



75th COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE
THAMES YACHT CLUB, INC.
NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1.0 RULES

- 1.1** The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of participating classes, the Notice of Race and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2** US SAILING sail numbers of Rule 77 and Appendix G are not required.
- 1.3** Non-Spinnaker boats shall sail without spinnakers and are limited to one headsail at any one time.

2.0 CLASS FLAGS — Class flags are as shown below. Note that class flags may be used to designate classes affected by signals displayed by the Race Committee, in accordance with Race Signals.

Ensign	Class Pennant		S1	Hotel	
C2	Golf		S2	Oscar	
C1	Whiskey				

3.0 START/FINISH - Starting and finishing lines will be established in the vicinity of Vixen Ledge.

4.0 THE COURSE

- 4.1** The course will be designated using a horizontal row of mark symbols, reading from left to right, indicating the marks in the order to be rounded or passed. A circled mark symbol indicates the mark is to be left to STARBOARD, while an un-circled mark symbol indicates the mark is to be left to PORT. The last leg of the course is from the mark represented by the last mark symbol posted to the finish as specified in SI 8.1
- 4.2** Different courses may be utilized for each class. If this is the case, the class designation(s) will be displayed on either the line above or to the left of the course.

5.0 MARKS - Mark "A" is the starting/finishing mark and is an orange inflatable buoy. Other available marks are as follows:

- B Red Nun "4" south of Bartlett Reef
- C Green Can "7" at Cormorant Rock off Ocean Beach
- D Mark "D" is an orange or yellow inflatable buoy located at approximately N 4116.400 and W 7202.450
- E Red Whistle Mo A at Silver Eel
- F Mark "F" is a yellow inflatable buoy located approximately 100 yards to windward of the starting line.
- I Green and Red Buoy "DIR" at Intrepid Rock
- L Green Gong "3" northeast of Latimer Light
- N Red Nun "2BL" southeast of Ledge Light
- S Green and Red Can "SL" at Sarah's Ledge
- V Red Nun "28VL" at Vixen Ledge
- Y Red Channel Marker "2" south of Ledge Light
- X Red Bell "2" north of North Hill, FI
- W Mark "W" is an orange or yellow inflatable buoy; its approximate magnetic bearing and distance from the starting line will be displayed on the Committee Boat

6.0 STARTING SEQUENCE AND SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The race will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. Rolling starts are intended. The intended starting order is as classes are listed in the Scratch Sheet. Any revisions to this order will be announced by the Race Committee via VHF and will be as shown on the course board.
- 6.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and Mark "A" at the port end.
- 6.3 Boats who's **Warning Signal has NOT been made shall keep clear** of the starting area and of all boats who's Warning Signal has been made.
- 6.4 An inflatable buoy may be tied to or anchored off the stern of the Committee Boat. Boats starting/finishing shall not pass between it and the Committee Boat.
- 6.5 The first warning will be at 11:55.

7.0 RECALLS

- 7.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1. The following shall not be grounds for redress (this changes RRS 62.1): failure of a boat to hear the hail; a boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers; promptness of the hail.
- 7.2 General recall signals and procedures will be as specified in Rule 29.2. The class recalled will be the next class to start. Normal starting sequence shall then resume.

8.0 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The Finish Line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the finish mark. Boats shall finish between the committee boat and the finish mark regardless of which side the buoy is on.
- 8.2 After finishing, boats may anchor off at Thames Yacht Club. Launch service will be available.

9.0 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all boats to finish is 1700. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

10.0 PROTESTS

- 10.1 A boat intending to protest or acknowledge an infringement shall notify the Race Committee promptly after finishing. Written protests shall be submitted to a Club official at the Clubhouse prior to the time the Committee Boat docks.
- 10.2 Notices of protests will be posted adjacent to the telephone on the main floor of the Clubhouse. It is intended that protests be heard as soon as feasible after the race. Failure of either party to appear may result in a judgment against the absentee.

- 11.0 **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS** -VHF-FM Channel 72 will be used for radio communications with the Race Committee. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and all other portable devices. Monitor/use CH 13 or 16 in the event of any conflict with the New London ferries.

- 12.0 **PRIZES** - First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each class with at least seven entrants. Prizes will be awarded at the Post-Race Party to be held at Thames Yacht Club at the conclusion of racing. First place trophies will also be awarded for each class for the Pre-Soundings Cup Series for those who also participated in the June 3rd Early Bird Regatta sponsored by Niantic Bay Yacht Club.

The Post-Race Party ***will not begin before 1630.***

13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY –

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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. The legal age for drinking alcohol in CT is 21. The Master/Captain of each vessel is responsible for the actions of their crew.