

# 2026 Offshore Spring Racing Series

## Notice of Race (NOR)

### 1. EVENT DESCRIPTION

**1.1** The 2025 Offshore Spring Racing program will consist of four days of regattas (Sunday April 26, Saturday May 2, Saturday May 16 and Sunday May 17) as further detailed on the Regatta Network event site.

**1.1.1** The April 26 and May 2 regattas will each consist of a single day of multiple races for PHRF (A, B, C, CC-Spin, CC-Non Spin) sailboats holding a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake certificate, one-design classes, and cruising class sailboats having a provisional handicap rating assigned by FBYC.

**1.1.1.1** The format for PHRF A, B, and C will be buoy type courses around drop and/or government marks. Cruising Classes will be sailed around mid-distance drop/government mark courses. CC-NS will be sailed allowing only one (1) headsail downwind.

**1.1.2** The May 16 and May 17 dates will be a two-day event within the Spring Series referred to as the Offshore Spring Open.

**1.1.2.1** On Saturday, 5/16, the format for PHRF A, B, and C, will be buoy type courses around drop and/or government marks. Cruising Classes (Spin & NS) will be sailed around mid-distance drop/government mark courses.

**1.1.2.2** On Sunday, 5/17, all classes (PHRF A, B, C, CC-Spin, and CC-NS) will be a mid-distance course sailed around government marks and drop marks.

**1.1.2.3** For both days, CC-NS will be sailed allowing only one (1) headsail downwind.”

**1.2** This Notice of Race (NOR) will constitute the complete NOR for this event unless updated on the FBYC website ([www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)) or the event site on Regatta Network.

### 2. RULES

**2.1** The Organizing Authority is Fishing Bay Yacht Club

**2.2** Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028*.

**2.3** All boats must meet U S Sailing (Nearshore) Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) found at:

<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/SER-2025.0-Monohull-Nearshore.pdf>

**2.4** Alterations, deletion, and addition of the rules may be made by the following documents. Any conflict will be resolved in favor of the later document in the list. This changes RRS 63.5(c)(2).

Event Specific Notice of Race

Event Sailing Instructions

### **3. ENTRIES AND QUALIFICATION**

**3.1** In the event of a conflict between the Safety Equipment Rules and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.

**3.2 Qualification.** Races are open to PHRF Handicap (A, B, C), One Design class boats with at least three participants, as well as any Cruising Class (Spin & NS) boats.

**3.3 Registration.** A completed entry on the corresponding event Regatta Network site, no later than 1700 hours the day before the event, is required for each event. If the event is part of a larger series, the yacht will be entered and scored for the entire series. A boat may not enter in more than one class in a start sequence. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to see that the completed online registration is submitted no later than 1700 hours the day before the event, or by the deadline specified in the Event Notice.

**3.5 Ratings:** A boat entered in a CBYRA sanctioned Handicap Division class shall have a valid rating or measurement certificate on file with the appropriate CBYRA organization. PHRF entries shall also conform fully to the requirements described on the Entry Form under Class Information, unless otherwise stipulated in the Event Notice for a particular race or series. The Event Sailing Instructions may have additional requirements. The Race Committee may assign ratings to boats not holding valid certificates only for the purpose of club scoring in non-CBYRA sanctioned events (i.e. FBYC Cruising and Classic Divisions) or non-sanctioned classes. Such ratings are at the discretion of the Race Committee and not subject to appeal.

**3.6 Sail Numbers:** For any sanctioned event, a boat shall display either US SAILING sail numbers, or the numbers listed by CBYRA, or the sail numbers listed in the roster of sail numbers as maintained by her class. It is the responsibility of the entrant to clearly identify the boat and its class. It is acceptable for a boat to race using sails that differ from that boat's proper sail number, so long as the skipper informs the Race Committee of the change prior to the first start of the day, and receives its acknowledgment.

### **4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**4.1** Sailing Instructions will be posted online at the event Regatta Network site no later than 0800 the day of the event.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

#### **5.1 SCHEDULE**

**Date:** Each day of racing

**0900:** Skippers Meeting, when held.

**1100:** Warning for the first start for multiple races around government and drop marks

## **6. SKIPPERS' MEETING**

**6.1** When held, a Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Flagpole on the Jackson Creek side at 0900 of the day of the race. While at the dock, the PRO will fly code Flag "L", Lima, from Mr Roberts and sound multiple sound signals to signal a meeting. Any changes to the SIs for the races will be reviewed at this meeting.

## **7. RACING AREAS**

**7.1** For the starting and racing areas, the Committee Boat will be in the general vicinity of FBYC "C" to FBYC "F". (Piankatank R. "G3" (FI G 4s 19ft 4M) to Piankatank R. "R2" (FI R 4s).

## **8. SCORING**

**8.1** The scoring system is as defined in the Spring Sailing Instructions (available online on the Regatta Network site).

**8.2 SPRING SERIES SCORING** Races run under this program will also count towards the overall Spring Series. The Spring Series winner in each class or subclass will be the qualified boat having the highest score for the series based on the "High-Point Percentage Scoring System." Daily awards are awarded based on the "Low-Point Scoring System".

## **9. AWARDS**

**9.1** Awards for each class, or subclass scored separately will be presented as follows:

DAILY AWARDS: PLACE/MINIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS

- First/3; Second/4; Third/5

SERIES AWARDS: PLACE/MINIMUM NUMBER OF QUALIFIED BOATS

- First/1; Second/4; Third/6

**9.2** Every attempt will be made to announce and post results on the official notice board at the conclusion of each day's racing. Visiting boats desiring a copy of the race results should find them at [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net) on the event Regatta Network site or can contact the Offshore Division Lt. Commander.

## **10. INSURANCE**

**10.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**11.1** Competitors participate in any race or regatta entirely at their own risk as instructed in RRS, Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **12. NOTICE TO VISITING BOATS**

**12.1** Fishing Bay Yacht Club extends club privileges to visiting boats and crews participating in the events listed in the Sailing Events book. Boats desiring to layover should please contact the General Manager upon arrival – [804-334-7575](tel:804-334-7575). For those arriving via car, please observe all posted speed limits on Fishing Bay Road.