

2025 Offshore Distance Series Notice of Race (NOR)

1. EVENT DESCRIPTION

1.1 The 2025 Offshore Distance Series will consist of four days of distance racing:

Cut Channel Race - Saturday, June 7

Smith Point - Saturday, July 12

Moonlight Race - Saturday, August 9

Wolftrap - Saturday, September 6

as further detailed by individual Event Notices found on the respective Regatta Network event page.

1.2 Each race will be open to PHRF (A, B, C, CC-Spin, CC-NS) sailboats holding a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake certificate, one-design classes, and cruising class sailboats having a provisional handicap rating assigned by FBYC.

1.3 This Distance Series Notice of Race (NOR), and any subsequent Individual Event Notice published on the specific Regatta Network site, will constitute the complete NOR for the event.

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) 2025-28*.

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 Specific Sailing Instructions

3. ENTRIES AND QUALIFICATION

3.1 Sailboats shall comply with the US Sailing "Safety Equipment Requirements" (SER) - "Nearshore" category.

3.1.1 For **Distance Series Events** the additional SER requirements below will be required regardless of class rules:

SER 2.3.1, Head or fitted bucket

SER 2.4.1, Lifelines

SER 2.5.1, Bilge Pump
SER 2.7.2, Propulsion (4 hour min)
SER 3.2.1, Jacklines
SER 3.7.1, Life sling
SER 3.14, GPS
SER 3.15, GPS with electronic MOB
SER 3.2, Paper chart back-up
SER 3.22, Wood plugs
SER 3.24.1, Searchlight
SER 3.26, Radar reflector
SER 3.27.1, Two buckets with lanyards
SER 3.32, Cockpit knife
SER 3.35, No aloft halyards
SER 3.36, Boom support

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 A competitor who will not have reached his/her 19th birthday by December 31 of the current year may race as a Junior.

3.4 Registration. A completed entry on the corresponding Regatta Network event site, prior to the start of the first race of 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 the start of the event's first race, 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. PROGRAM, SKIPPERS MEETING, WARNING, STARTING AREA, COURSES, TIME LIMITS

4.1 See the Sailing Instructions for each race.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

6. SCORING, AWARDS

6.1 Daily awards are awarded based on the “Low-Point Scoring System.” Individual race awards will be presented following each race. The Long Distance 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.” Awards for the Long Distance Series will be given at the Closing Day Event, Saturday October 25, 2025.

6.2 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

6.3 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 on the event Regatta Network site or can contact the Offshore Division Lt. Commander.

7. INSURANCE

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

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

8.1 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.

9. NOTICE TO VISITING BOATS

9.1 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.