



2025 Housatonic Boat Club Invitational
Saturday, September 6, 2025
Notice of Race (NoR)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
1.2 The rules of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (www.ecsa.net) apply: *2025 PHRF of Eastern Connecticut* and *2025 Offshore Racing Circuit Regulations*.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 on Friday, September 5, 2025 at *Regatta Network* (www.regattanetwork.com). Copies will also be available on the Race Committee boat.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official online notice board is located at www.regattanetwork.com.
3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 68.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid 2025 PHRF-ECSA certificate. Eligible boats must have self-bailing cockpits, fixed berths, galley facilities, and be self-supporting for a weekend cruise.
4.2 Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes will be offered based on sufficient entries. Class assignments will be determined by the Race Committee based on PHRF-ECSA class designation and rating.
4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com.
4.4 To be considered an entry, a boat must complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by Friday, September 5, 2025, at 1700.
4.5 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry Fee: \$50 per boat, \$45 fee for *US Sailing* members, payable by check to *Housatonic Boat Club, Inc.* or pay with credit card via *Regatta Network*.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1200 on Saturday, September 6, 2025.
6.2 More than one race may be sailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 The race location is approximately 2 nm southeast of the Housatonic River Breakwater Light 2A.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Course types: Windward/Leeward or Government Marks (determined by the Race Committee). Course descriptions will be available on the Race Committee boat before the start, on the *HBC website*, and on *Regatta Network*.

9. RISK STATEMENT

- 9.1 *RRS 3 states*: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating, competitors acknowledge the inherent risks of sailing, including but not limited to strong winds and rough seas, sudden weather changes, equipment failure, handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, fatigue leading to increased risk of injury, and the potential for serious injury or death due to drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

10. INSURANCE

- 10.1 Each participating boat must carry valid third-party liability insurance. It is the sole responsibility of the boat owner or representative to ensure adequate coverage before participation.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded on the *HBC deck* at the post-race party following the race. There is no charge for the party.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1 Limited mooring space may be available at *HBC* for arrivals on Friday, September 5, 2025. Check with the *HBC Launch Driver* for availability at (203) 377-9195.
12.2 For additional information, contact: **Lee Henchman**, lhenchman@gmail.com, (203) 668-5940.