

**“Out For Fun” Class Addition to DRYA Regattas  
2026 Racing Season  
Out For Fun Class - AKA Other Boats Handicapped Class (OFF)**

**1. Purpose and Objectives**

**1.1** The purpose of this class is to promote fun, competitive, fair, and accessible sailboat racing within mixed-fleet regattas.

**1.2** The class is intended for small boats and for crews desiring a less competitive point-to-point regatta scored using established handicapping systems. It can be entered with short-handed or full crews, and may offer shorter courses, which will be up to the OA.

**1.3** The class shall emphasize:

- Inclusive participation across a wide range of boat types
- Inclusive participation with small boats
- Making every race “Fun” for the skipper and crew
- Tactical and efficient racing

**2. Class Definition**

**2.1** The class shall be known as the Out For Fun Handicap Class (OFF).

**2.2** Boats shall compete as a single scored class, regardless of hull type or sail configuration, subject to rating compliance.

**2.3** The class shall be recognized and scored separately.

**3. Eligibility**

**3.1 Eligible boats**

- All boats registered for the DRYA 2026 Counter Series
- Invited boats
- Multi-hulled boats are not eligible.
- Boats must comply with all applicable safety and equipment requirements of the event.

**3.2 Crew Requirements**

- Each boat may have any number of crew members when racing.
- All crew members who started must be on board at all times.
- If boats racing in this fleet have 2 or less crew members, all crew must wear a US Coast Guard-approved life jacket while racing.

### **3.3 Rating Eligibility**

- Each boat must hold a rating in MWPHRF
- The rating certificate must be valid for the regatta year.

## **4. Scoring**

### **4.1 Scoring Method**

- All boats in the class shall be scored together using corrected time based on the boat's MHPHRF assigned handicap.
- Scoring shall use Time-on-Time (TOT), as specified in the NOR.

### **4.2 Series Scoring**

- For boats registered in another class, there will be no series scoring for the OFF class. Counter Series boats competing in OFF for a race may count only one race in OFF towards their overall participation for the purpose of meeting the minimum number of regattas for season qualification. The results of their OFF race will not count toward their overall Counter Series score.
- For boats that register to this class for the season, there will be a season award for qualifying boats.

## **5. Sail and Equipment Rules**

### **5.1 Sail Configuration**

- Boats may use sails allowed by their rating certificate.
- Boats rated as non-spinnaker shall not use spinnakers.
- Headsails and spinnakers may be furled or stowed, but must comply with rating declarations.
- The use of autopilots for steering is allowed for single-handed or double-handed boats only.

### **5.2 Propulsion**

- Engines may be used only for safety or emergency purposes and in accordance with the RRS.

## **6. Course Types**

**6.1** The class may compete on Point-to-point courses only.

**6.2** The DRYA or OA shall specify course types and distances in the DRYA NOR, SI, or SSI.

## **7. Safety Requirements**

**7.1** All boats shall comply with the safety requirements specified in the NOR.

**7.2** Each crew is responsible for ensuring their boat is seaworthy and properly equipped.

## **8. Class Registration**

**8.1** A boat may register for the OFF class at the beginning of the season and race in all races in that class.

**8.2** All 2026 DRYA 2026 Counter Series registered boats assigned to another class may enter the DHC class on the day of the regatta by calling into the RC boat via VHF Channel 72 at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the race. If possible, DRYA Registered boats should register for a regatta by email to [TheDRYA@gmail.com](mailto:TheDRYA@gmail.com) by 5 pm on the day before the regatta.

## **9. Awards**

**9.1** For boats that register to this class for the season, there will be a season award for the top three boats for the Counter Series.

## **10. Class Flag**

**10.1** The class flag will be International Signal Flag F.

