



NOTICE OF RACES 2020

Organizing Authority is the
Off Soundings Club
84nd Annual Race Series

Spring Series: June 12–13, 2020
Fall Series: September 11–12, 2020

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.
- 1.5. If jib or spinnaker displays a different number, please make note when registering in the Comments section on Yacht Scoring.
- 1.6. Entrants agree to comply with the SER and the Waiver Agreement and shall indicate so in the proper location on Yacht Scoring before registration is complete.
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. Changes RRS 63.7.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. These races are open to all Off Soundings Club members and guests.
- 2.2. Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Multihull classes are offered.
- 2.3. Boats shall have a current PHRF–Eastern Connecticut, NEMA or Off Soundings Club Data Measurement Certificate (OSCDMC) on file by the entry deadline.
- 2.4. The minimum LOA is 23.75 feet and the maximum LOA is 62 feet.
- 2.5. The maximum PHRF rating is 300.
- 2.6. Boats must contain a self-bailing cockpit.
- 2.7. Guests may race in 3 series during a 2-yr period before membership is required.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. Entrants register and pay online using Yacht Scoring linked from offsoundings.org.
- 3.2. If necessary, entry forms may be downloaded from offsoundings.org and mailed with payment to: Anne Wilkinson, Race Secretary, 10 Harbor Court, Noank, CT 06340

4. DEADLINES

- 4.1. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 4.2. The Spring Series deadline is midnight, May 29, 2020.
- 4.3. The Fall Series deadline is midnight, Friday, August 28, 2020.

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. Crew under 21 years of age pay \$1 for party ticket.
- 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 12th with the fleet rendezvous just east of Watch Hill passage and a race to Block Island. The First Warning Friday is scheduled at 1025.
- 6.2. Saturday, June 13th, the fleet races in the vicinity of Block Island. First Warning on Saturday is at 0955.

- 6.3. The Spring Post Race Parties will be held at The Oar both days.
- 6.4. The **Fall Series** starts Friday, September 11th with the fleet rendezvous southeast of New London Ledge Light and a race to Shelter Island, New York.
- 6.5. Saturday, September 12th the fleet rendezvous in Gardiner's Bay to race.
- 6.6. The First Warning both days in the Fall Series is scheduled for 0955.
- 6.7. The Fall Post Race Parties will be held at Townsend Marina in Greenport.
- 6.8. The starting venues may be moved depending on wind and weather conditions. The fleet shall be notified by signals from the RC, on VHF radio and on the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring.com.
- 6.9. The courses will be determined by the Race Committee on race day and designated by government and drop marks as identified in the Sailing Instructions.

7. MEASUREMENT, HANDICAPS AND CLASSES

- 7.1. 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 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 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. Race results are calculated with Time on Time method. There are no exclusions.
- 9.3. Performance Penalty Points (PPP) assign a factor of 3, 2 or 1 respectively for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Series finishers in each class from prior events. The PPP is displayed as Burden of Winning (BOW) on Yacht Scoring and equals 8 seconds per point.
- 9.4. BOW Penalties accumulate to a maximum factor of 15 and expire after 3 series in the order they were achieved.
- 9.5. Race results are utilized for three purposes, using specific TCF calculations:
- 9.6. **Series Trophies** are awarded for combined results from each weekend series using the Time on Time Formula of $600/(480+(\text{PHRF}-\text{BOW}))$.
- 9.7. **ECSA points** are awarded for each race using the TCF formula without BOW.
 $\text{TCF}=650/(550+\text{PHRF})$
- 9.8. **Perpetual Trophies** are One and Two-year trophies for Off Soundings members only, using results from each race without BOW as follows: $\text{TCF}=600/(480+\text{PHRF})$.

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.
- 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.
 - Membership – Steve Purdy at steve_purdy@comcast.net.
 - Race Committee Chairman – Greg Gilmartin at prorcosc@gmail.com.