



# NOTICE OF RACES Off Soundings Club

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**Spring Series: June 8–9, 2018**

**Fall Series: September 14–15, 2018**

## **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. If jib or spinnaker displays a different number, please make note when registering in the Comments section.
- 1.5. All participants shall meet the OSC Safety Equipment Requirements posted on the club website at [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).
- 1.6. Participants on boats without lifelines shall wear life jackets while racing.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1. These races are open to all Off Soundings Club members and their invited guests.
- 2.2. Boats shall have a current PHRF–Eastern Connecticut, NEMA or Off Soundings Club Data Measurement Certificate (OSCDMC) handicap.
- 2.3. The minimum LOA is 23.75 feet and the maximum LOA is 62 feet.
- 2.4. The maximum PHRF rating is 300.
- 2.5. Boats must contain a self-bailing cockpit, be outfitted as the manufacturer intended and as reflected on the current rating certificate.
- 2.6. Guest Invitations are active for successive series over a 2-year period and shall be on file with the Race Secretary by the appropriate deadlines. (See Sec 4.)

## **3. ENTRIES**

- 3.1. Spinnaker, Non Spinnaker and Multihull classes are offered.
- 3.2. Entrants register online using Yacht Scoring by direct link from [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).
- 3.3. If necessary, entry forms may be downloaded from [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org) and mailed with payment to Anne Wilkinson, Race Secretary, 10 Harbor Court, Noank, CT 06340
- 3.4. Non-member entrants require a Guest Invitation from a member. Guest Invitation forms are available at [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).

## **4. DEADLINES**

- 4.1. Entrants shall complete registration and payment by the appropriate deadline. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 4.2. The Spring Series deadline is 2400 hours, May 21, 2018.
- 4.3. The Spring Series Guest Invitations from sponsors shall be on file no later than May 14, 2018.
- 4.4. The Fall Series deadline is 2400 hours, August 31, 2018.
- 4.5. The Fall Series Guest Invitations from sponsors shall be on file no later than August 24, 2018.

## **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 and \$1 for crew under 21 years of age.
- 5.2. Additional party tickets may be purchased online or on site.

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## 6. SCHEDULES AND VENUES

- 6.1. The **Spring Series** starts Friday, June 8th with the fleet rendezvous just east of Watch Hill passage. The First Warning Friday is at 1025 with a scheduled race to Block Island. Saturday, June 9th, the fleet is scheduled to race in the vicinity of Block Island. First Warning on Saturday is at 0955.
- 6.2. The Spring post race parties will be at The Oar both days.
- 6.3. The **Fall Series** starts Friday, September 14th, when the fleet rendezvous off New London Ledge Light. The fleet is scheduled to race to Greenport, New York on Friday and race in Gardiner's Bay on Saturday, September 15th. The First Warning both days is scheduled for 0955.
- 6.4. The Fall post race parties will be at Townsend Marina in Greenport both days.
- 6.5. The starting venues may be moved from the original rendezvous areas 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.
- 6.6. The courses will be a combination of government and drop marks and will be determined by the Race Committee on race day.

## 7. MEASUREMENT, HANDICAPS AND CLASSES

- 7.1. All PHRF-Eastern Connecticut, Off Soundings Club Data Measurement Certificate (OSCDMC), and NEMA certificates shall be current and on file by the entry deadline for each series.
- 7.2. PHRF-Eastern Connecticut certificates are available at ECSA.net. NEMA certificates are available at [NEMAsail.org](http://NEMAsail.org) and OSCDMC forms are available at [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).
- 7.3. PHRF handicaps are rationalized based on the work of PHRF-Eastern Connecticut and additional information which may be developed by the OSC Handicapper.
- 7.4. Class assignments will be finalized by the Race Committee one week before each series.
- 7.5. 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 on Yacht Scoring and mailed to each skipper several days prior to the first race.
- 8.2. Race documents will not be distributed on the water.

## 9. SCORING

- 9.1. One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. No scores will be excluded with the exception of the Two Year Perpetual Awards. There is one exclusion allowed for those awards if all scheduled races are sailed.
- 9.3. Results for all classes are based on the Low Point Scoring system, Appendix A, and calculated using the Time on Time method, i.e., Corrected Time=Elapsed Time x Time Correction Factor. (CT=ET x TCF)
- 9.4. TCF for Off Soundings Series results is calculated:  $TCF = 600 / (480 + (PHRF - BOW))$
- 9.5. TCF for Off Soundings Perpetual Trophies is calculated:  $TCF = 600 / (480 + PHRF)$ .
- 9.6. TCF for ECSA Championship points is calculated:  $TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF)$

## 10. PENALTIES

- 10.1. New for 2018, the Burden Of Winning (BOW) will display Performance Point Penalties (PPP) which replace the traditional PE designation assigned to boats who finished in the top 3 places in their class in prior events.
- 10.2. A boat receives 3 PPP for first place, 2 PPP for 2nd and 1 PPP for 3rd. Each PPP is valued at 8 seconds. The total BOW carried by a boat is multiplied by 8 seconds and

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deducted from a boat's base PHRF to calculate the TCF for a Series.

10.3. BOW PPP are carried for 3 series and then removed in the order they were received.

## **11. MORE INFORMATION**

11.1. 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. Access to Yacht Scoring is available with a direct link from [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).

11.2. Further questions may be directed as follows;

Registration – Race Secretary Anne Wilkinson at [raceosc@gmail.com](mailto:raceosc@gmail.com).

OSC Handicapper –Paul von Maffei at [pvm461@yahoo.com](mailto:pvm461@yahoo.com).

Guest Invitations and Membership – Steve Purdy at [steve\\_purdy@comcast.net](mailto:steve_purdy@comcast.net).

Race Committee Chairman – Greg Gilmartin at [prorcosc@gmail.com](mailto:prorcosc@gmail.com).