



## THAMES YACHT CLUB

### 2020 THURSDAY NIGHT FORCE-5 SERIES NOTICE OF RACE

**Spring: May 28- July 16**  
**Summer: July 23- Aug 27**

- 1) **RULES:** Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, and the rules of the Force 5 class.
- 2) **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** Entries close July 1<sup>h</sup> for the Spring Series and August 8<sup>th</sup> for the Summer Series. Skippers of record need not be a member of the Thames Yacht Club.
- 3) **FEES:** **\$65.00** per boat, payable to Thames Yacht Club, Inc. for the entire series, or; **\$40.00** for either the Spring or Summer series. Deduct \$5.00 if skipper is a member of US Sailing. US Sailing number must be provided. Fees should be paid through the PayPal link on the TYC racing web page.
- 4) **SCHEDULE:** First Warning at **1800 each race date**.- Spring race dates are every Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>. Summer race dates are every Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 5) **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** *Sailing Instructions and initial Scratch Sheets will be posted on the Race Information Bulletin Board and the TYC web site Race Page no later than May 30<sup>th</sup>.*
- 6) **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.
- 7) **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.
- 8) **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.
- 9) **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 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.-
- 10) **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.