



# NOTICE OF RACE Fall Series 2026

89th Annual Race Series  
September 18-19, 2026

Organizing Authority is the Off Soundings Club (OSC)

[www.OffSoundings.org](http://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. All entrants shall have a current handicap certificate issued by PHRF Eastern Connecticut, 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. Mainsail numbers shall be 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](http://offsoundings.org).
- 1.7. Participants on boats without lifelines shall wear life jackets while racing. **Modifies RRS40.**

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheets for each series shall be posted on the Official Notice Board by 1800 hours on September 11, 2026
- 2.2. Race documents will not be mailed or distributed on the water.

## 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](http://offsoundings.org).
- 3.2. The Race Committee will communicate to the fleet and monitor Channel 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. The minimum LOA is 23.75 feet and the maximum LOA is 62 feet. The F22 multihull class will be allowed to race with proper rating certificates.
- 4.4. The maximum PHRF rating is 275.
- 4.5. Boats shall contain a self-bailing cockpit, be outfitted as the manufacturer intended and as reflected in their current rating certificate.
- 4.6. 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 through [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).
- 5.4. Fall Series **deadline** for registration and payment is 2300 hours, Friday, September 4, 2026.
- 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 before registering to race. Paul can be contacted at [pauljenningspe@msn.net](mailto:pauljenningspe@msn.net). Please plan ahead.

## 6. SCHEDULES AND VENUES

6.1. The Fall Series is scheduled to start off New London Ledge Light on Friday, September 18 and race to Gardiner's Bay. First warning is scheduled at 0955.

6.2. Saturday, September 19, the fleet will start and race in Gardiner's Bay First warning Saturday is scheduled at 0955.

6.3. There will be one race on each day of the Series.

6.4. The courses will be determined by the Race Committee on race day and will be designated as a list of government and/or drop marks identified in the Sailing Instructions.

6.5. 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 ELIYRA certificates are available at [ECSA.net](http://ECSA.net), NEMA certificates are available at [NEMAsail.org](http://NEMAsail.org), OSC Certificate forms at [offsoundings.org](http://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. Class flags will 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. SCORING AND PENALTIES

8.1. One race shall be completed to constitute the series.

8.2. **Appendix V** will be in effect.

8.3. Race results are calculated using the Time-on-Time formula, with Random Leg or Windward/ Leeward ratings as designated by the Race Committee prior to the start.

8.4. **RRS A5.3** shall apply for series results.

8.5. Performance Penalty Points (PPP) are assigned to the top 3 finishers in each class per series. (1<sup>st</sup>=3, 2<sup>nd</sup>=2, 3<sup>rd</sup>=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.

8.6. BOW Penalties accumulate to a maximum of 9 and expire after 3 series in the order they were achieved.

8.7. Race results are generated by different TCF calculations as follows:

8.7.1. **Series Trophies** are awarded separately for Spring and Fall, combining results from each race using the Time Correction Formula (TCF) of  $650/(550+(\text{PHRFBOW}))$ . Series results are posted on YachtScoring.

8.7.2. **ECSA points** are awarded for each race using the TCF formula without BOW.  $\text{TCF} = 650 / (550 + \text{PHRF})$ . ECSA results are posted at [ECSA.net](http://ECSA.net).

8.7.3. **Perpetual Trophies** are 1 and 2-year trophies for Off Soundings members only, using results from each race without BOW. If 8 races are completed in 2 years, one throwout is allowed.

## 9. MORE INFORMATION

Registration - Race Secretary Anne Wilkinson at [raceosc@gmail.com](mailto:raceosc@gmail.com). Handicappers –Paul von Maffei at [pvm461@yahoo.com](mailto:pvm461@yahoo.com). Edgar Smith at [edgarsmith@geomatrixproductions.com](mailto:edgarsmith@geomatrixproductions.com)

Guest Invitations and Membership – Paul Jennings at [pauljenningspe@msn.com](mailto:pauljenningspe@msn.com). Race

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