



2020 BETTER LATE THAN NEVER
"EARLY" BIRD REGATTA
NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB
SATURDAY, SEPT 12, 2020



THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA) IS THE NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB located at 8 Shore Road, Niantic, CT, 06357. Phone number: 860-739-0558. VHF Channel 72. Club and Event information is available at www.nbyc.org.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in RSS, including Appendix V.
- 1.2 The Class Rules in effect are the rules of PHRF handicap, and of applicable One Design Classes.
- 1.3 This event is an ECSA Offshore Circuit Series Points Regatta.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to PHRF (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker) and One Design Class Boats if more than three entries are received for a class.
- 2.2 **Entry Deadline is Friday Sept 11, 2020 at 1500.**
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter online at www.yachtscoring.com
- 2.4 The official scratch sheet will be finalized by the Race Committee by 1800, Friday, Sept 11, 2020.
- 2.5 ECSA Membership is not required to participate in this regatta.
- 2.6 ECSA Members must have a valid ECSA / PHRF certificate on file at ECSA.net
- 2.7 Non ECSA members sailing PHRF will use a PHRF base rating assigned by the OA.

3. FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee for the event is \$20 payable on YachtScoring. All net proceeds (plus any additional contributions!!) will go to support the Niantic Bay Sailing Academy.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 First Warning is scheduled for 1100 Saturday Sept 12, 2020.
- 4.2 Multiple races are possible for any class at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 4.3 One race shall be completed to constitute a series

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on www.yachtscoring.com and at www.nbyc.org by Sept 8th, 2020.

6. VENUE

- 6.1 Racing will take place in Niantic Bay, Fisher's Island Sound and Long Island sound with the start being in Niantic Bay.

7. THE COURSES

7.1 Courses will be selected by the Race Committee based on weather conditions.

7.2 The marks will be identified in the Sailing Instructions and may be a combination of government marks and drop marks.

8. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 The Race Committee will make every effort to use VHF radios to keep sailors informed of Start Times, On Course Side (OCS), Postponements and other information regarding the racing. Race announcement channel will be listed in the SI.

8.2 Failure of the Race Committee to hail, failure of the radios or amplification system, or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This instruction changes RRS41 and 62.1

9 SCORING

9.1 Time on Time calculation using the ECSA-PHRF Time Correction Factor will be used to score PHRF Classes.

9.2 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's total score will be the sum for all races completed (no throw out).

10. PRIZES

10.1 Trophies will be awarded for the first three places in each class. Trophies will be shipped to the winner or may be picked up after racing at the NBYC clubhouse.

10.2 Unfortunately there will be no after race party due to pandemic safety requirements.

10.3 Participants are welcome to come ashore at NBYC if necessary but must abide by NBYC's pandemic protocol which includes wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing. This requirement may be changed due to changing state regulations.

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