



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

GUEST INVITATIONS

Participation in Off Soundings Race Series is for members and invited guests. The club encourages guest participation by experienced racing sailors from ECSA, NEMA, NBYA, ELISA, YRA-LIS, and other sailing associations. The guest invitation process must be initiated by an Off Soundings member. Persons desiring a guest invitation should contact an Off Soundings Club member or officer. Invited guest skippers must be at least 21 years of age as of the Entry Deadline for the first Series entered.

Standing Invitations:

Multihulls – By agreement with the New England Multihull Association (NEMA) its members may participate in Off Soundings Race Series without a formal invitation. Contact the multihull Class Liaison or the Race Secretary to receive the Notice of Race and Entry Blank. The Class Liaison will verify NEMA membership and handicap.

Special Classes – Non-members who qualify to sail in an approved Special Class, such as the Nonsuch Class, may do so without a formal invitation. Contact the Class Liaison or the Race Secretary to receive the Notice of Race and Entry Blank. The Class Liaison will assist in verifying eligibility.

Cadets – Cadet crews from military, merchant marine, and other maritime academies are welcomed at Off Soundings Series. School officials should contact the Race Secretary for entry information.

Member Invitations: Other guests must have a sponsor and a seconder, each of whom must be an OSC member in good standing. Invitations must be signed and submitted by the member sponsor and seconder in hard copy, by fax, or in scanned digital form on an Off Soundings Club Guest Invitation Application Form. Guest Invitation Forms are not publicly distributed. Off Soundings Club members may obtain a Guest Invitation Application from the Membership Chairman. The application must be completed and returned to the Membership Chairman by the closing dates listed below. Deadlines are strictly enforced. The invitations are reviewed by the Board of Governors and race invitation packages are mailed to those approved at least seven days prior to the entry closing date for the next Series.

Deadlines: There are three deadlines, which must be strictly adhered to:

Early decision: 2 days prior to the spring Board of Governors meeting (allows group approval by the Board of Governors at the meeting and mailing of the spring Notice of Race in the regular mailing).

Spring late invitation: 2 weeks prior to the entry deadline for the spring series (allows time to mail the entry form to the guest and for him to complete and submit the entry and have his vessel measured, if necessary).

Fall late invitation: 2 weeks prior to the entry deadline for the fall series (allows time to mail the entry form to the guest and for him to complete and submit the entry and have his vessel measured, if necessary).

The specific dates are published in the annual Schedule of Events.

Duration: Once approved a guest invitation is valid for two seasons. I.e., an invitation whether first approved for a spring or fall series is valid through the fall series of the following year. Approved guests will automatically be sent the Notice of Race for those series.