



NOTICE OF RACE

Fall Series 2021

84th Annual Race Series
September 17–18, 2021

Organizing Authority is the Off Soundings Club

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. All participants shall meet the Off Soundings Club (OSC) Safety Equipment Requirements 2021 Edition posted on the club website at offsoundings.org.
- 1.7. Participants on boats without lifelines must wear life jackets while racing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. Race documents will not be distributed on the water.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The OSC Yacht Scoring Events Page is the Official Notice Board. It is the primary source of Race Documents including venue info, safety procedures, forms, Scratch Sheets and Race Official contacts. Access Yacht Scoring through offsoundings.org.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Off Soundings Club welcomes all members and guests to participate in this event.
- 4.2. Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Multihull classes are offered.
- 4.3. Boats shall have a current rating certificate from PHRF–Eastern Connecticut, NEMA, or Off Soundings Club Data Measurement Certificate (OSCDMC) .
- 4.4. The minimum LOA is 23.75 feet and the maximum LOA is 62 feet.
- 4.5. The maximum PHRF rating is 300.
- 4.6. Boats must contain a self-bailing cockpit, be outfitted as the manufacturer intended and as reflected in the current rating certificate.
- 4.7. Guests may race in 3 series over 2 years before membership is required.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1. Entrants register and pay online using Yacht Scoring linked from offsoundings.org.
- 5.2. Guests must have a Sponsor who is an Off Soundings member.
- 5.3. If you are not a member you must contact Steve Purdy, Membership Committee Chairman before registering to race on Yacht Scoring. Steve Purdy can be contacted at (860) 536–0812 or at oscmembership@comcast.net. Please plan ahead. It may take as long as 10 days to prepare guest registration.
- 5.4. Guest entrants shall include the name of the member who invited them to race.

6. DEADLINES

6.1. Fall Series Entry Deadline for registration and payment is 2300 hours, September 3, 2021. Late entries will not be accepted.

7. FEES

7.1. Entry fees are \$70.00 per boat.

7.2. The status of any post race parties will be announced at an appropriate time based on public health restrictions and requirements.

8. SCHEDULES AND VENUES

8.1. The Fall Series will start off Watch Hill on Friday, September 17 and race to Block Island. First warning is scheduled at 1025.

8.2. Saturday, September 18, the fleet will start off New Harbor and race in the vicinity of Block Island. First warning Saturday is scheduled at 0955.

8.3. The starting location may be moved depending on weather conditions. The fleet will be notified by signals from the Race Committee (RC) on VHF radio and on the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring.com.

8.4. The courses will be determined by the Race Committee on race day and designated by a combination of government and drop marks identified in the Sailing Instructions.

9. MEASUREMENT, HANDICAPS AND CLASSES

9.1. PHRF–Eastern Connecticut certificates are available at ECSA.net, NEMA certificates are available at NEMAsail.org, OSCDMC forms are available at offsoundings.org.

9.2. PHRF handicaps are rationalized based on the work of PHRF–Eastern Connecticut and any additional information developed by the OSC Technical Committee.

9.3. Entrants will be assigned to classes by the Classification Committee.

9.4. Class flags will 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.

10. SCORING AND PENALTIES

10.1. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

10.2. Race results are calculated with Time on Time method. Series results are based on the Low Point Scoring system, *RRS Appendix A. RRS A5.3* shall apply.

10.3. Performance Penalty Points (PPP) are earned by the top 3 finishers in each class per series. (1st=3, 2nd=2, 3rd=1) Each PPP equals 8 seconds per point subtracted from a boat's PHRF handicap. The PPP is listed as Burden of Winning (BOW) on Yacht Scoring.

10.4. BOW Penalties accumulate to a maximum factor of 9 and expire after 3 series in the order they were achieved.

10.5. Race results are utilized for three purposes, using specific TCF calculations:

10.5.1. **Series Trophies** are awarded for combined results from each weekend series using the Time on Time Formula of $600/(480+(PHRF-BOW))$.

10.5.2. **ECSA points** are awarded for each race using the TCF formula without BOW. $TCF=650/(550+PHRF)$

10.5.3. **Perpetual Trophies** are One and Two-year trophies for Off Soundings members only, using results from each race without BOW. These results are calculated using the TCF formula as follows: $TCF=600/(480+PHRF)$.

11. MORE INFORMATION

11.1. Further questions may be directed as follows;

Registration – Race Secretary Anne Wilkinson at raceosc@gmail.com.

Technical Committee –Paul von Maffei at pvm461@yahoo.com.

Guest Invitations and Membership – Steve Purdy at oscmembership@comcast.net.

Race Committee Chairman – Greg Gilmartin at prorcosc@gmail.com