

# Thames Yacht Club Shorthanded Challenge



**July 12, 2026**

## Notice of Race

<b>Entry Due:</b>	Noon Friday - July 11, 2026 <b>Entry Fee:</b> \$25 (deduct \$5 for US Sailing members)
<b>Registration:</b>	Submit entry on Regatta Network: <b>LINK??</b> .
<b>Contact:</b>	David Knecht ( <a href="mailto:davidaknecht@gmail.com">davidaknecht@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Rules:</b>	The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the rules of the ECSA PHRF fleet.
<b>Sailing Instructions</b>	Sailing Instructions and course information will be available no later than 1600 on Saturday, July 11, 2026 on Regatta Network.
<b>Amendments to RRS:</b>	Boats may communicate with the Race Committee and each other via VHF radio VHF 72. Conversation shall be limited to safety advice and welfare checks. This modifies RRS 41. Power assisted autopilots and winches may be used. This changes RRS 52. Start sequence and conditions will modify RRS 26.
<b>Guest Moorings</b>	A limited number of guest moorings and slips are available as a courtesy for the event. Contact <a href="mailto:moorings@thamesyc.org">moorings@thamesyc.org</a> or <a href="mailto:racing@thamesyc.org">racing@thamesyc.org</a> for details and reservations.
<b>Eligibility and classes</b>	The race is open to boats crewed by one or two individuals. Boats sailing in any of the classes shall have a current ECSA or equivalent PHRF rating certificate. There may be spinnaker and non-spinnaker; single and double-handed classes depending on entries.

<b>Skippers Meeting</b>	A skipper's meeting is planned for 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 11, 2026 on Zoom. Zoom meeting information will be available on Regatta Network. This meeting is not mandatory.
<b>Radio</b>	Boats should monitor VHF 72 for courtesy communications from the Race Committee and participants and VHF 16 during the race. Additionally, VHF 13 for shipping traffic as needed.
<b>Start/Finish Area</b>	Boats will rendezvous off TYC at the Queen Merry (floating platform east of TYC in the Thames River. The race will start and finish between an orange flag on the Queen Merry and an orange inflatable mark anchored east of the Queen Merry.
<b>Courses</b>	Courses will be displayed on the Queen Merry. Marks to be used will be listed in the Sailing Instructions.
<b>Signals</b>	A starting time window will be employed. The RC will signal a 5 minute countdown starting at 10:30 AM with the starting signal at 10:35. Boats can start any time between 10:35 and 10:50 AM with the start time for each yacht being recorded by the RC. All classes will start in that time window.
<b>Scoring</b>	Handicap scoring is Time-on-Time (ToT) using PHRF ratings and the following formula: Corrected time = (elapsed time) x (time correction factor, TCF) $TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF\ CR\ rating)$
<b>Awards</b>	Trophies will be awarded at TYC after the race
<b>Disclaimer of Liability</b>	By participation or entry into the race each boat owner/skipper agrees to abide by the RRS and the ECSA Sailing Instructions for the race. In consideration of being permitted to enter the race, being knowledgeable of the risks of competition sailing, and knowing that it is their sole responsibility to decide whether to enter and continue the race, each boat owner/skipper voluntarily assumes the risks of participation in the race and releases TYC and the people conducting the race from all liability in connection with any injury or damage that may occur.
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