

ORA
Offshore Racing Association
Offshore Racing Rule (ORR)



Regional Championship Series
East Coast – Great Lakes – West Coast
2017 Notice of Race

1. ELIGIBILITY

Four individual regional series are open to yachts holding a valid 2017 ORR certificate and compete in the required number of races that comprise a given series.

2. RULES

For races in which the ORR is used, yachts must enter the ORR class and those results shall be used for scoring. One-design yachts may compete in their own class. In races where the ORR is not used, an ORR overlay will be independently applied by the ORA. Yachts must enter those races under their respective NOR.

3. ENTRIES

Yachts participating in the minimum required number of races will automatically be enrolled in the series. There is no charge to enter the series.

4. SCORING

4.0 Each yacht's score for the Championship Series will consist of the points earned in each of the qualifying events. Points earned for an individual event are calculated by the obtaining yachts corrected finishing position divided by the number of ORR Certificate starters then multiplied by the weighted race factor. The combination of the best individual race scores as listed in the regional series section will be used to determine the scoring. The sum of the points for each qualifying race divided by the total number of races scored including the weighted race factor shall determine a yacht's combined score. The lowest combined score will determine Championship Series placing.

4.1 A) The 2017 **ORR East Coast Championship Series** will be based on the results of a minimum of two (2) of the following races. Each yacht must compete in at least one distance race (Block Island Race, Annapolis Newport Race, Marion Bermuda Race, Marblehead Halifax Race, Stamford Vineyard Race) in order to qualify.

May 27	<u>Block Island Race</u> Storm Trysail Club	Distance	186NM
June 2-3	<u>Annapolis to Newport Race</u> Annapolis Yacht Club & New York Yacht Club	Distance	473NM
June 9-11	<u>163rd Annual Regatta</u> New York Yacht Club	Inshore	
June 9	<u>Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race</u> Beverly Yacht Club, Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club, Blue Water Sailing Club	Distance	645NM
July 9	<u>Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race</u> Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron & Boston Yacht Club	Distance	363NM
September 1	<u>Vineyard Race</u> Stamford Yacht Club	Distance	238NM

4.1 A) 1. Each yacht's score for the Championship Series will consist of the points earned in the qualifying events. The Annapolis-Newport, Marion-Bermuda and Marblehead-Halifax Races shall be weighted as one and one half races (1.5). All other regattas shall be weighted as one race. The combination of the best two individual race scores will be used to determine the series scoring.

4.1 A) 2. The races included in the East Coast Championship Series will change each year. In even years, the Newport Bermuda Race is included, and in odd years, the Annapolis Newport, Marion Bermuda, and Marblehead Halifax Races are included.

4.1 B) The **ORR Great Lakes Championship Series** will be based on the results of a minimum of three (3) of the following races. Each yacht must compete in one of the Mackinac Races in order to qualify.

June 21	<u>Tripp Memorial Cup</u> Macatawa Bay YC	Distance	74.5 NM
June 23	<u>Trans Michigan Cup</u> Muskegon Yacht Club	Distance	66.5 NM
June 23	<u>Queen's Cup</u> South Shore Yacht Club	Distance	76 NM
July 15	<u>CYC Race to Mackinac</u> Chicago Yacht Club	Distance	289.5 NM/333 SM

July 22	<u>Bayview Mackinac Race</u> Bayview Yacht Club	Distance 259 NM/298 SM
July 29-30	<u>Ugotta Regatta</u> Little Traverse Yacht Club	Inshore
August 11	<u>Clipper Cup</u> Muskegon Yacht Club	Distance 66.9 NM
August 11-13	<u>Verve Cup</u> Chicago Yacht Club	Point to Point
October 1	<u>Long Distance Race</u> Bayview Yacht Club	approx. 43 NM

4.1 B) 1. Each yacht's score for the championship series will consist of the points earned in the qualifying events. The Mackinac races shall be weighted as two (2) races. All other regattas shall be weighted as one race. The combination of the best three individual race scores will be used to determine the series scoring.

4.1 C) The **ORR West Coast Northern Championship Series** will be based on the best results of a minimum of three (3) of the races as listed for the Northern Region. The **ORR West Coast Southern Championship Series** will be based on the best results of a minimum of three (3) races including either the Transpac or Cabo races. The Northern and Southern Series will be scored as separate distinct series, with no crossover scoring of Northern and Southern events.

Northern Series

April 22	<u>OYRA Lightship Race</u> Offshore Yacht Racing Association	20-30 NM
May 6	<u>Great Vallejo Race</u> (Saturday only) Sausalito Yacht Club	Point to Point
May 27-28	<u>Spinnaker Cup</u> San Francisco Yacht Club and Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club	Offshore
May 29-30	<u>Coastal Cup Ocean Race</u> Encinal Yacht Club and the Santa Barbara Yacht Club	204 NM
August 18-20	<u>Aldo Alessio & Phillis Kleinman Swiftsure Regattas</u> St. Francis Yacht Club	Inshore
Sept. 13-17	<u>Rolex Big Boat Series</u> St. Francis yacht Club	Inshore

Southern Series

February 25	<u>Islands Race</u> San Diego Yacht Club and Newport Harbor Yacht Club	Distance	134 NM
March 13-16	<u>Corum Cup</u> Acapulco Yacht Club		Inshore
March 10-16	<u>NHYC Cabo Race</u> (1.5 x) Newport Harbor Yacht Club	Distance	800 NM
April 28-30	<u>Newport to Ensenada Race</u> Newport Ocean Sailing Association	Distance	125 NM
July 3	<u>Transpac Race</u> (2 x) Transpacific Yacht Club	Distance	2,300NM
July 28-29	<u>Santa Barbara to King Harbor</u> Santa Barbara Yacht Club and King Harbor Yacht Club	Distance	81 NM
August 22-24	<u>Long Point Race Week</u> Newport Harbor Yacht Club		Inshore

4.1 C) 1. Each yacht's score for the championship series will consist of points earned in the qualifying events. The Cabo Races shall be weighted as one and one-half (1.5) races. The Transpac Race shall be weighted as two (2) races. All other regattas shall be weighted as one race. For the Northern Series the combination of the best two (2) individual race scores will be used to determine the series scoring. For the Southern Series the combination of the best three (3) individual races, including either the Transpac or Cabo races, will be used to determine the series scoring.

4.1 C) 2. The races included in the West Coast Championship Series will change each year. In odd years, the Transpac Race is included, and in even years, the Pacific Cup is included.

4.2 Yachts competing in more than the qualifying number of events shall discard their worst placing(s).

4.3 When races and regattas do not use ORR scoring, the ORR Committee shall perform overlay scoring. In the absence of specific wind and course information from the regatta organization or a custom wind overlay provided by ORR, the overlay scoring will use for each boat a single number time-on-time rating derived from the ORR Closed Course rating at a wind speed of 12 knots. However, if, for example, the course content is specified as windward leeward, then a 12 knot windward leeward time-on-time rating

will be used. If the race committee declares an observed wind speed, a TOT rating will be derived from the appropriate sec/mile rating on the ORR certificate that most closely corresponds to the observed wind.

4.4 Scoring in individual regattas with more than one race and where entered yachts may sail different courses on the same day will be scored using the corrected seconds per mile calculated by taking each boat's corrected time and dividing by the race distance of its course. The lower the computed corrected seconds per mile the better the score.

5. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. The final ranking shall be determined after the last race of the series.

ORR MISSION STATEMENT: The ORR will promote the use of the fairest, objective handicapping possible based on a velocity prediction program (VPP) at an affordable level for a diverse fleet of mono-hull yachts within a reasonable size, age and design range.