



ESSEX YACHT CLUB

The Essex Rum Challenge

Saturday July 23, 2022

Organizing Authority (OA): Essex YC

Notice of Race

Gosling's Rums
BERMUDA SINCE 1806

- Rules** The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. The Essex Yacht Club strongly recommends that entrants comply with the *US Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Races* available at www.ussailing.org or at www.yachtscoring.com.
- Eligibility** The regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2022 ECSA PHRF or NEMA Rating Certificate.
- Classes** There will be spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. A service academy, a double-handed, and a multi-hull class will be offered if there are sufficient entries.
- Entries** **Entries must be made on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com**, and received by 1200, Friday July 22, 2022. The entry fee is \$40 per yacht (\$35 if member of USSA), however, **entries before July 1st, 2022 will be \$30**. Late entries (after July 20, 2022) shall be subject to a late entry fee of \$20. Clubs are encouraged to enter at least three boats to better compete for the Rum Challenge Club Trophy. PHRF entrants must have a 2022 ECSA PHRF certificate posted on the ECSA website at www.ecsa.net/PHRF/PHRFLookup. On request, the OA will assign a PHRF rating for this regatta for any entries from outside the ECSA area who provide a current rating certificate from their regional PHRF authority. Multi-hull must have a valid NEMA certificate.
- Schedule** The First Warning will be at 1200 hours. The Race Committee may decide to sail two races.
- Courses** The starting area will be approximately ¼ mile west of the Old Saybrook Outer Light. Courses will be windward-leeward with drop marks, point-to-point around government marks or a combination of both based on weather and tide conditions.
- Sailing Instructions** Sailing Instructions and scratch sheets will be available at the event website at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15009> and at the Skipper's Meeting held at Essex Yacht Club 1800 Friday July 22, 2022. The skipper's package, including Goslings' hats, party tickets, and the program will be available at the Skipper's Meeting and at the awards party. Race documents will not be distributed on the water
- Scoring** Boats will be scored using PHRF Time on Time handicaps. Each boat's score for the regatta shall be the combined total of her race scores. This is an ECSA Regatta and is one of a five race series necessary to qualify for the Long Sand Shoal Cup.
- Risk Statement** The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- Prizes** Individual prizes will be awarded to the top-placed boats in each class
The **Essex Rum Challenge Club Trophy** will be awarded to the yacht club with the best combined class scores of any three yachts using the ECSA Offshore Circuit Scoring System Matrix.
- Awards Party** Prizes will be awarded at the awards party at Essex Yacht Club following the races. Party tickets are \$15 per person at entry or \$25 per person at the door. Essex Yacht Club will follow State current guidelines regarding outdoor gatherings.
- Moorings/Dockage** Free moorings and dock space are available at the Essex Yacht Club on a first come - first served basis. Call the EYC Waterfront Manager at (860) 581-4612 for details.