



NOTICE OF RACE Spring Series 2024

87th Annual Race Series
June 7-8, 2024

Organizing Authority is the Off Soundings Club (OSC)

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 registered Master(s) are considered the Person in Charge and at least one Master shall be aboard while racing.
- 1.3. Sail numbers shall conform to mainsail numbers listed on a boat's event registration.
- 1.4. If jib or spinnaker displays a different number, please make note in the Comments section on Yacht Scoring when registering.
- 1.5. All boats shall meet the current Off Soundings Club (OSC) Safety Equipment Requirements posted on the club website at offsoundings.org.
- 1.6. Participants on boats without lifelines shall wear life jackets while racing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheets shall be posted online 7 days prior to the first race on Yacht Scoring.
- 2.2. Race documents will not be distributed on the water or by mail.

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, Sailing Instructions, Scratch Sheets and Race Official contacts. Access Yacht Scoring at offsoundings.org.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts on VHF 72.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND HANDICAPS

- 4.1. Off Soundings Club welcomes all members and their guests to this event.
- 4.2. If you are not a member please contact Steve Purdy, Membership Committee Chairman before registering to race. oscmembership@comcast.net or (860) 536-0812.
 - 4.2.1. Guests may race in 2 series over 2 years before membership is required.
 - 4.2.2. Guests who were eligible to race in the cancelled 2023 Fall Series maintain their eligibility through 2024 events.
- 4.3. All entrants shall have a current handicap certificate issued by PHRF of Eastern Connecticut (PHRF-EC), Off Soundings Club Annual PHRF Certificate (OSCAPC) or New England Multihull Association (NEMA).
- 4.4. Boats shall contain a self-bailing cockpit and be outfitted as reflected in their current rating certificate.
- 4.5. The minimum LOA is 23.75 feet, and the maximum LOA is 62 feet.
- 4.6. The maximum PHRF rating is 300.

5. ENTRY FEES AND DEADLINES

- 5.1. The 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 at offsoundings.org.

5.4. Spring Series **deadline** for registration and payment is 2300 hours, May 24, 2024.

5.5. Late entries will not be accepted. Please plan ahead.

6. SCHEDULES AND VENUES

6.1. The Spring Series will start off Watch Hill on Friday, June 7, and race to Block Island. First warning Friday is scheduled at 1025.

6.2. Saturday, June 8, the fleet will start off New Harbor and race in the vicinity of Block Island. First warning Saturday is scheduled at 0955.

6.3. One race is scheduled on each day of the Series.

6.4. The courses will be determined by the RC on race day and will be designated as a list of government and/or drop marks identified in the Sailing Instructions.

6.5. The RC may change the location of the Start due to weather conditions. Entrants will be notified by VHF and by text through Yacht Scoring.

7. CLASSES

7.1. Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, One-Design and Multihull classes are offered.

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

7.3. 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 the Series.

8.2. Race results are calculated using the Time-on-Time method.

8.3. Series results are based on the Low Point Scoring system.

8.4. **RRS Appendix A. RRS A5.3** shall apply.

8.5. Performance Penalty Points (PPP) are assigned to the top 3 finishers in each PHRF 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.

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

8.7. Race results are utilized for multiple purposes, each with specific TCF calculations:

8.7.1. **OSC Spring Series Trophies** are awarded by combining results from each race using the Time-on-Time Formula of $600/(480+(PHRF-BOW))$.

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

8.7.3. **OSC Perpetual Trophies** are One and Two-year trophies for Off Soundings members only, using results from each race without BOW. $TCF=600/(480+PHRF)$.

9. MORE INFORMATION

9.1. Further questions may be directed as follows;

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

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