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Saturday and Sunday, September 19 & 20, 2026

Notice of Race

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

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), except as may be modified herein and/or by the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2. The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS).
- 1.3. The current IMS Rule (measurement) and ORC Rating Systems (ratings) rules and regulations. These requirements are available at <https://orc.org/organization/rules-regulations>
- 1.4. The requirements for the YRALIS Youth Challenge Cup.
- 1.5. The division of boats into classes will be at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 1.6. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see the incident, or"

2. Safety

- 2.1. The current US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations (USSER) for Near Shore events.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. 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/safety-at-sea/>).

3. Eligibility

The regatta is open to the following:

3.1 ORC LIS Championship

- 3.1.1 Boats with a current ORC certificate.
 - 3.1.1.1 ORC Rule 200.1 is hereby changed as follows:
 - 3.1.1.2 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
 - 3.1.1.3 One additional crew under the age of 16 is permitted and shall not count against crew or weight limit.
- 3.1.2 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.
- 3.1.3 Unless authorized by the OA, rating changes will not be accepted after 1700 on Friday, September 11, 2026. 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 9th.

3.2 PHRF Fall Classic

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

4. Entry and Communication

- 4.1. Eligible boats enter and pay the entry fee on-line via Yacht Scoring:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=50617>
- 4.2. To be considered an entry to the event, a boat shall have completed all registration requirements and *paid* all fees.
- 4.3. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=50617>
- 4.4. YRALIS PHRF, ORCi, or ORC Club rating certificates must be available on the issuing authority's website no later than 1700 Thursday, September 17, 2026; all restrictions and requirements must be met. They will be used for all purposes.
- 4.5. The race committee may make changes to the Sailing instructions via oral communications on the water VHF radio channels described in the SI.

5. Fees

- 5.1 Entry Fees are determined by a boat's LOA for both ORC and PHRF divisions. To determine the Entry Fee, a boat's LOA may be rounded down to the nearest lower whole number, e.g., 39.71' = 39'.
- 5.2 Entry fees are: \$6.00 per foot of LOA for entries paid before Monday, August 30th
- 5.3 For entries paid on or after August 30th through September 10th, the Entry fee will be \$9.00 per foot of LOA
- 5.4 Very late entries may be accepted until 1700 Thursday, September 17th, for \$14.00 per foot of LOA

6. Racing Schedule

The first warning is scheduled to be at 1200 on each day.

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on or about September 17, 2026 (or by 1200 on the day before the first scheduled race) on Yacht Scoring: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=50617>

8. Venue and Dockage

- 8.1. RYC will provide the social venue for owners and their crews for this event. Additional details will be forthcoming/shared with entered boats.
- 8.2 A post racing party on Saturday and an awards ceremony on Sunday are planned. All competitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- 8.3 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 a completed entry. Questions, including request for space on Friday night, should be directed to Edgar Montalvo at rycwaterways@gmail.com
- 8.4 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.

9. Courses

- 9.1 Courses will be defined in the SI.
- 9.2 Saturday, September 19th, 2026: Windward-leeward courses for all divisions
- 9.3 Sunday, September 20th, 2026: Each class will have a single start that will support and be scored for three separate races
 - 9.3.1 Race 1: Windward-Leeward; finish line is a timed gate which is both the finish for Race 1 and the start for Race 2
 - 9.3.2 Race 2: Coastal racing course around government buoys
 - 9.3.3 Race 3: Overall elapsed time from the start of Race 1 to the finish of race 2.

10. Penalty System

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. Scoring

11.1. ORC LIS Championship and PHRF Fall Classic will be scored time-on-time.

11.1.1. Scoring for PHRF will use the W/L rating shown on their certificates with the time-on-time conversion factor $650/(550+\text{PHRF})$ rounded to 4 decimal places.

11.2. Saturday, September 19

11.2.1. ORC W/L races will be scored using 5 Band scoring.

11.2.2. PHRF will be scored using YRALIS Spin W/L rating

11.3. September 14, Scoring for the 3-in-1 race(s):

11.3.1. ORC

11.3.1.1. Race 1 - W/L will be scored using 5 Band scoring.

11.3.1.2. Race 2 - Will use single number A/P ratings, unless conditions dictate an alternative ORC scoring option

11.3.1.3. Race 3 - Will be the sum of the corrected elapsed times of Race 1 and Race 2

11.3.2. PHRF

11.3.2.1. Race 1 - Will be scored using YRALIS Spin W/L rating

11.3.2.2. Race 2 - Will be scored using YRALIS Spin Distance rating

11.3.2.3. Race 3 - Will be the sum of the corrected elapsed times of Race 1 and Race 2

11.4. The decision of the scoring criteria used will be at the sole discretion of the race committee and will not be grounds for redress. This modifies rule 61.1(a)

11.5. A boat scored TLE will receive 2 points more than the number of finishers in her class, but in no case will she be scored worse than DNF.

11.6. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply with the following changes:

11.6.1 A boat's score will be the sum of her scores from all races. This changes RRS A2.1

11.6.2 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.

11.7 One completed race shall constitute the regatta.

11.8 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.

12 Radio Communications

[DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.

13 Prizes

13.1 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.

13.2. 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/trophies/phrf-distance-racing>.

14 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 event.

15 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

16 Further Information

Questions regarding the regatta may be directed to event Chair Andrée Pruett at:

andreepruett@gmail.com

Riverside Yacht Club	203-637-1706	http://www.riversideyc.org
Storm Trysail Club	914-834-8857	http://www.stormtrysail.org

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, 9/18: **17:26** 11:20*

*Sat, 9/19: **06:07** 12:19*

*Sun 9/20: **07:06** 13:19*