53rd FRANCIS T. BRADBURY MEMORIAL LONG DISTANCE RACE

JULY 5th, 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

1) **Rules** - The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, US Sailing prescriptions, rules of the PHRF of Eastern Connecticut, and the rules of participating one-design classes.
2) **Advertising** - Advertising will be restricted to Category A.
3) **Eligibility and Entry** - The race is open to all racing and cruising handicap boats and to certain one-design classes with a minimum of three entrants. Entries will be accepted and assigned to classes at the discretion of the Race Committee. A copy of a 2014 PHRF certificate (whether from ECSA or from the Thames Yacht Club) must accompany the entry form. Boats without an established rating will be assigned one. Entries close July 5th at 0900. **Skippers of record need not be a member of Thames Yacht Club.**
4) **Schedule** - The first warning will be at 1030. One race of 12–15 NM in length is scheduled. The starting sequence of RRS 26 will be used.
5) **Courses** - Courses will be determined by the race committee and posted on the Queen Merry course board. Marks will be as stipulated on the Course Marks and Symbols Chart. Special marks will be as stipulated in the Sailing Instructions.
6) **Sailing Instructions** - Sailing Instructions and Scratch sheets will be available at a Skipper's Meeting to be held at 0900, and from the Queen Merry prior to the First Warning.
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 communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and other portable devices such as "blackberry's."
8) **Scoring** - Overall results will be determined by corrected times in PHRF classes, and by finish position in one design classes. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each class with a minimum of five entrants. Race results will be announced at the Clubhouse after the race. Prizes will be awarded at the Thames Yacht Club Skipper's night on Saturday November 1, 2014.
9) **Entry Fee** - $30 per boat. Deduct $5.00 if skipper is a member of US Sailing Association.
10) **Entries Close** - 0900 Saturday July 5, 2014
11) **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.

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