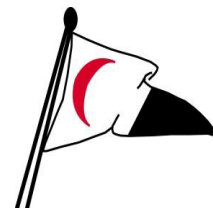




Niantic Bay Yacht Club

2026 Yachtober Fest Race

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026



NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No race will be excluded. This modifies RRS A.2.1.
- 1.3 This event is governed by the [ECSA Offshore Racing Circuit Regulations](#).
- 1.4 Handicap Classes shall be governed by [ECSA 2026 PHRF Regulations](#).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on Yachtscoring.com no later than October 1st, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Yacht Scoring will be the on-line document repository and registration system.
- 3.2 The online official notice board is located at Yachtscoring.com.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee will make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio..The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This regatta is open to PHRF (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes).
- 4.2 Time on Time calculation using the ECSA / PHRF Time Correction Factor will be used to score PHRF Classes.
- 4.3 Classes shall be defined as per a scratch sheet posted on Yachtscoring.com by 2000 October 1st, 2026.
- 4.4 Course-specific (Windward/Leeward (WL) or Random Leg (RL)) handicaps will be used. The Race Committee will display whether the course is WL or RL on the course board with the course.
- 4.5 A minimum of three (3) entries are required per class for a start to be given.
- 4.6 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online on Yachtscoring.com
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 1800 hours on October 1st, 2026.
- 4.8 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA. The acceptance of late entries shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 4.9 ECSA Members sailing in a PHRF division must have a valid ECSA PHRF certificate on file at ECSA.net.

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- 4.10 Non ECSA Members sailing in a PHRF division will use a PHRF base rating assigned by the OA. The assignment of the PHRF rating for non ECSA members is final for this regatta and shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee for the event is \$50. Entries completed and paid before Sept 18th will have a chance to have the entry fee refunded. The boat refunded will be determined by random lottery.
- 5.2 Prepaid Party tickets with registration are \$15.
- 5.3 Party Tickets at the door are \$20.

6. QUALIFYING SERIES

- 6.1 This event is an ECSA Offshore Circuit Series Points Regatta.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 First Warning is scheduled for 1100 Saturday, October 3rd, 2026.
- 7.2 Multiple races are possible for any class at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 7.3 There will be no warning after 1530 Saturday, October 3rd, 2026.

8. VENUE

- 8.1 Racing will take place in Niantic Bay and Long Island Sound.
- 8.2 [DP] Courses could include significant distances and boats should be equipped to safely navigate in limited visibility.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will consist of government and/or dropped marks.
- 9.2 The courses will be posted on the Race Committee Signal boat as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded for each class with 3 boats that start.
- 11.2 Results will be announced at the post-race party at Niantic Bay Yacht Club at the end of the day.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

Niantic Bay Yacht Club
8 Shore Road, Niantic, CT 06357
Dock office: 860-739-0558. VHF Channel 72.

Club and Event information is available at www.nbyc.org

Regatta Website is Yacht Scoring at [Yachtober Fest - YachtScoring.com](http://YachtoberFest-YachtScoring.com).

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