

Offshore Championship  
Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club  
July 11, 2026 – September 26, 2026  
Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Notice of Race (NOR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the US Sailing Prescriptions except as modified by this NOR and the Sailing Instructions.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SI) will be available 24 hours prior to the first warning signal for each series. SIs for each of the races in the series will be available online at  
<https://racing.theclubspot.com/?club=ue0uA7oRcW>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice boards for each race in the series are available at <https://racing.theclubspot.com/?club=ue0uA7oRcW>. From that page, select the specific race of the Offshore Championship.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 68, 69.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid PHRF-MA rating certificate.
- 4.2 All racers must be in good standing with the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club. All entries and participants race at the discretion of the AHYC Race Committee.
- 4.3 By registering for any race in this series, all competitors agree to the Safety Conditions in Addendum A of this NOR.

4.4 The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Regulations of the PHRF-MA shall apply to boats racing under classes A, B.

4.5 Classes are defined as follows:

|   |      |               |     |
|---|------|---------------|-----|
| A | PHRF | Spinnaker     | All |
| B | PHRF | Non-Spinnaker | All |

4.6 Boats may enter any series in the Offshore Championship by registering online at <https://racing.theclubspot.com/?club=ue0uA7oRcW>

4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.8 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:  
(a) A Minimum of three boats is required for a class. If there are less than three boats, the on-the-water Race Committee may combine classes by making an announcement on VHF 69 prior to the initial warning signal.

4.9 Late registrations may be accepted, if in the Race Committee's sole discretion, there is enough time to compute new start times, provided that:  
(a) the yacht identifies herself as a late entry to the race committee on the water and  
(b) the yacht completes her registration, including all applicable fees, and signs up for committee duty within one (1) hour of the docking of the committee boat

**NOTE:** Racers should keep in mind that start times of each boat can be influenced by other boats in the fleet and it may not be possible to recompute start times on the water.

## 5 FEES

### 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

| Class | Standard Fee |
|-------|--------------|
| All   | \$20         |

## 6 SCHEDULE

### 6.1 Dates of racing:

| <b>Race</b>    | <b>Date</b>        | <b>First Boat Start Time</b> | <b>Time Limit</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Geary Decker   | July 11, 2026      | 12:00PM                      |                   |
| Ambrose        | August 8, 2026     | 11:00AM                      |                   |
| Draco          | September 13, 2026 | 12:00PM                      |                   |
| Scotland Light | September 26, 2026 | 12:00PM                      |                   |
|                |                    |                              |                   |

### 6.2 There will be one race per day.

## 7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

### 7.1 Owners and/or captains agree to permit measurers—and the Race Committee or their representatives—to board their boats, unaccompanied, for the purpose of inspection, measurement or compliance, at any time during an event or within 24 hours before or after an event.

## 8 COURSES

### 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be in Sandy Hook Bay and surrounding waters. Detailed courses can be found in the SI amendment for each race.

### 8.2 The marks that may be used are detailed in the SI.

### 8.3 The chosen course will be posted on the committee boat and/or announced on VHF 69.

## 9 THE START

9.1 Starts will be in pursuit format. Boats will be assigned their start time by the Race Committee. Start times will be emailed to participants prior to the start of the race.

9.2 There may be a signal from the Race Committee boat 5 minutes prior to the first boats start time.

9.3 Each boat is responsible for knowing start time. The Race Committee may attempt to make start announcements on the VHF. Lack of announcements by the Race Committee is not subject to redress.

## 10 THE FINISH

10.1 Boats will be scored in the order that they finish.

10.2 Boats finish as they pass within 50 ft east of the Atlantic Highlands Harbour Breakwater on a southerly course roughly perpendicular with the breakwater.

10.2 There will be no Race Committee on station at the finish. Boats are to take their own finish times.

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## 11 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 12 INSURANCE

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

## 13 PRIZES

13.1 Series prizes will be given per SI Addendum B.

## 14 FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 For further information please contact AHYC Race Committee Chair



## NOR Addendum A Safety Conditions

All competitors agree to the following: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I as owner/captain agree to abide by all rules established for the yachting event. These rules include U.S. Racing Rules of Sailing, AHYC Sailing Instructions and AHYC House Rules. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the events with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in these events and hereby release the above organizers from any liability for such injury or damage. I certify that my boat and equipment are in good working condition, that it complies with all government and sailing regulations concerning navigation and safety, and that it complies with AHYC Sailing Instructions Attachment D. I also certify that I will abide by the customary rules of navigation and piloting for safety and courtesy at sea.

It is recommended that all participating PHRF Division yachts meet the Minimum Equipment Recommendations adapted from the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound. Every boat must have an operating VHF radio.

The J24 class must comply with all rules of the IJCA and meet minimum Coast Guard requirements except as herein amended:

It is allowed for either skipper or crew to have their upper body extending under the upper lifeline, provided that the boat is fitted with a lower lifeline which complies with the requirements of the IJCA.