



NOTICE OF RACE Spring Series 2026

89th Annual Race Series

June 5 - 6, 2026

Organizing Authority is the Off Soundings Club (OSC)

www.OffSoundings.org

1. RULES

- 1.1. These races shall be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All entrants shall have a current handicap certificate issued by PHRF Eastern Connecticut-PHRF, ELIYRA, OSC, or NEMA. See Rule 4 for details.
- 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 boats shall meet the current Off Soundings Club (OSC) Safety Equipment Requirements posted on the club website at offsoundings.org.
- 1.7. Participants on boats without lifelines must wear life jackets while racing. **Modifies 40.**

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheets for the Spring Series shall be posted online only and will be available no later than 1800 Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The OSC Yacht Scoring Events Page is the Official Notice Board. It is the primary source of Race Documents including venue info, safety procedures, forms, Scratch Sheets and Race Official contacts. Access Yacht Scoring through offsoundings.org.
- 3.2. The Race Committee will broadcast on and monitor VHF Ch. 72.
- 3.3. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Off Soundings Club welcomes all members and guests to participate in this event.
- 4.2. Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, One-Design and Multihull classes are offered.
- 4.3. Boats shall have a current rating certificate from PHRF-Eastern Connecticut, The Off Soundings Club, ELIYRA or from the New England Multihull Association.
- 4.4. The minimum LOA for mono hulls is 23.75 feet and the maximum LOA is 62 feet.
- 4.5. The exception to Rule 4.4 will allow F22 Class multihulls to participate with the proper NEMA rating certificate.
- 4.6. The maximum PHRF rating is 275.
- 4.7. Boats shall contain a self-bailing cockpit, be outfitted as the manufacturer intended and as reflected in their current rating certificate.
- 4.8. Guests may race in 2 series over 2 years before membership is required.

5. ENTRY DEADLINES AND FEES

- 5.1. Entry fee is \$150.00 per boat per series.
- 5.2. Adult Party tickets are \$15 each to gain access to the party tent, \$1 for under 18.
- 5.3. Entrants register and pay online using Yacht Scoring linked from offsoundings.org.
- 5.4. Spring Series **deadline** for registration and payment is 2300 hours, Friday, 5/22/26.
- 5.5. Late entries will not be accepted.

- 5.6. Guests must have a Sponsor who is an Off Soundings member.
- 5.7. If you are not a member please contact Paul Jennings, Membership Committee Chairman at pauljenningspe@msn.com. Please plan ahead.

6. SCHEDULES AND VENUES

- 6.1. The Spring Series is scheduled to start east of Watch Hill on Friday, June 5th and race to Block Island. First warning is scheduled at 1025.
- 6.2. Saturday, June 6, the fleet is scheduled to start off New Harbor and race in the vicinity of Block Island. First warning Saturday is scheduled at 0955.
- 6.3. The courses will be determined by the Race Committee and will be designated as a list of government and/or drop marks identified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.4. The Race Committee may move the start area if weather conditions provide a better option. Competitors will be notified by VHF radio and text.

7. MEASUREMENT, HANDICAPS AND CLASSES

- 7.1. PHRF–Eastern Connecticut and ELIYA certificates are available at ECSA.net, NEMA certificates are available at NEMAsail.org, OSC Certificate forms at offsoundings.org.
- 7.2. PHRF handicaps are rationalized based on the work of PHRF–Eastern Connecticut and any additional information developed by the OSC Technical Committee.
- 7.3. Entrants will be assigned to classes by the Classification Committee.
- 7.4. {NP} While racing, each boat shall display a class flag attached to her bow. Final class flag designations will be assigned and posted on the Notice Board on Yachtscoring by May 27. Flags shall be no less than 12" x 15" (Size 0).

8. SCORING AND PENALTIES

- 8.1. There will be one race on each day of the Series. One race shall be completed to constitute the series. Results are based on the Low Point system.
- 8.2. **Appendix V and Appendix A5.3** shall be in effect.
- 8.3. Race results are calculated Using the Time–on–Time method. The Spring Series will use **PHRF–Random Leg** handicaps for all races.
- 8.4. Performance Penalty Points (PPP) are assigned to the top 3 finishers in each class per series. (1st=3, 2nd=2, 3rd=1) Each PPP equals 8 seconds per point subtracted from a boat's PHRF handicap. The PPP is listed as **Burden of Winning** (BOW) on Yacht Scoring.
- 8.5. BOW Penalties accumulate to a maximum of 9 and expire after 3 series in the order they were achieved.
- 8.6. Race results are utilized for three purposes, using specific TCF calculations:
 - 8.6.1. **Series Trophies** are each awarded for Spring and Fall, combining results from each race using the $TCF=650/(550+PHRF-BOW)$.
 - 8.6.2. **ECSA points** are awarded for each race using the TCF formula without BOW.
 - 8.6.3. **Perpetual Trophies** are 1 and 2–year trophies for Off Soundings members only, using results from each race without BOW. If 8 races are run in a year, there is one throwout allowed.
- 8.7. **Rule 60.4 is changed:** a protest is invalid (2) if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of part 2 or rule 31, but she was not involved in or did not see the incident.

9. MORE INFORMATION

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

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