

**Early Bird Notice of Race  
Niantic Bay Yacht Club  
Sunday, June 5, 2016**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing. The Niantic Bay Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority.
- 1.2 This event is an ECSA points regatta.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 This event is open to all monohulls with a valid PHRF - Eastern Connecticut certificate on file at [ecsa.net](http://ecsa.net) and One Design classes recognized by NBYC.
- 2.2 Participants may register for spinnaker or non-spinnaker classes and party tickets online at [www.nbyc.org](http://www.nbyc.org), then follow link to [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com).
- 2.3 Entry forms for snail mail are available on the web site and should be sent with payment to John Bourget at NBYC, Niantic, CT.
- 2.4 Entry Deadline is Friday, June 3rd at 1800.

**3. FEES**

- 3.1 The Entry Fee is \$40 per boat for US Sailing members. \$45 for non-members.
- 3.2 Party tickets are \$10 per ticket.

**4. SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 First warning is scheduled at 1100 on Sunday, June 5, 2016.
- 4.2 Sailing Instructions will be available online at [www.nbyc.org](http://www.nbyc.org) on June 1, 2016.
- 4.3 The unofficial Scratch Sheet will be actively building on line during registration and will be finalized by the Race Committee on Saturday, June 4th by 1800.
- 4.3 Multiple races are planned for all classes at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**5. MEASUREMENTS**

- 5.1 The Race Committee will assign ratings and classes.

**6. VENUE**

- 6.1 Racing will take place in Niantic Bay and Fishers Island Sound.

**7. THE COURSES**

- 7.1 The courses will be selected by the Race Committee based on weather conditions. The marks will be identified in the Sailing Instructions and will be a combination of government marks and drop marks.

**8. SCORING**

- 8.1 Time on Time calculation will be used to score the PHRF classes.
- 8.2 There will be no throw outs. This changes *RRS Appendix A2*.

**9. BERTHING**

- 9.1 Free guest moorings are available at the Niantic Bay Yacht Club. Contact the club manager at 860-739-0558 for reservations preceding the Early Bird or Off Soundings.

**10. PRIZES AND PARTY**

- 10.1 The top 3 finishers in each class will receive trophies at the Mardi Gras Awards Party following racing at Niantic Bay Yacht Club.
- 10.2 Special awards will be offered for Youth Crews (29 or younger), All Female crews, Green Skippers (No ECSA races before 2013) and Best Club (Best 3 boats from same club).
- 10.2 Hurricanes, beer and wine, live music and Cajun style appetizers and dinner provided by Slipper Shell Galley.

**11. CONTACT INFORMATION**

- 11.1 Regatta Chairman: John Bourget [jrbourget@aol.com](mailto:jrbourget@aol.com) or 860.463.9772.
- 11.2 Stay connected with developments by visiting the Early Bird Events Page linked through [www.nbyc.org](http://www.nbyc.org).