



NOTICE OF RACES

Off Soundings Club

80th Annual Race Series

Spring Series: June 9–10, 2017 **Fall Series:** September 15–16, 2017

www.offsoundings.org

1. RULES

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Class Rules in effect are the rules of PHRF handicap and 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 mainsail numbers listed on a boat's event registration. If jib or spinnaker displays a different number, please make note when registering in the comments section.
- 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 Data Measurement Certificate (OSCDMC) 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 contain a self-bailing cockpit, be outfitted as the manufacturer intended and as reflected in the current rating certificate.
- 2.6. Guest Invitations are active for 4 series over a 2-year period and shall be on file with the race Secretary by the appropriate deadlines. (See Sec 4.)

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. Entrants register online using Yacht Scoring by direct link from 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, Non Spinnaker and Multihull classes are offered.

4. DEADLINES

- 4.1. Entrants shall complete registration and payment by the appropriate deadline. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 4.2. The Spring Series deadline is midnight, May 22, 2017.
- 4.3. The Spring Series Guest Invitations from sponsors shall be on file no later than May 15, 2017.
- 4.4. The Fall Series deadline is midnight, August 28, 2017.
- 4.5. The Fall Series Guest Invitations from sponsors shall be on file no later than August 12, 2017.

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.

6. SCHEDULES AND VENUES

6.1. The **Spring Series** starts Friday, June 9th with the First Warning scheduled at 1025 just East of Watch Hill. The fleet races to Block Island Friday, June 9th and races in the vicinity of Block Island on Saturday, June 10th. First Warning on Saturday is at 0955.

6.2. A post race party will be held at The Oar following racing both days.

6.3. The **Fall Series** starts Friday, September 15th off New London Ledge Light. The fleet races to Shelter Island, New York on Friday and races in Gardiner's Bay on Saturday, September 16th. The First Warning both days is scheduled for 0955.

6.4. A post race party will be held at Shelter Island Yacht Club after racing both days.

6.5. 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, Off Soundings Club Data Measurement Certificate (OSCDMC), 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 OSCDMC 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. Class assignments will be finalized by the Race Committee one week before each series.

7.4. Class flags shall be designated on Yacht Scoring and 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 and Scratch Sheets for each series shall be posted online and mailed to each skipper several days prior to 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. Burden of Winning (BOW) Penalties of 15% for first, 10% for second and 5% for third are assigned to the top 3 finishers in each monohull class. BOW Penalties may accumulate to a maximum of 45% and expire after 3 series in the order they were achieved.

9.4. The Time Correction Factor formula has been changed for the 2017 race series. The new formula is $TCF=650/(550+HCP)$ and conforms to the ECSA TCF formula. HCP is the assigned PHRF handicap for the series with BOW penalties .

9.5. Series trophies are awarded based on finishing places with BOW penalties.

9.6. ECSA points and OSC member perpetual trophies are awarded without BOW 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 Race Documents including venue information, safety procedures, forms, Entry Lists, Scratch Sheets and Race Official contacts. Access to Yacht Scoring is available beginning 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.

Race Committee Chairman – Greg Gilmartin at director@mystv.com