



The CAN ONE Evening Race Association (COERA), the Organizing Authority for this series, is a member of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRA of LIS) and the U.S. Sailing Association.

2017 NOTICE OF RACE

The purpose of the COERA is to provide an environment for good racing and good fellowship while promoting good seamanship and sportsmanship. This Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) are published so that all members will have information to help them become better sailors and assist them in beginning, renewing and deepening good friendships.

1 RULES: RACING WILL BE GOVERNED BY:

- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, including APPENDIX T – Arbitration (any changes to the RRS will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions).
- 1.2 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS do not apply, except the prescriptions to RRS 61.4, 76.1, APPENDIX R - Procedures for Appeals and Requests, and APPENDIX V - Alternative Penalties.
- 1.3 The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound.
- 1.4 This Notice of Race.
- 1.5 The Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6 In the event of conflict between this NoR and the SIs (or amendments thereto), the SIs as amended shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 2.1 COERA is open to single-hull, self-righting sailboats of 18 feet or more length overall, meeting the requirements of PHRF as administered by the YRA of LIS.
- 2.2 COERA is open to members of American, Glen Island, Horseshoe Harbor, Huguenot, Larchmont and Orienta Yacht Clubs, the New York Athletic Club, and other interested parties.

- 2.3 COERA's Executive Committee shall be the sole judge of a yacht's eligibility, subject to RRS 76.1.
- 2.4 Eligible yachts shall enter online and make payment through the Yacht Scoring web site. The series entry fee for all yachts is \$350 and can be paid using PayPal, credit or debit card.
- 2.5 All yachts must complete online entry prior to competing in any race.
- 2.6 Yachts that have previously sailed in a COERA race must pay the entry fee prior to competing in any race. A yacht that has never sailed in a COERA race may compete in one race prior to paying the entry fee. Except for yachts that have never before sailed in a COERA race, no yacht shall be scored until it has paid its entry fee. Payment of the entry fee will not entitle a yacht to be scored retroactively for races sailed before the entry fee was paid.
- 2.7 A COERA member club, having paid its \$500 annual fee, shall be entitled to enter one "Junior Yacht" without an additional fee.
- 2.8 Junior yachts shall comply with the provisions of JSA of LIS Rule 9.4 Advisors and Rule 9.8 Operation of Boat. In addition, junior sailors aboard a junior yacht shall comply with JSA of LIS eligibility Rules 3.2 and 3.4.

3 DIVISIONS AND CLASSES:

There shall be Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions. Each Division shall be divided into Classes designated by numbers (1, 2, 3, etc.) based on ratings, number of entries and historical participation at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority. It is the Organizing Authority's intention to maintain 3 non-spinnaker and 3 spinnaker classes for 2017.

4 SCHEDULE:

4.1 A Skipper's Meeting will be held at 1900 on Thursday, April 20 at the Huguenot Yacht Club.

4.2 The series will consist of races on the following dates:

May	11	18	25		
June	1	8	15	22	29
July	6	13	20	27	
August	3	10	17	24	31
September	7				

June 29 is the "Coaching Race", which shall be scored separately and not count towards qualification for series prizes. For the coaching race, more experienced sailors in the fleet will make themselves available to sail with and coach less experienced crews.

4.3 There will be one race per evening, with a maximum of 17 races (excluding the Coaching Race) for the series. One race shall constitute a series.

- 4.4 The warning signal for the first Class start is scheduled for 1900 on each race day.

5 RATINGS AND MEASUREMENT:

- 5.1 Each Division will be scored using current PHRF handicaps provided by YRALIS. "Spinnaker W/L Ratings" will be used for Spinnaker Classes and "N-Spinnaker W/L Ratings" will be used for Non-Spinnaker Classes. Yachts without a valid YRA of LIS certificate will be assigned the base rating for their yacht. A yacht whose rating changes during the series shall notify the fleet Handicapper & Scorer before competing in another race.
- 5.2 Weight limits will not be in effect, except that any yacht sailing with a "light crew" rating shall sail as rated.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The sailing instructions will be posted to Yacht Scoring no later than April 1, 2017.

7 RACING AREA AND COURSES:

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted in the area depicted by the Marks Chart included as Appendix A to this NoR. The Marks Chart indicates the approximate location of each government mark that may be used as a mark of the course.
- 7.2 The starting area will be in the vicinity of can "1", located approximately .8nm NNE of Execution Rocks Lighthouse.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS:

- 8.1 RRS APPENDIX T – Arbitration shall apply.
- 8.2 US SAILING Prescription APPENDIX V - Alternative Penalties shall apply.
- 8.3 All protests will be heard in the open to make the protest hearing a learning experience for all sailors. This modifies RRS 63.3(a).

9 SCORING:

- 9.1 Scoring will be done using PHRF Time on Time computation.
- 9.2 Series scoring will be calculated using the High Point Percentage Scoring System with the points for each race determined by the number of starters in the Class and the finishing position of each yacht (see the SIs for details). This modifies RRS A4.2.
- 9.3 In order to qualify for a series trophy, a yacht must participate in at least fifty percent of the races for her Class, excluding the Coaching Race, rounded up if there is an odd number of races (the Qualifying Number). A race that is started and then abandoned shall count as a race for the purpose of qualification.
- 9.4 If a yacht's crew serves on the Race Committee and/or as coach(es) during the Coaching Race, her Qualifying Number shall be reduced by one from her

class's Qualifying Number. Race Committee service shall be defined as the participation by three or more people capable of helping the PRO.

- 9.5 Sections 9.3 and 9.4 notwithstanding, no yacht shall qualify without completing six scored races.
- 9.6 If a yacht qualifies under NoR 9.3, her series performance shall be calculated using the scores from her best n races, where n is equal to the Qualifying Number for her Class. A yacht that participates in n-1 races but qualifies under NoR 9.4, or qualifies with less than n scored races as a result of abandonments shall have her series performance calculated using the scores from all of her races.
- 9.7 This modifies RRS 90.3 and RRS Appendix A.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION:

- 10.1 The official channel for Race Committee communication shall be VHF 71. All competitors shall monitor this channel for updates from the Race Committee while racing. All competitors are further encouraged to monitor this channel prior to departing their home port, and while returning to their homeport.
- 10.2 Except in an emergency or as otherwise specified in the SIs, a yacht shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts while racing.

11 RESPONSIBILITY

All those taking part in COERA races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organizing Authority, member clubs, sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage that may be suffered by any competitor. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

12 PRIZES:

- 12.1 Series prizes in each Class will be awarded only to yachts that have qualified under the provisions of NOR 9.3, the number of prizes to be determined by the number of yachts qualifying in the Class.
- 12.2 Prizes will be awarded to the Class winners in each weekly race.
- 12.3 A prize will be awarded for the best performance for the Overall Series by a qualified yacht from each of American, Glen Island, Horseshoe Harbor, Huguenot, Larchmont and Orienta Yacht Clubs, and the New York Athletic Club, provided such club has paid its annual COERA dues. In addition, a prize will be awarded for the best performance for the Overall Series by a qualified nonaffiliated yacht.
- 12.4 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded as follows:

The George Hoffman Trophy

to the best scoring yacht in the entire fleet (Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker)

The Commodore Fred Skinner Trophy

to the best scoring Yacht Club of Can One Member Clubs having paid their annual COERA dues

The F. Neale Magrath Trophy

to the best scoring yacht not affiliated with a Can One member Yacht Club.

The Goose Trophy

to the qualifying yacht within the fleet that scores the most 1st place finishes within its class. In the case of a tie, the Goose Trophy shall be awarded to the Yacht whose class had the highest average number of competitors.

The Rookie Trophy

to the best scoring yacht in its first year in Can One Racing

The Can One Junior Trophy (New Trophy for 2017)

to the best scoring yacht in the fleet sailed by Juniors

The Dolf LeComte Trophy

to the best scoring yacht over 20 years old

The Joseph Sansone Trophy

to the most improved yacht over previous year's performance

The Can One Distance Race Trophies

to the COERA registered spinnaker and non-spinnaker yachts that (a) qualifies for season trophies; and (b) scores the best overall performance in any two of the following distance races:

- Larchmont YC Annual Distance Race – The Edlu (May 13, 2017)
- New York AC Annual Distance Race – Stratford Shoal (May 20, 2017)
- Huguenot YC Mayor's Cup Regatta (August 12, 2017)
- City Island, Manhasset Bay & Huguenot Yacht Clubs Western LIS Governor's Cup Race (August 19, 2017)

The Competitors Trophy

may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority to a loyal member of the Can One Evening Racing Association who has demonstrated outstanding service or sportsmanship within the organization.

The Sturzenburger Trophy

may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority to the yacht with the biggest screw-up in the series races. (Sturzenburger sailed his Islander 34 across a tug/barge towline without damage).

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact a COERA Flag Officer, your Club Representative, or one of the Administrative Officers.

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APPENDIX A: MARKS CHART

