

**59<sup>th</sup>? Annual Francis T. Bradbury  
Memorial Long Distance Pursuit Race  
July 4th, 2021**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES:**

- 1.1. The race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, rules of the PHRF of Eastern Connecticut and the rules of participating one-design classes.
- 1.2. Rules of the road provide commercial traffic with the right of way in a restricted channel. **Failure of a racing boat to keep clear, whether intentional or not, will result in disqualification.**
- 1.3. Time-on-Distance handicapping will be used for PHRF classes.
- 1.4. US Sailing sail numbers of rule 77 and appendix G are not required.
- 1.5. There will be one class.
- 1.6. The Start will be a reverse start with the boat with the highest PHRF handicap starting first and each additional boat starting based on their PHRF from highest to smallest. Starting times will be given sent to competitors.

**2. ENTRIES:**

- 2.1. Entries will be accepted or rejected and assigned to classes at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC). Skippers of record must be members of the Thames Yacht Club.
- 2.2. Class assignment and handicaps will be based on the PHRF of Eastern Connecticut. At the discretion of the RC a handicap will be assigned to a boat without an established rating.

**3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Racing Information bulletin board prior to 0930 if the first Warning Signal is not delayed.

**4. SCHEDULE OF RACES & THE START:**

- 4.1. The first start will be at 10:30AM.
- 4.2. One race of 7 NM in length is scheduled.
- 4.3. Boats who're more than 5 minutes from starting shall keep clear of the starting area. **Failure to comply may result in disqualification.**

**5. COURSE:**

- 5.1. The course will be **YV** all marks to port That means you pass  
Y Red outer harbor channel marker R2  
V- Red nun buoy 26VL at Vixens Ledge  
then back to starting/finishing line

**Record the time of day when you cross the finish line and if possible, text it to Dave Knecht at 860-465-7618**

**6. FINISH:**

- 6.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Queen Merry and a finishing mark east of the Queen Merry, unless the course is shortened.
- 6.2. Boats unable to finish are instructed to notify the RC before retiring from the race course on VHF 72.

**9. TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for each class to finish is 1530, Any boat not finishing within this time will be scored DNF.

**10. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 10.1. VHF-FM Channel 72 will be used for communication between the race committee and competing boats.

**11. PROTESTS:**

- 11.1. A boat intending to protest shall follow Rule 61.1. A written protest shall be delivered to a race official at the clubhouse within one hour after the RC comes ashore.
- 11.2. Notices of protest hearings will be posted on the Racing Information bulletin board. It is intended that any protest be heard as soon as feasible after the day's racing. Failure of either party to appear may result in a judgment against the absentee.

**12. SCORING:**

- 12.1 The race will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS, using the Low-Point Scoring System. Rule A9

also applies.

13. **AWARDS:**

13.1. Race results will be announced at the Clubhouse after the race is completed.

13.2. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boats in each class with at least five (5) entrants. Trophies will be awarded at Skippers' Night, at the TYC clubhouse on a November 11..

14. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

14.1. 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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## Order of Start based on 7 mile course

Table 1

	Start After this time
Triton	10:30 AM
Friend Ship	10:30 AM
Dory	11:30 AM
Namaste	10:41 AM
Pingha	10:42 AM
Making Waves	10:43 AM
Midnight Rider	10:43 AM
Two Hours	10:44 AM
Blue Note	10:44 AM
Ticker	10:49 AM
Ghost	10:50 AM
Aries	10:52 AM
Bagatelle	10:52 AM