



## “Beat The Bay”

## NOTICE OF RACE Fall Series 2024

87th Annual Race Series  
September 13–14, 2024

Organizing Authority is the Off Soundings Club

[www.OffSoundings.org](http://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 2024 Edition posted on the club website at [offsoundings.org](http://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 emailed to each skipper several days prior to the first race.
- 2.2. Race documents will not be distributed by snail mail or 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](http://offsoundings.org).
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.
- 3.3. The Race Committee will broadcast on and monitor VHF Ch. 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 issued by PHRF–Eastern Connecticut, NEMA, or Off Soundings Technical Committee.
- 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 shall contain a self-bailing cockpit, be outfitted as the manufacturer intended and as reflected in their current rating certificate.
- 4.7. Guests may race in 3 series over 2 years before membership is required.
- 4.8. Guests who were eligible to race in the cancelled 2023 Fall Series maintain their eligibility through 2024 events.

### 5. ENTRY DEADLINES AND FEES

- 5.1. Entry fee is \$125.00 per boat per series.
- 5.2. Adult Party tickets are \$15 each to gain access to the party tent, \$1 for under 18.
- 5.3. Entrants register and pay online using Yacht Scoring linked from [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).
- 5.4. Fall Series **deadline** for registration and payment is 2300 hours, Sept 1, 2024.

- 5.5. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 5.6. Guests must have a Sponsor who is an Off Soundings member.
- 5.7. If you are not a member you must contact Steve Purdy, Membership Committee Chairman at (860) 536-0812 or at [oscmembership@comcast.net](mailto:oscmembership@comcast.net). Please plan ahead. It may take as long as 10 days to prepare guest registration.

## 6. SCHEDULES AND VENUES

- 6.1. The Fall Series will start off New London on Friday, Sept 13, and race through Gardiner's Bay to Greenport.
- 6.2. Saturday, Sept 14, the fleet will race in and around Gardiner's Bay.
- 6.3. First warning both days is 0955.
- 6.4. 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.
- 6.5. Post-race parties will be held at Townsend Marina in Greenport both days.

## 7. MEASUREMENT, HANDICAPS AND CLASSES

- 7.1. PHRF-Eastern Connecticut certificates are available at [ECSA.net](http://ECSA.net), NEMA certificates are available at [NEMAsail.org](http://NEMAsail.org), OSCDMC forms are available at [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).
- 7.2. PHRF handicaps are rationalized based on the work of PHRF-Eastern Connecticut and any additional information developed by the OSC Technical Committee.
- 7.3. Entrants will be assigned to classes by the Classification Committee.
- 7.4. 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.

## 8. SCORING AND PENALTIES

- 8.1. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2. 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.
- 8.3. Performance Penalty Points (PPP) are earned by the top 3 finishers in each class per series. (1<sup>st</sup>=3, 2<sup>nd</sup>=2, 3<sup>rd</sup>=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.
- 8.4. BOW Penalties accumulate to a maximum factor of 9 and expire after 3 series in the order they were achieved.
- 8.5. Race results are utilized for three purposes, using specific TCF calculations:
  - 8.5.1. **Series Trophies** are awarded for combined results from each weekend series using the Time on Time Formula of  $600/(480+(PHRF-BOW))$ .
  - 8.5.2. **ECSA points** are awarded for each race using the TCF formula without BOW.  
 $TCF=650/(550+PHRF)$
  - 8.5.3. **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:  $TCF=600/(480+PHRF)$ .

## 9. MORE INFORMATION

- 9.1. Further questions may be directed as follows;  
Registration – Race Secretary Anne Wilkinson at [raceosc@gmail.com](mailto:raceosc@gmail.com).  
Technical Committee – Paul von Maffei at [pvm461@yahoo.com](mailto:pvm461@yahoo.com).  
Guest Invitations and Membership – Steve Purdy at [oscmembership@comcast.net](mailto:oscmembership@comcast.net).  
Race Committee Chairman – Greg Gilmartin at [prorcosc@gmail.com](mailto:prorcosc@gmail.com)