



NOTICE OF RACES 2019

Organizing Authority is the
Off Soundings Club

83rd Annual Race Series

Spring Series: June 7–8, 2019

Fall Series: September 13–14, 2019

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 OSC Safety Equipment Requirements 2019 Edition posted on the club website – offsoundings.org.
- 1.7. Participants on boats without lifelines must wear life jackets while racing.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. These races are open to all Off Soundings Club members and 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 in the current rating certificate.
- 2.6. Guests may race in 3 series in a 2-yr period before membership is required.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. Entrants register and pay online using Yacht Scoring linked from offsoundings.org.
- 3.2. If necessary, entry forms may be downloaded from offsoundings.org and mailed with payment to: **Anne Wilkinson, Race Secretary, 10 Harbor Court, Noank, CT 06340**
- 3.3. Non-member entrants shall include the name of the member who invited them to race when registering.
- 3.4. If you don't have a member invite, contact the Race Secretary at raceosc@gmail.com.
- 3.5. Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Multihull classes are offered.

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 midnight, May 27, 2019.
- 4.3. The Fall Series deadline is midnight, August 31, 2019.

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. Crew under 21 years of age pay \$1 for party ticket.
- 5.2. Additional party tickets may be purchased online, by mail, or on site.

6. SCHEDULES AND VENUES

- 6.1. The **Spring Series** starts Friday, June 7th with the fleet rendezvous just east of Watch Hill passage. The First Warning is scheduled at 1025. The fleet races to Block Island Friday, June 7th and races in the vicinity of Block Island on Saturday, June 10th. First Warning on Saturday is at 0955.
- 6.2. The Post Race Party will be held at The Oar following racing both days.
- 6.3. The **Fall Series** starts Friday, September 13th, off New London Ledge Light. The fleet races to Shelter Island, New York on Friday and races in Gardiner's Bay on Saturday, September 14th. The First Warning both days in the Fall is scheduled for 0955.
- 6.4. The Post Race Party will be at Townsend Marina in Greenport after racing 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 determined by the Race Committee on race day and designated by will be a combination of government and drop marks identified in the Sailing Instructions. .

7. MEASUREMENT, HANDICAPS AND CLASSES

- 7.1. PHRF–Eastern Connecticut certificates are available at ECSA.net, NEMA certificates are available at NEMAsail.org, and OSCDMC forms are available at offsoundings.org.
- 7.2. PHRF handicaps are rationalized based on the work of PHRF–Eastern Connecticut and additional information which may be developed by the OSC Handicapper.
- 7.3. Class assignments will be finalized by the Race Committee one week before each series.
- 7.4. 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 online 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 AND PENALTIES

- 9.1. One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. Race results are calculated with Time on Time method. Series results are based on the Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A.
- 9.3. Performance Penalty Points (PPP) assign a factor of 3, 2 or 1 respectively for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Series finishers in each class from prior events. The PPP is displayed as Burden of Winning (BOW) on Yacht Scoring and equals 8 seconds per point.
- 9.4. BOW Penalties accumulate to a maximum factor of 15 and expire after 3 series in the order they were achieved.
- 9.5. Race results are utilized for three purposes, using specific TCF calculations:
 - 9.5.1. **Series Trophies** are awarded for combined results from each weekend series using the Time on Time Formula of $600/(480+(PHRF-BOW))$.
 - 9.5.2. **ECSA points** are awarded for each race using the TCF formula without BOW. $TCF=650/(550-PHRF)$
 - 9.5.3. **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 a different TCF formula as follows: $TCF=600/(480-PHRF)$.

10. MORE INFORMATION

- 10.1. 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 from offsoundings.org.

10.2. Further questions may be directed as follows;

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

OSC Handicapper –Paul von Maffei at pvm461@yahoo.com.

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

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