

**OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
86TH ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES
September 13-14, 2024**

**Sailing Instructions
& Class Entry List**





86th Annual Fall Series September 13–14, 2024 Gardiner's Bay

Organizing Authority is the Off Soundings Club

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Changes are noted with each instruction.
- 1.2. Double-handed and Single-handed entrants may use self steering devices anytime. ***RRS 52 is changed.***
- 1.3. In the event of an abandonment signaled with N over H on Friday, the fleet shall proceed to harbor at Greenport for further signals. ***Race Signals are changed.***
- 1.4. ***RRS App V*** is in effect for this series as alternative penalties.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day they will take effect, except changes to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 on the day before they take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may also be made on the water by announcement on VHF Ch 72 prior to the first warning.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located online at the Off Soundings Yacht Scoring Events Page accessible at www.offsoundings.org.
- 3.2. The Race Committee (RC) will broadcast on and monitor VHF Ch. 72 throughout the regatta. Only the RC may request redress for misunderstandings, errors or omissions that may result from such communications. ***RRS 60.1 is changed.***

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. At 0830 Friday and Saturday the RC will broadcast “Off Soundings Club Harbor Start” on VHF Ch. 72, unless there is a postponement.
- 5.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat located at Ram Island Yacht Club on Friday and at Mitchell’s Marina in Greenport on Saturday. Appropriate notice will also be posted on Yacht Scoring and announced on VHF Ch. 72.
- 5.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 1 hour”. *Race Signals are changed.*

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. One race is scheduled each day of the series.
- 6.2. The first warning signal on both days is scheduled at 0955.
- 6.3. Abandoned races may be resailed.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flags assigned to each class are displayed on the official Scratch Sheet online and in **Appendix F-1**.
- 7.2. Display Class flags on the bow pulpit as far forward as possible while racing. Failure to do so is not grounds for protest.

8. RACING AREA CHECK IN

- 8.1. Friday the fleet shall rendezvous approximately 1.0 NM Southeast of New London Ledge Light.
- 8.2. Saturday the fleet shall rendezvous East of Mark N.
- 8.3. The RC may reposition for a better start location.
- 8.4. Prior to her warning signal, each entrant shall pass the RC Signal Boat stern to bow on the side opposite the starting line and hail the class, name and sail number of their boat.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat using a horizontal arrangement of mark symbols reading from left to right in the order of rounding. Courses will also be announced on VHF Ch. 72.
- 9.2. Circled Marks shall be rounded to Starboard. Uncircled Marks shall be rounded to Port.
- 9.3. The fleet may be divided into two Groups as follows:
- 9.3.1. Group 1 includes Classes C-1, C-2, H-1, H-2, H-3, NS-1, D.
- 9.3.2. Group 2 includes Classes NONS, NS-3, NS-2, C-4, A
- 9.4. If separate courses are to be sailed, the Group designated at the far left of a row shall sail the course listed on that row.
- 9.5. If no Group is designated, all classes shall sail the posted course.

10. THE MARKS

- 10.1. The Marks of the courses are listed in the **Appendix F-2** below.

APPENDIX F-2		MARKS TABLE	
Lat/Lon in Degrees°Minutes'Seconds"			
2	Plum Gut Bell "2PG"	N	Shelter Island Sound Whistle "N"
3	Three Mile Hbr Bell Mo(A) "TM"	P	Inflatable 41°03'30"N 072°14'00"W
B	Inflatable 41°08'30" N 072°11'20"W	S	Crow Shoal "N14"
C	Cerberus Shoal Gong "9"	V	Valiant Rock Whistle "11"
G	Gardiners Island Gong "1GI"	W	Inflatable Range / Bearing from RC
K	Inflatable 41°08'40"N 072°13'50"W	X	Inflatable 41°05'40"N 072°15'00"W

11. OBSTRUCTION

- 11.1. Boats may not pass between Little Gull Island and Plum Island.

12. THE START

12.1. The Start Line each day is between the Orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and an inflatable buoy. An auxiliary RC boat with an Orange flag may be substituted for the buoy.

12.2. Bosts shall keep clear of any standoff buoy attached to the RC.

12.3. The Start Area is a box extending into the pre-start side of the Start Line equal to the length of the starting line on all sides.

12.4. Boats not starting shall keep clear of the Start Area.

12.5. **Appendix F-1** displays the Start Sequence. Changes to the Start Sequence shall be announced on VHF Ch. 72 prior to the first warning of each day's race.

12.6. The RC will attempt to hail individual OCS boats on VHF Ch. 72.

13. CHANGING A LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. The posted course may be changed by displaying Flag C with the identifier of a Mark in Appendix F-2 which becomes the next mark. ***RRS 33 is modified.***

13.2. If Mark W ends the leg that is changed, the range and bearing to the new position is from the mark that begins the changed leg.

13.3. All course changes will be announced on VHF Ch. 72.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The Finish Line is between a Blue flag on the RC boat and Mark N. If an RC boat is not on station at the Finish Line, a boat finishing shall note her own finish in GPS time and report it per ***RRS 34*** prescription.

14.2. Boats shall not cross the finish line except when finishing. ***RRS 28 is changed.***

14.3. A boat withdrawing shall promptly notify the RC on VHF Ch. 72, or advise OSC officials at the shore rendezvous.

15. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. The time limit for each class is 1730 on both days regardless of starting times.

15.2. Approximately five minutes after the expiration of the time limit, the RC will broadcast abandonment for classes with no finishers. No visual or sound signals will accompany this announcement.

RRS 32.1 is changed.

15.3. Boats that do not finish within the time limit shall be scored TLE and receive points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus 1. ***RRS 35 and Appendix A10 are changed.***

16. REQUESTS FOR HEARING

16.1. An entrant desiring a Request for Hearing for protest or redress shall notify the RC as soon as possible after finishing and identify the protested boat(s).

16.2. Requests for Hearing can be filed on line using the editable Standard Protest Form located under General Race Forms on the Yacht Scoring Events Page for this event. Complete the form on line and forward to oscprotest@gmail.com.

16.3. Requests for Hearing forms can also be obtained and filed at the RC Signal boat docked at Mitchell Marine.

16.4. The deadline for filing a protest is no later than one hour after the RC docks. The docking time will be posted on the Notice Board.

17. SCORING

17.1. Two races are scheduled. One completed race constitutes a series. There are no exclusions for series trophies. ***RRS Appendix A2 is changed.***

17.2. Scoring system is Time on Time as in **Appendix F-3** and **NOR**.

18. PRIZES

18.1. Series trophies will be awarded at the post-race rendezvous Saturday at Townsend's Manor Marina. The top three finishers

will receive trophies in each class and the top four in classes with more than 10 boats.

APPENDIX F-1

STARTING SEQUENCE and CLASS FLAGS
First Warning is scheduled at 0955 both days.

<u>ORDER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>ORDER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>
1	NONS	NONSUCH	7	C-2	OSCAR
2	NS-3	3 rd Sub	8	C-1	HOTEL
3	NS-2	GOLF	9	H-3	JULIET
4	A	ALPHA	10	H-2	TANGO
5	NS-1	VICTOR	11	H-1	WHISKEY
6	C-4	FOXTROT	12	D	DELTA

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The official Notice Board and Scratch Sheet is on Yacht Scoring accessible through www.offsoundings.org.

APPENDIX F-3

SCORING FOR 2024

The scoring system used in the Off Soundings Club Fall Series continues to be the Time on Time method where a Time Correction Factor (TCF) is multiplied by the Elapsed Time (ET) to calculate the Corrected Time (CT). The Low Point System awards points based on finishing position in each class per *RRS Appendix A*.

Race results are used to award Off Soundings Series trophies, ECSA Championship points and Off Soundings Club Perpetuals. Each group of awards uses a different TCF to calculate the Corrected Time.

The Burden of Winning (BOW) displays Performance Penalty Points (PPP) earned by the top performers in previous series. 3 points for a 1st, 2 for a 2nd and 1 for a 3rd. Points accumulate each series to a maximum of 9 and are removed after 3 series in the order they were received. Each PPP is equal to 8 seconds subtracted from your boat's base PHRF handicap.

Series trophies are awarded on combined results to the best low point finishers for each weekend series using BOW to calculate the TCF. The Off Soundings TCF formula for the Series result is:

$$\text{TCF} = 600 / (480 + (\text{PHRF} - (8 * \text{BOW})))$$

ECSA Championship points are awarded separately for each race and are calculated without the BOW with the following ECSA formula:

$$\text{TCF} = 650 / (550 + \text{PHRF})$$

Perpetual Trophies are awarded for Off Soundings Club members for combined Spring and Fall results over One and Two Years. Those results are calculated without BOW using the Off Soundings traditional calculation. $\text{TCF} = 600 / (480 + \text{PHRF})$.

For the Two Year Perpetuals, if 8 races are sailed, there is 1 exclusion allowed.

The Scratch Sheet Class List in the documents section of Yacht Scoring displays 4 columns of rating information used for scoring. The information includes the base PHRF ratings without BOW, the BOW displaying the PPP, the PHRF rating minus BOW (PHRF-B) and the Time Correction Factor used to calculate the results for Series trophies on Yacht Scoring. ECSA results without BOW will be posted on Yacht Scoring and ECSA.net after the weekend.



SPECIAL NOTES from the Race Committee

The Race Committee Signal Boat will be *Nor'easter*, a Hand 54 owned by Henry duPont IV. The Pin Boat will be the 28' motorboat *Pop Edgar* owned by Tom Weeks of Mystic. The Mark Boat will be the 34' motorboat *Causeway*, owned by Carter Gowrie of Essex and captained by Bob Patton. Each will be flying an RC flag.

The Race Committee will depart from Ram Island Yacht Club in Noank on Friday morning and dock at Mitchell's Marina after racing in Greenport. The post-race "mainbrace splicing" rendezvous will be under the tent at Townsend's Manor Marina in Greenport and is scheduled at 1700 or 30 minutes after the RC docks each day, whichever is later. Starting time will be texted to all skippers on Yacht Scoring.

Gardiner's Bay, Greenport Harbor and Stirling Creek are no-discharge zones. There is a \$200 fine for discharging marine toilets and holding tanks into the water. The pump out boat monitors Ch. 73. For more information go to www.villageofgreenport.org.

SAFETY PLAN

CALL 911 TO CONTACT EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES

Multiple emergency responses on the North Fork of Long Island **start** with the 911 dispatcher. Be ready to transmit your location with lat/lon. The USCG, Shelter Island and Southold Police marine units also monitor Ch. 16.

Contact the Race Committee on VHF Ch. 72 to help co-ordinate rescue efforts. Drop your headsail only and turn your boat in the opposite direction of the racing fleet to help support boats identify your position.

If you must get to shore, be aware of the nearest harbor to your location. Eastern Long Island Hospital in Greenport is the primary care facility on the North Fork.

The legal age for drinking alcohol in New York is 21. The Master/Captain of each entrant is fully responsible for actions of their crew.



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RACE ADMINISTRATION CONTACTS

The following OSC Officers and Chairmen are responsible for Race Administration. Contact the designated person with questions and comments on his/her area of responsibility.

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