



THAMES YACHT CLUB, INC.

396 PEQUOT AVE. NEW LONDON, CT 06320

78th COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



Notice of Race

1. **RULES** – The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, rules of the PHRF Fleet of Eastern Connecticut and the rules of participating one-design classes. Time-on-time handicapping will be used.
2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY** – The regatta is open to all racing and cruising handicap boats and to certain one-design classes of at least five (5) entrants. Entries will be accepted and assigned to classes at the discretion of the Race Committee. At least one non-spinnaker class will be included. A shorthanded class (single or double) will be offered if 3 or more boats register and start. If fewer than 3 show up to start, those boats that registered will be placed in the appropriate non-spinnaker class. A current PHRF certificate is required.
3. **FEES** – The entry fee for the regatta is \$50.00 per boat (deduct \$5 for US Sailing members). Pre-paid shore party tickets are \$20 each (\$25 at the door).
4. **SCHEDULE** – The first warning will be at 11:55.
5. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – SI's will be available at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30785BD>-no later than 1600 on Friday Sept. 11th
6. **COURSES** – Courses will be displayed on the Committee Boat. Marks to be used will be listed in the Sailing Instructions. Starting and finishing lines will be established in the vicinity of Vixen Ledge Buoy (28VL). A random leg course is planned.
7. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS** – VHF-FM channel 72 will be used for communication between the Race Committee and competing boats. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and other portable electronic devices.
8. **PRIZES** – Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in each class with at least 7 entrants. Presentation will be at the post-race awards party at the Thames Yacht Club.
9. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, 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. Competitors are strongly encouraged to comply with US Sailing's Safety Equipment Requirements for "Nearshore" events.
(<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>)
10. **GUEST MOORINGS** – A limited number of guest moorings and slips are available as a courtesy for the event, and at a discounted rate for boats staying for Off Soundings. Contact Moorings@thamesyc.org for details and reservations.
11. **ENTRIES** – Entries close Wednesday Sept. 9th, at 2100.

Register at

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30785BD>

The Commodore's Trophy Race is the final leg of the two race Pre-Soundings Cup series for those who began with the Early Bird Regatta sponsored by Niantic Bay Yacht Club. Series scoring will utilize the ECSA scoring matrix.