town of New Shoreham operates a pump-out boat at no charge.

### **SAFETY PLAN**

Medical emergencies that cannot be handled on board should be reported immediately to the Race Committee on VHF Ch. 72. The Race Committee will co-ordinate any rescue efforts utilizing the powerful radio on *Nor'easter*, our proximity to the harbor and OSC support boats. Be prepared to change to Ch. 71 when directed to hear further instructions. If racing, drop your headsail only and turn your boat in the opposite direction of the racing fleet to help on water support boats identify your position.

If you can't raise the RC on radio, the Block Island Harbormaster monitors Ch. 12 and Ch. 16. Their direct phone line is 401-466-3204. Once the Harbormaster initiates rescue efforts, stay on Ch. 12 until directed otherwise. On land emergency crews will meet your boat at the Boat Basin.

Should an emergency occur closer to the Connecticut or Rhode Island shores, contact the RC on Ch. 72, the U.S. Coast Guard on Ch. 16 or by dialing 911 on your cell phone, in that order. Skippers should be aware of the closest port to your location and head there.

The Block Island Medical Clinic is open 9-5 Monday thru Friday. Be aware there is no pharmacy on the island and prescription medications are not available.

The legal age for drinking alcohol in Rhode Island is 21. The Master/Captain of each entrant is fully responsible for actions of their crew.



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# CLASS/ENTRY LIST

## YACHT SCORING AND PENALTIES

2016 is the first year the Off Soundings Club is using the online Regatta Management services of Yacht Scoring. From registration to results, it's all online. Easy access starts at [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).

The Class listings on the following pages reflect the Scratch Sheet on line. Penalties are displayed under the **BOW** column which stands for **Burden Of Winning**. A boat's PHRF rating and Time Correction Factor (TCF) include penalties, if any.

Off Soundings penalties are assessed to the top 3 class finishers in each series. A series 1<sup>st</sup> garners a 15% penalty, 2<sup>nd</sup> 10% and 3<sup>rd</sup> 5%. The penalties remain with a boat for the next three series and are then removed in the order they were assessed. The maximum penalty any boat can carry is 45%. Effectively, a top 3 finish for a series results in an OSC penalty of 8 seconds per 5% of penalty to a maximum of 72 seconds

Series results are calculated with penalty. ECSA Offshore Championship points and, for Off Soundings members, One and Two Year Perpetual Trophies, are calculated without Penalty.

Time on Time results are calculated by multiplying each boat's Elapsed Time (ET) by her Time Correction Factor (TCF) to find the Corrected Time (CT). The TCF is calculated using a boat's PHRF rating minus any BOW in the following formula.  $TCF = (600 / (480 + (PHRF - (2 * BOW) * .8)))$ .  $CT = ET \times TCF$ .

One additional note: "G" next to a skipper's name indicates Guest. Take a moment to welcome them to the regatta.