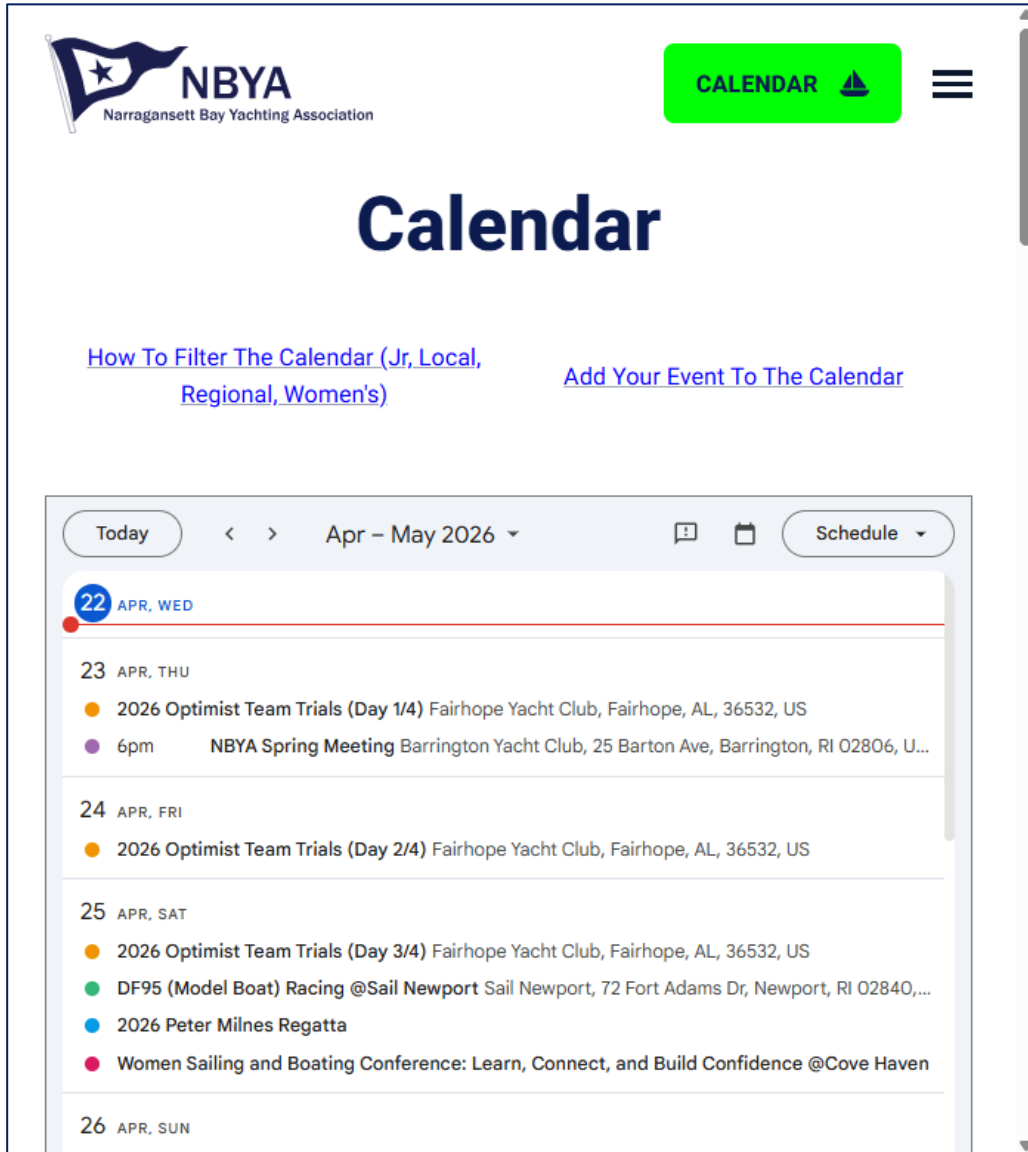




# NBYA Calendar



The screenshot shows the NBYA Calendar website. At the top left is the NBYA logo (Narragansett Bay Yachting Association) with a flag icon. To the right is a green 'CALENDAR' button with a sailboat icon and a hamburger menu icon. The main heading is 'Calendar'. Below it are two links: 'How To Filter The Calendar (Jr, Local, Regional, Women's)' and 'Add Your Event To The Calendar'. The calendar view shows a monthly overview for April and May 2026. The current date is April 22, Wednesday. The calendar lists several events:

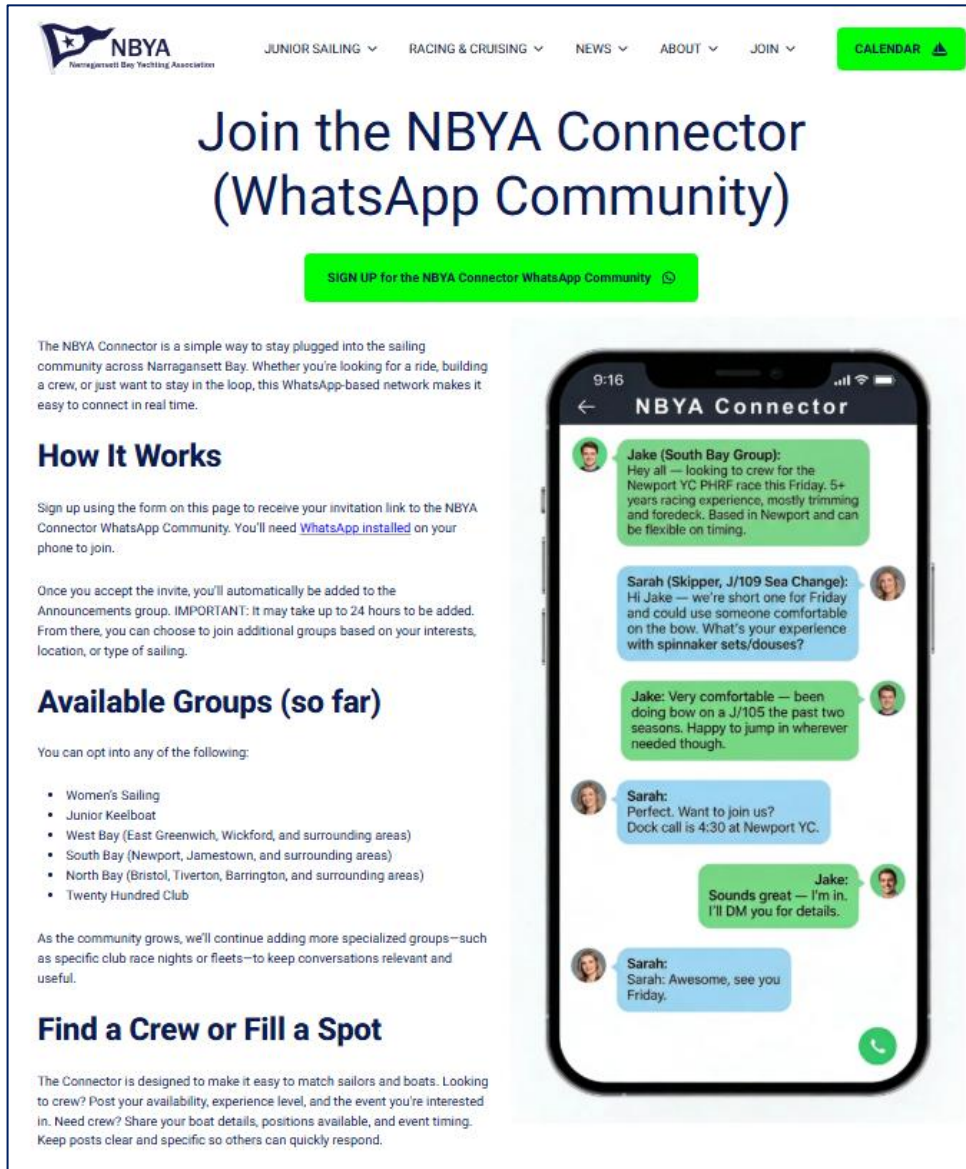
- 23 APR, THU
  - 2026 Optimist Team Trials (Day 1/4) Fairhope Yacht Club, Fairhope, AL, 36532, US
  - 6pm NBYA Spring Meeting Barrington Yacht Club, 25 Barton Ave, Barrington, RI 02806, U...
- 24 APR, FRI
  - 2026 Optimist Team Trials (Day 2/4) Fairhope Yacht Club, Fairhope, AL, 36532, US
- 25 APR, SAT
  - 2026 Optimist Team Trials (Day 3/4) Fairhope Yacht Club, Fairhope, AL, 36532, US
  - DF95 (Model Boat) Racing @Sail Newport Sail Newport, 72 Fort Adams Dr, Newport, RI 02840,...
  - 2026 Peter Milnes Regatta
  - Women Sailing and Boating Conference: Learn, Connect, and Build Confidence @Cove Haven
- 26 APR, SUN

- **Best sailing calendar on the Bay**  
(Thank you Bill Kneller)
- **Request to add your events**
- **Planning to Avoid Conflicts**
  - June 5, 2027 – Twenty Hundred Club Around Aquidneck Island Race
  - 2027 NBYA Junior Events
  - July 31, 2027 – Twenty Hundred Club Bridge Fiasco

<https://nbya.org/calendar>



# NBYA Connector



The screenshot shows the NBYA Connector website on the left and a WhatsApp chat interface on the right. The website header includes the NBYA logo, navigation links for JUNIOR SAILING, RACING & CRUISING, NEWS, ABOUT, and JOIN, and a CALENDAR button. The main heading is "Join the NBYA Connector (WhatsApp Community)" with a "SIGN UP for the NBYA Connector WhatsApp Community" button. Below this, there is a paragraph explaining the connector, a "How It Works" section, a list of "Available Groups (so far)", and a "Find a Crew or Fill a Spot" section. The WhatsApp chat shows a conversation between Jake and Sarah about a crew for a Newport YC PHRF race.

**Join the NBYA Connector (WhatsApp Community)**

**SIGN UP for the NBYA Connector WhatsApp Community**

The NBYA Connector is a simple way to stay plugged into the sailing community across Narragansett Bay. Whether you're looking for a ride, building a crew, or just want to stay in the loop, this WhatsApp-based network makes it easy to connect in real time.

### How It Works

Sign up using the form on this page to receive your invitation link to the NBYA Connector WhatsApp Community. You'll need [WhatsApp installed](#) on your phone to join.

Once you accept the invite, you'll automatically be added to the Announcements group. **IMPORTANT:** It may take up to 24 hours to be added. From there, you can choose to join additional groups based on your interests, location, or type of sailing.

### Available Groups (so far)

You can opt into any of the following:

- Women's Sailing
- Junior Keelboat
- West Bay (East Greenwich, Wickford, and surrounding areas)
- South Bay (Newport, Jamestown, and surrounding areas)
- North Bay (Bristol, Tiverton, Barrington, and surrounding areas)
- Twenty Hundred Club

As the community grows, we'll continue adding more specialized groups—such as specific club race nights or fleets—to keep conversations relevant and useful.

### Find a Crew or Fill a Spot

The Connector is designed to make it easy to match sailors and boats. Looking to crew? Post your availability, experience level, and the event you're interested in. Need crew? Share your boat details, positions available, and event timing. Keep posts clear and specific so others can quickly respond.

**WhatsApp Chat:**

9:16

**NBYA Connector**

**Jake (South Bay Group):** Hey all — looking to crew for the Newport YC PHRF race this Friday. 5+ years racing experience, mostly trimming and foredeck. Based in Newport and can be flexible on timing.

**Sarah (Skipper, J/109 Sea Change):** Hi Jake — we're short one for Friday and could use someone comfortable on the bow. What's your experience with spinnaker sets/douses?

**Jake:** Very comfortable — been doing bow on a J/105 the past two seasons. Happy to jump in wherever needed though.

**Sarah:** Perfect. Want to join us? Dock call is 4:30 at Newport YC.

**Jake:** Sounds great — I'm in. I'll DM you for details.

**Sarah:** Sarah: Awesome, see you Friday.

- **Low overhead crew/boat finder**
- **Regional, Club & Audience Groups**
  - North Bay, South Bay, East Bay
  - Women's Sailing
  - Junior Keelboat
  - Twenty Hundred Club, more clubs
- **Eventually, self-policing with community admins possible**

<https://nbya.org/nbya-connector>



# NBYA Comms – Spread The Word!

The image displays two screenshots of the NBYA website. The top screenshot shows the 'News' section with a 'Share Your Stories' button and a list of news items by date. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Share Your Stories with NBYA & The Bay' submission page, which includes a 'Submit Content For News & Newsletters' button and a 'How it works' section. The 'How it works' section is divided into three columns: 'Email us your content by the 25th of each month', 'We will review', and 'Stories Are Published & Promoted'. The 'Email us your content' column lists the types of content accepted (Special events, Commemorations, Tips and suggestions, Event Results, Entertaining Stories) and provides submission instructions. The 'We will review' column explains the review process. The 'Stories Are Published & Promoted' column lists the distribution lists: Everyone (~3000 people), Junior (~2000 people), PHRF/Cruising (~1600 people), and Women's Sailing [NEW] (~150 & growing fast). Below the submission page, a grid of featured news articles is shown, including 'Rhode Island Yacht Club to Host 2026 Ladies Cup Regatta' and 'Bristol 250th Anniversary Pursuit Race June 28, 2026'.

- Share Your Story - Submit Request
- Info added to NBYA News Section
- Newsletter Lists
  - Everyone (~3000 people)
  - Junior (~2000 people)
  - PHRF/Cruising (~1600 people)
  - Women's Sailing [NEW] (~150 & growing)

[Comms@NBYA.org](mailto:Comms@NBYA.org)

<https://nbya.org/share-stories>



# Boat of the Year (BOTY)

- NBYA PHRF Sailing Season Championship



# BOTY Goals:



- Use BOTY to increase racer awareness of all events across the Bay
- Support goals of NBYA to serve as a racer convenor and communication hub
- Use platform to highlight additional goals of juniors and women's sailing
- Increase NBYA and Yacht Club engagement with inclusion of a greater number of races
- Change format this year, learn and modify for continuous improvement and increased engagement



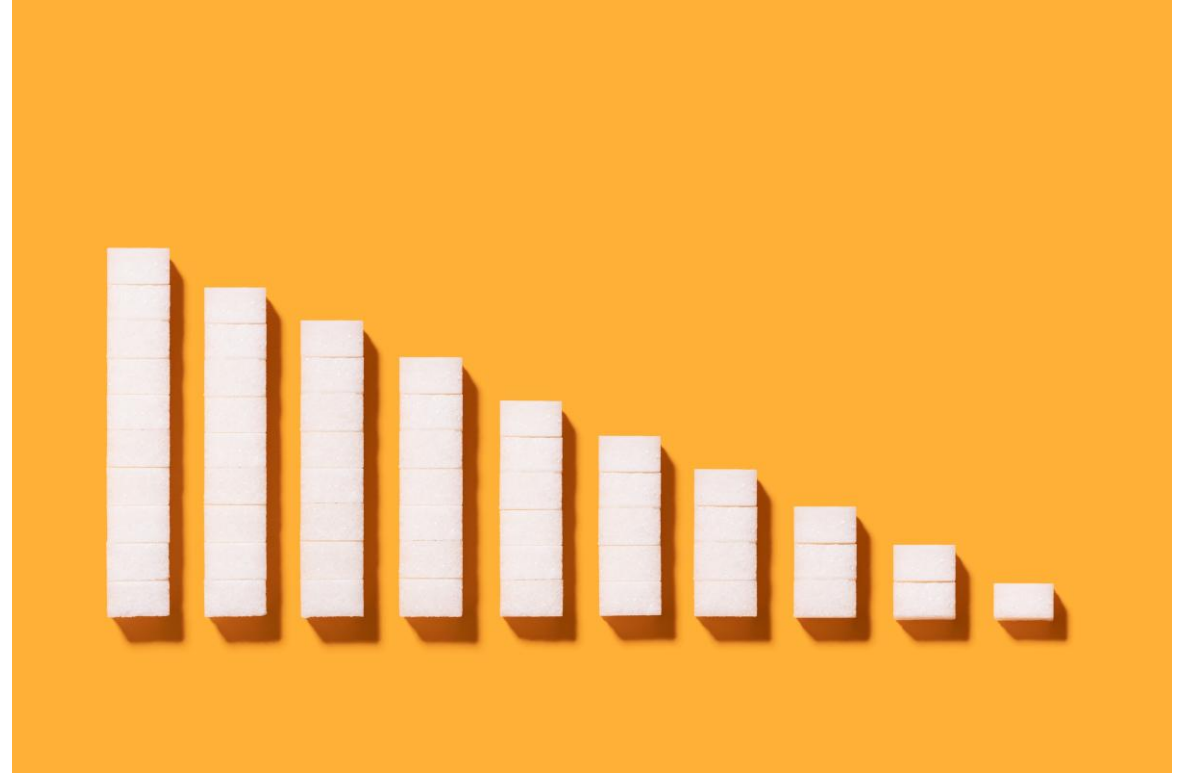
# BOTY Key changes

- Tiered system with each event in the series assigned a point value
- New Scoring System: Cox-Sprague
- Updated Eligibility Criteria
- Category Winners
- More NBYA Sanctioned Events to Qualify



# BOTY Tiered Scoring System

- 3-point events
- 2-point events
- 1-point events



# BOTY Cox Sprague Scoring System



- Assigns points based on a boat's finishing position relative to the number of boats competing in its fleet or class, thereby normalizing results across fleets of different sizes
- Scoring is based on class results
- Only PHRF divisions are eligible
- Separate rankings are maintained for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker boats

# BOTY Eligibility Criteria

- Boats with active PHRF-NB certificates and who race in a qualified NBYA BOTY-sanctioned race will be eligible for BOTY
- The minimum number of points to qualify is 8



# BOTY Category Winners

- Top qualifying Junior helm (<25 years of age)
- Top Qualifying Grand Master Helm ( $\geq 75$  years of age)
- Top Qualifying Female Helm

Will you qualify for one of these special categories?

Category awards are self-declared

- Review details in NOR



# BOTY Sanctioned Events

- 3-point events: Summer Club Evening Series
- 2-point events: NBYA Fall/Challenge Regatta, EGYC Regatta, Safe Harbor Regatta, CYC-ATI Race, NYYC Annual Regatta, 20HC Three Bridge Fiasco
- 1-point events: Evening/Weekend, Club-Spring and Fall Series, Pret Gladding, IYAC Newport Cup, Sail for Hope, MOHOSA Worlds, MOHOSA Regatta, 20HC Fall Race, 20HC Prince Henry, 20HC Cuttyhunk, 20HC Spring AAI, Bud Humphrey, Rhody Regatta, NE Solo-Twin, Ida Lewis Distance Race, BI Race Week



We want YOU to participate in BOTY!

- You're automatically an NBYA member via your PHRF-NB certification
  - You're automatically registered for BOTY via registration in sanctioned events
- Get excited with leaderboard updates throughout the sailing season



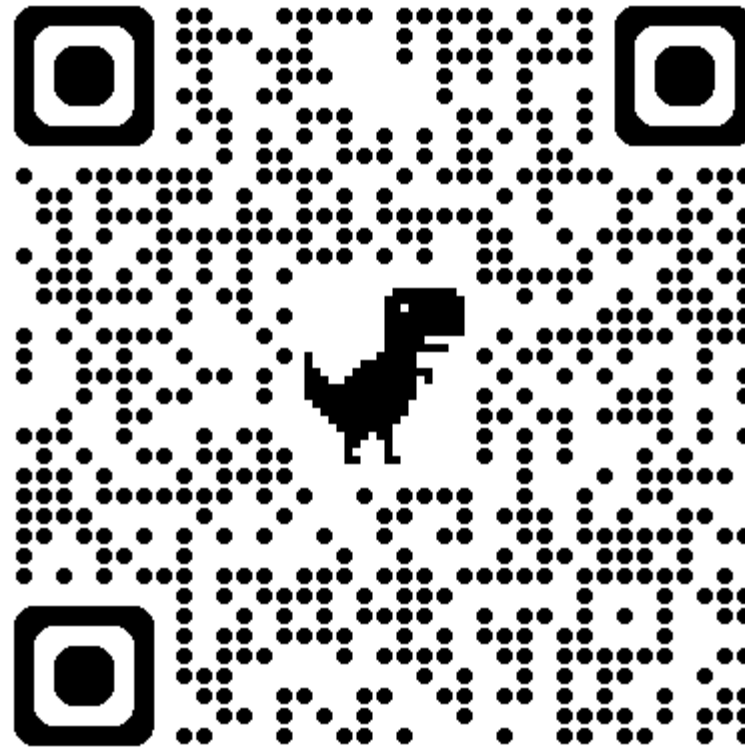
# NBYA Fall/Challenge Cup Details

- August 29<sup>th</sup>
- Host Club is Bristol Yacht Club
- \$40 entry fee
- Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions
- Team racing-Each Club enters 3 yachts
  - Swanson Cup for Spinnaker Class
  - Bay Cup for Non-Spinnaker Class



# NBYA Fall/Challenge Cup


- Register today!





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FEBRUARY 2026



## PHRF OF NARRAGANSETT BAY

# GUIDE FOR YACHT CLUBS AND RACE COMMITTEES

- **Purpose:** To provide basic information to assist Yacht clubs and Race committees organize and run regattas using PHRF-NB
- **Background:** PHRF-NB rates about 400 boats, making it one of the larger PHRF fleets in the United States. Our jurisdiction covers boats sailing in and around coastal Narragansett Bay as well as the open waters off Rhode Island and Block Island Sound. We operate independently from the Narragansett Bay Yacht Association and the New England and Long Island Sound PHRF groups. This independence, which is common throughout the country, is not without its challenges, but it has allowed us to develop a flexible rating system that accommodates more boats, over a longer period, than any other rating approach.
- **PHRF Rating Committee Make-up:** The PHRF-NB rating committee is responsible for all decisions about boat ratings and appeals. Led by the Rating Chairman, every committee member has an equal vote. We strive for diversity by including members from various regions of the Bay, yacht clubs, and professional backgrounds. If you believe your yacht club or area is underrepresented, please contact the PHRF office to discuss the possibility of adding new committee members.
- **Rules/Procedures/Rating List:** “Principles of Narragansett Bay”, our Rating Procedures, By Laws, Notes to Appellants, Standard Adjustment Guidelines, latest Boat Ratings List, others comments, and results of appeals are all posted on our Web site < <https://www.phrf-nb.org/>>.

**How to Handle Ratings:** The Rating Application for renewals and new ratings opens on our website in mid March.

**Crew Weight Limitations:** PHRF does not restrict the number/weight of crew on any particular boat type....

**Class splits/Sport Boats:** Classes with rating spreads of 30 sec/mile or less are considered optimum....

**Major Regatta and General support:** For a major regatta, the race notice should specifically state that current PHRF-NB ratings are required,

**SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS** It is strongly recommended that organizations holding regattas in “Navigable Waters” heed the US Coast Guard’s ...  
<https://www.regulations.gov/document/USCG-2020-0316-0004>

**Requested Race Results Data Format:**

## PHRF-NB Requested Results Data Format

### Header

Organizing Authority

Event name

Start Date

### Division Header

Division (Spinnaker, Cruising, DH, + group)

Rating type used for scoring (ToD or ToT [with A & B values] or Pursuit)

Race number

Course length (nm)

Course configuration (W/L, circular random, point-to-point)

Wind speed (average, knots )

Course axis (Cardinal azimuth – optional)

Wind direction (average, true – optional)

Sea state (average wave height, feet – optional) .....

### Race Results

Sail number

Boat Name

Boat Type / Class name

Owner/skipper

PHRF rating

PHRF Adjustments: Youth, Family, Burden of Winning (BOW) - optional

Start time (hh:mm:ss - required)

Finish time (hh:mm:ss – required)

Elapsed time (hh:mm:ss – optional)

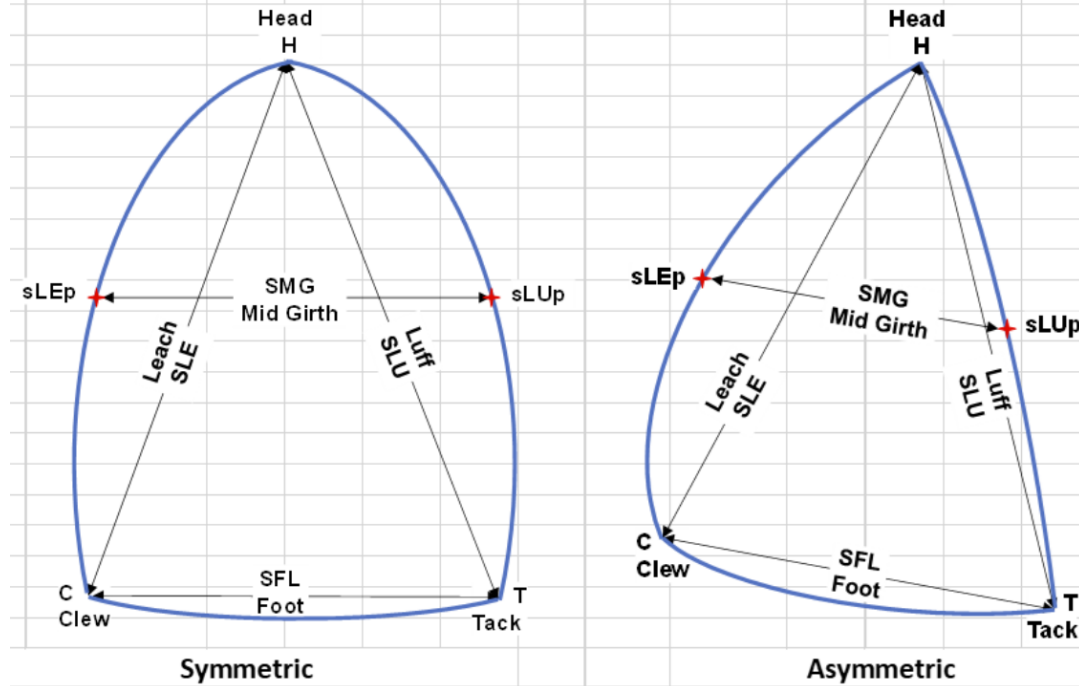
Corrected time as scored (hh:mm:ss – optional)



## Spinnaker

Mid Girth shall be greater than 75% of the foot length.

ORC video on youtube >>>> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GL6UHyQHW0M>



### How to Measure:

Measure the distance from the Head to the Clew. This is **SLE**

Measure the distance from the Head to the Tack. This is **SLU**

Measure the distance from the Clew to the Tack. This is **SFL**

Fold H over C to obtain half leech point (**sLEp**)

Fold H over T to obtain half luff point (**sLUUp**)

Measure distance between sLEp and sLUUp to obtain the **Mid Girth (SMG)**



### Correction Methods for Races

Regatta RC supports all common Handicapping Systems, as well as Multi-Handicap Systems for an event, including single scored, dual scored, triple scored...

| Method                   | Type            | Accuracy    | Used by             |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| <b>Time-on-Distance*</b> | Simple handicap | Low         | PHRF                |
| <b>Time-on-Time*</b>     | Factor handicap | Medium      | PHRF, IRC, ORR, ORC |
| <b>Triple Number*</b>    | Wind-dependent  | Medium-High | ORC                 |
| <b>5-Band*</b>           | Wind-dependent  | High        | ORC                 |
| <b>PCS*</b>              | Full VPP        | Very High   | ORC Worlds          |
| <b>Portsmouth*</b>       | Yardstick       | Medium      | Dinghies            |
| <b>ORR VPP*</b>          | Full model      | Very High   | US Offshore         |

\* Available for 2026 Season

\* Available for 2027 Season

### Scoring Systems for Series

Regatta RC supports all common Series Scoring Systems...

| System              | Type                     | Winner         |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Low Point*</b>   | Modern Standard          | Lowest points  |
| <b>High Point*</b>  | Historical               | Highest points |
| <b>Cox-Sprague*</b> | Offshore historical      | Highest score  |
| <b>Bonus Point*</b> | Modified low point       | Lowest         |
| <b>Olympic*</b>     | Modified low point       | Lowest         |
| <b>Average*</b>     | Points Adjustment method | Lowest         |
| <b>Percentage*</b>  | Normalized scoring       | Highest        |
| <b>Medal*</b>       | Race Weighted final race | Lowest         |

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