## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAILORS PARTICIPATING IN ECSA OFFSHORE RACING CIRCUIT

- 1. Annual membership in ECSA is required to enter the Offshore Racing Circuit.
- PHRF Rating Certificates shall be updated annually. PHRF and Membership can be completed on the ECSA website at <u>www.ECSA.net</u>. See the PHRF section of this yearbook for details on obtaining a PHRF rating.
- Membership in ECSA ORC also requires US Sailing membership. All racing sailors are strongly
  urged to be members of US Sailing, the National Authority that guides and protects our sport.
  ECSA trophies will not be awarded to non-members of US Sailing.
- 4. Read the following circuit regulations carefully. Violation of the regulations may void your score.
- Check the appropriate boxes on the membership form for Spinnaker or Non Spinnaker. Six races are required to qualify for the circuit in spinnaker class. Five races to qualify for Non Spinnaker division. Non-Spinnaker boats are not scored in the circuit overall.

## When entering races:

- 6. Fill out the race entry form completely (provided in this book) and attach your PHRF certificate copy. If you are entering Non-spinnaker, indicate so on each race entry form.
- 7. Enclose a check for the correct amount made out to the sponsoring club.
- 8. Enter early. A deluge of entries on closing day is hard on the Race Committee.
- 9. A copy of your current ECSA-PHRF certificate MUST accompany each entry.
- 10. Respect the fact that you are a guest of the host yacht club. Know the rules and race fair. Ensure the proper conduct of your crew on the course and at the shore events. Show your appreciation to the Race Committees - they work very hard and deserve recognition.
- 11. Races will be scored only when your current PHRF certificate is recorded with the Chief Handicapper.

## NATIONAL OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP

## US OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE LLOYD PHOENIX TROPHY

(New scoring and eligibility procedure outlined below)

The U.S. Offshore Championship for the Lloyd Phoenix Trophy is a fleet racing competition with teams representing each of the US Sailing areas plus one team from the U.S. Naval Academy. ECSA is a member of Area B. This regatta is currently sailed every other year. The next championship will be held late in 2019, in Annapolis, Maryland in Navy 44 MKIIs. All entrants (skipper & crew) must be current members of US Sailing.

Application is by resume to US Sailing. ECSA will endorse and support the resume of the top scoring overall boat in the circuit based on RACES FROM ALL OF THE 2018 SEASON PLUS EARLY RACES FROM THE 2019 SEASON (exact cutoff date TBD prior to the start of the 2019 season).

Scoring and throw outs are per circuit procedure with the best six races scored from 2018 and early 2019. Bonus points do apply to these calculations. Non-Spinnaker boats are ineligible. Please consult <a href="https://www.ecsa.net">www.ecsa.net</a> for the latest updates. For further information on the Offshore Championship visit <a href="https://www.ussailing.org">www.ussailing.org</a>.