

ORA
Offshore Racing Association
Offshore Racing Rule (ORR)



Regional Championship Series
East Coast – Great Lakes – West Coast
2014 Notice of Race

1. ELIGIBILITY

Four individual regional series are open to yachts holding a valid 2014 ORR certificate and compete in the required number of races that comprise a given series.

2. RULES

For races in which the ORR rule is used, yachts must enter in 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 rule 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

4.1 A) The 2014 **ORR East Coast Series Championship** will be based on the results of a minimum of 2 of the following races. Each yacht must compete in at least one distance race (Block Island Race, Newport Bermuda Race or the Stamford Vineyard Race) in order to qualify.

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| a. May 26 | <u>Block Island Race</u>
Storm Trysail Club | Offshore | 186 NM |
| b. June 13-15 | <u>160th Annual Regatta</u>
New York Yacht Club | Inshore | |

- c. June 20 Newport Bermuda Race Offshore 635 NM
Cruising Club of America/Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
- d. June 27 Anniversary Regatta Inshore
Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
- e. August 29 Vineyard Race Offshore 238 NM
Stamford Yacht Club

4.1 A) 1. Each yacht's score for the Championship Series will consist of the points earned in the qualifying events. The Newport Bermuda Race shall count as one and one half races (1.5). All other regattas shall count as one race. The sum of the points for each race divided by the total number of races shall be that yacht's season score. The lowest score will determine Championship Series placing.

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

4.1 B) The **ORR Great Lakes Series Championship** will be based on the results of a minimum of 2 of the following races. Each yacht must compete in one of the Mackinac Races in order to qualify.

- a. June 27 Queen's Cup Offshore 67 NM
South Shore Yacht Club
- b. July 4 Lake Huron International Regatta Offshore 74 NM
Port Huron Yacht Club
- c. July 12 Bayview Mackinac Race Offshore 252/205 NM
Bayview Yacht Club
- d. July 19 CYC Race to Mackinac Offshore 289.5 NM
Chicago Yacht Club
- e. August 9 Verve Cup Point to Point
Chicago Yacht Club

4.1 B) 1. Each yacht's score for the championship series will be the points earned in the qualifying events. The Mackinac races shall count as two races, while all other regattas shall count for one race. The sum of the points for each race divided by the total number of races shall be that yacht's season score. The lowest score will determine placing.

4.1 C) The **ORR West Coast North and South Series Championships** will be based on the results of a minimum of 2 of the following races for each of the below listed regions. Each yacht must compete in at least one distance race to qualify.

Southern California

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| a. March 7-8 | <u>Islands Race</u>
Newport Harbor Yacht Club/San Diego Yacht Club | Offshore | 139 NM |
| b. April 25-27 | <u>Newport to Ensenada Race</u>
Newport Ocean Sailing Association (NOSA) | Offshore | 125 NM |
| c. March 13-22 | <u>San Diego to Puerto Vallarta</u>
San Diego Yacht Club (non throw-out) | Offshore | 1000 NM |
| d. August 22-24 | <u>Long Point Race Week</u>
Newport Harbor Yacht Club/Balboa Yacht Club | Inshore | |

Northern California

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| a. May 23-24 | <u>Spinnaker Cup</u>
San Francisco/Monterey Peninsula Yacht Clubs | Offshore | 90 NM |
| b. July 6-12 | <u>Pacific Cup</u>
Pacific Cup Yacht Club (non throw-out) | Offshore | 2070 NM |
| c. Sept. 11-14 | <u>Big Boat Series</u>
St. Francis Yacht Club | Inshore | |

4.1 C) 1. Each yacht's score for the championship series will be the points earned in the qualifying events. The San Diego to Puerto Vallarta and Pacific Cup Races shall count as one and three quarters (1.75) races. The scores in those races will be multiplied by 1.75 respectively. All other regattas shall count for one race. The sum of the points for each race divided by the total number of races shall be that yacht's series score. The lowest score will determine placing.

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, 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, that wind speed will be used instead of 12 knots to derive the ratings.

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 calculated by seconds per mile based on ORR corrected time and race distance. The lowest computed corrected time will determine placing.

4.5 The number of points awarded for each regatta will be determined by finish position divided by the number of ORR Championship Series registered yachts entered in that race or regatta. Regattas that have different course lengths for various classes shall have their elapsed times prorated by the course length.

5. PRIZES

Award flags and trophy plates 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-hulls within a reasonable size, age and design range.