



## THAMES YACHT CLUB

### NOTICE OF RACE

## 2025 FORCE 5 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

*Hosted by the Thames Yacht Club & Fleet 32  
396 Pequot Ave New London, Ct 06320  
AUGUST 14,15,16, 2025*

### NOTICE OF RACE

- ELIGIBILITY:** *Regatta is open to all members of the FFCA in good standing at time of event.*
- RULES:** *The North American Championship will be governed by the rules as defined by "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028" including US Sailing prescriptions and the Class rules of the FFCA except those that may be modified by the Sailing Instructions.*
- REGISTRATION & FEE**  
*US Sailing members: \$150 /Non-members \$165  
Late fee after July 15,2025: \$165 / \$180  
Registration includes: Sailing activities and supervision. Continental Breakfast (2) days, Lunch (3) days, Friday night dinner @ Lighthouse Inn, Pizza Thursday after racing, & Cookout after completion of racing on Saturday. Regatta T-shirts and Awards....  
Link to register on Regatta Network:: [Force 5 NA Registration on Regatta Network..](#)  
Advance registration online is appreciated. Payment via credit card, check, or at TYC when you arrive.*

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE 2025 FORCE 5 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

- Aug 13 (Wed) Beach will be open for off-loading boats / dollies / rigging. Trailer parking instructions will be provided at that time. No racing.*
- Aug 14 (Thurs) WELCOME / REGISTRATION / RIGGING  
0900-1030 Registration /Brunch / Rigging  
1030 MANDATORY SKIPPERS MEEETING  
1100 Harbor start to race area/ towing available if necessary.  
1200 First warning for race #1. As many races as possible weather permitting, no race to be started after 1600 hrs.  
Pizza & refreshments after beaching...results posted.*
- Aug 15 (Fri) FULL DAY OF RACING  
0830-0945: Continental breakfast and "lunch making"  
1000: Harbor start to race area  
1100: First warning...lunch break after (2) races on water /No races to be started after 1600 hrs.  
1830: Cocktail hour w/ appetizers @ Lighthouse Inn located 1 mile south of TYC on Guthrie Place.  
19:30 Dinner at Lighthouse Inn  
Class meeting (abbreviated) if necessary.*
- \*Aug 16 (Sat) FINAL DAY OF RACING and AWARDS  
0800-0900: Continental breakfast  
0930: Harbor start to race area  
1000: First warning...no races to be started after 1400  
1530 cookout followed by awards @1630*

***The Thames Yacht Club & members of Force 5 Fleet #32 look forward to a Safe/Fun/& Competitive Regatta to be sailed in the easternmost waters of the Long Island Sound & Fishers Island Sound, which should prove to be challenging and manageable for all competitors.***

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, LOCAL LODGING INFO, REGATTA NETWORK REGISTRATION WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE FFCA and Regatta Network SITE.**

**TYC FLEET #32 North American Championship COMMITTEE CONTACT INFO:**

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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be posted on the TYC web site Race Page no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**COURSES:** Courses will be determined by the Race Committee each race date, and will be displayed on the race committee vessel "Queen Merry". Marks are as stipulated on the Course Marks and Symbols Chart. Special Marks will be stipulated in the Sailing Instructions. The finish line shall be the same as the starting line unless the course is shortened or otherwise stipulated by the race committee when courses are determined.

**SCORING:** The High-Point Percentage Scoring System will be used in accordance with RRS Appendix A. For each race, the skipper will receive points equal to the number of boats beaten plus 1. To qualify for the series, a skipper must compete in at least 75% of the races in the series. The series percentage score will be calculated as the points earned divided by the total possible points for the races scored. Scoring may be modified at the discretion of a majority of the eligible Fleet 32 entered participants.

**PRIZES:** Series trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boats, **and for the combined Spring and Summer Series**???. Individual race results will be announced at the Clubhouse after each race. Trophies will be awarded at Skippers' Night.

**RACE COMMITTEE DUTY:** Each boat in the Series will volunteer to staff the Race Committee (RC) for at least one date during either the Spring or Summer Series. The skipper of record for the boat will report to the Rear Commodore or his representative no later than one hour before the first warning for RC duty. The boat assigned to RC will not participate in that race date but will be scored an average of its other series points for that race date.

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate entirely at their own risk; see Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.