



**2019 EARLY BIRD REGATTA
NOTICE OF RACE**

**NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB
SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2019**



Hosted by the Niantic Bay Yacht Club, the Organizing Authority (OA) is the Niantic Bay Yacht Club. Niantic Bay Yacht Club is located at 8 Shore Road, Niantic, CT 06357. Phone number is 860 739 0558. VHF channel 72. Club and Event information is available at www.nbyc.org.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including *Appendix V* (Alternative Penalties)
- 1.2 The Class Rules in effect are the rules of PHRF handicap, and of applicable One Design Classes.
- 1.3 This event is an ECSA Series Points Regatta. See ECSA Series for Rules and Qualifications.
- 1.4 This event is a Pre-Soundings Cup Series Points Regatta.
Qualification requires finishing both the Early Bird and Thames YC's Commodore's Trophy Race.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to PHRF (Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker), Ensign and Atlantic One Design class boats.
- 2.2 Additional boats/classes will be considered if more than three entries are received for a class.
- 2.3 Entry Deadline is Thursday May 30, 2019 at 1800.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry at YachtScoring.com (Search 2019 Early Bird, NBYC.)
- 2.5 Eligible boats may also register by mail entry. Entry forms are available through Yacht Scoring and at www.nbyc.org. Mail completed forms and payment to Regatta Chair Pam Manthous at 6 Hemingway Rd, Niantic CT 06357
- 2.6 The official scratch sheet will be finalized by the Race Committee by 1800 on Friday May 31, 2019.
- 2.7 ECSA Membership is not required to participate in this regatta.
- 2.8 ECSA Members must have a valid ECSA/PHRF certificate on file at ECSA.net
- 2.9 Non-ECSA members sailing PHRF will use a PHRF base rating assigned by the OA.

3. FEES

The Entry Fee is \$55 per boat. (Save \$5 if you're a US Sailing members and pay just \$50)

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 First warning is scheduled at 1200 on Saturday, June 1, 2019.
- 4.2 Multiple races are possible for any class, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.3 One (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on Yacht Scoring and at www.nbyc.org by 1800 Tuesday May 28, 2019.

6. VENUE

Racing will take place in Niantic Bay and Fisher's and Long Island Sounds.

7. THE COURSES

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

8. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 The Race Committee will make every effort to use of VHF radios to keep sailors informed of Start Times, On Course Side (OCS), Postponements and other information regarding the racing.
- 8.2 Failure of the Race Committee to hail, failure of the amplification system or radios, the order of the hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This instruction changes RRS41 and 62.1.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Refer to Sailing Instructions

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Time-on-Time calculation will be used to score the PHRF classes.
- 10.2 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races complete. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

11. BERTHING

Free guest moorings are available at the Niantic Bay Yacht Club for the week preceding the Early Bird and/or afterwards until Off Soundings. For reservations, contact the club manager at 860-739-0558 or e-mail to waterfront@nbyc.org

12. PRIZES

The top 3 finishers in each class will receive trophies at the Awards Party following racing at Niantic Bay Yacht Club.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Participants may register for party tickets online at [YachtScoring](#)
Stay connected with developments by visiting www.nbyc.org

14. CONTACT

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