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Saturday and Sunday, September 13 & 14, 2025

Notice of Regatta

Together, the Storm Trysail Club (STC) and Riverside Yacht Club (RYC), comprise the Organizing Authority (OA) for the Shearwater Regatta, hosting the **LIS ORC Championship (2-day)** and the return of the **PHRF Fall Classic (1-day)**

The notation "[NP]" in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1. The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the current ORC rules, except as may be modified herein and/or by the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions to the RRS.
- 1.3. The current US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER) for Near Shore events.
- 1.4. The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS).
- 1.5. The current IMS Rule (measurement) and ORC Rating Systems (ratings) rules and regulations. These requirements are available at www.orc.org/rules.
- 1.6. The requirements for the YRALIS Youth Challenge Cup.
- 1.7. All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guidelines for Rendering Assistance. The Guidelines (<https://stormtrysail.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/STC-Safety-Guideline-and-Rendering-Assistance-v.05022019.pdf>), and information on available Safety at Sea courses, are available on the STC website (<https://stormtrysail.org>).
- 1.8. The division of boats into classes will be at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 1.9. Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping as required by the IPCAS or other government right of way rules. The penalty for breaking this rule may be disqualification from one or more races or from the series.

2. Eligibility

The regatta is open to the following:

- 2.1. Boats with a current ORC certificate.
 - 2.1.1. ORC Rule 200.1 is hereby changed as follows:
 - 2.1.1.1. The combined weight of all crew on board while racing shall not be greater than the maximum crew weight as defined in ORC 102.1 and 102.2.
 - 2.1.1.2. One additional crew under the age of 16 is permitted and shall not count against crew or weight limit.
 - 2.1.2. Boats with an APH of 500 or lower must have an ORCi certificate. In addition, any boat with a modified hull or appendage must have an ORCi certificate regardless of her APH rating.
 - 2.1.3. Unless authorized by the OA, rating changes will not be accepted after 1200 on Friday, September 5, 2025. The OA will only consider such dispensation if the request for optional certificate revision has been provided to US Sailing by 1200 on Wednesday, September 3rd.
- 2.2. PHRF Fall Classic

- 2.2.1. Any boat with a current YRALIS PHRF Certificate.
- 2.2.2. One Design boats (J-70, J-109, etc.) One design entries with PHRF ratings may be scored for overall awards.

3. Entry and Communication

- 3.1. Eligible boats enter and pay the entry fee on-line via Yacht Scoring:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=50012>
- 3.2. To be considered an entry to the event, a boat shall have completed all registration requirements and paid all fees.
- 3.3. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=50012>
- 3.4. YRALIS PHRF, ORCi, or ORC Club rating certificates must be available on the issuing authority's website no later than 1700 Thursday, September 11, 2025; all restrictions and requirements must be met. They will be used for all purposes.
- 3.5. The race committee may make changes to the Sailing instructions via oral communications on the water VHF radio channels described in the SI.

4. Fees

- 4.1. ORC LIS Championship: The Entry Fee is \$5.00 per foot of LOA if paid by 1700, Monday, August 18. To determine the Entry Fee, a boat's LOA may be rounded down to the nearest lower whole number, e.g., 39.71' = 39'.
 - 4.1.1. If received by Sunday, September 7 the Entry fee is \$6.00 per foot of LOA
 - 4.1.2. Very late entries may be accepted until 1700 Thursday, September 11, for \$7.00 per foot of LOA
- 4.2. PHRF Fall Classic: The Entry Fee is \$3.00 per foot of LOA If received by 1700, Monday August 18.
 - 4.2.1. If received by Sunday, September 7, the Entry fee is \$4.00 per foot of LOA
 - 4.2.2. Very late entries will be accepted until 1700 Thursday, September 12, for \$5.00 per foot of LOA

5. Racing Schedule

The first signal will be at 1200 on each day.

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on or about September 11, 2025 (or by 1200 on the day before the first scheduled race) on Yacht Scoring: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=50012>

7. Courses

- 7.1 Courses will be defined in the SI.
- 7.2 ORC LIS Championship – Saturday, September 13, 2025: Windward-leeward courses
- 7.3 ORC LIS Championship, PHRF Fall Classic – Sunday, September 14: Each class will have a single start that will support and be scored for, three separate races
 - 7.3.1 Race 1: Windward-Leeward; finish line is a timed gate which is both the finish for Race 1 and the start for Race 2
 - 7.3.2 Race 2: Navigator course around government buoys
 - 7.3.3 Race 3: Overall elapsed time from the start of Race 1 to the finish of race 2.

8. Scoring

- 8.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply with the following changes:
 - 8.1.1. Boats failing to finish within the time limit window will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus two, but in no case will be scored more than the number of starters.
 - 8.1.2 There will be no discarded races in this series.
- 8.2. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.
- 8.3. Scoring for PHRF will use the W/L rating shown on their certificates with the time-on-time conversion factor $650/(550+PHRF)$ rounded to 4 decimal places.
- 8.4. [NP] ORC classes will be scored using one of the scoring options available on page 2 of current/valid USA or CAN ORC certificates. The RC will announce its **intended** scoring option prior to or with the class warning signal. Note that the RC may change this to a more suitable

scoring method if there has been a material change in conditions during the race and will announce such change before the first boat finishes.

- 8.5. The selection of the scoring option and parameters used for the race, and any subsequent change thereto, will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee (RC). This includes the length of courses, wind details such as strength and direction. These will not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1(a).
- 8.6. In the event the OA elects to include a one-design class or group of boats racing level on a start with other boats, the one-design or level rating group may be scored separately.

9. Social

- 9.1. RYC will provide the social venue for owners and their crews for this event. Additional details will be forthcoming/shared with entered boats.
- 9.2. A post racing party on Saturday and an awards ceremony on Sunday are planned. All competitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

10. Dockage

There is limited availability for dock space or moorings at Riverside Yacht Club. Space will be assigned on a first come, first served basis to those boats with completed entry. Questions, including request for space on Friday night, should be directed to Captain Jeff at rycwaterways@gmail.com.

11. Green Regatta

In an effort to promote sustainability and reduce the amount of waste in Long Island Sound, competitors are encouraged to utilize reusable water bottles and avoid the use of single use plastics.

12. Prizes

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded in each Class, and for the overall PHRF winner and the boat with, in the judgement of the OA, the best overall performance in this regatta.
- 12.2. The Shearwater Regatta is a qualifier for several YRALIS season awards, including the De Coursey Fales (PHRF), Sagola (PHRF), and Windigo (PHRF) Trophies, and the Youth Challenge Cup. Qualifying details may be found on the YRALIS website here: <https://yralis.org/championships-trophies/trophies/season-and-special-awards>.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury, or death sustained in connection with their participation in the regatta, including events occurring prior to, during, or after the regatta. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

John "JT" Troy

Principal Race Officer

Further Information Questions regarding the regatta may be directed to the event co-chairs:

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This annual regatta, which began in 2010, changed its name in 2023 in tribute to the late Tom Young, a member of both Riverside Yacht Club and Storm Trysail Club. An avid Long Island Sound and offshore helmsman, he successfully campaigned multiple boats, all by the same name, SHEARWATER, for which the original trophy he donated was named.

*Tides at Cos Cob Harbor (**High/Low**):*

*Fri, 9/12: **15:29**, 22:11*

*Sat, 9/13: **16:27**, 10:19*

*Sun 9/14: **17:31**, 11:23*