



**THAMES YACHT CLUB**  
**2023 Chili Series**  
**May 21- June 4**

- 1) **RULES:** Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, rules of the PHRF of Eastern Connecticut and the rules of participating one-design classes. Time-on-Time handicapping will be used for PHRF classes. This is a non-spinnaker event.
- 2) **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 3) **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** The series is open to all racing and cruising handicap boats and to certain one-design classes of at least three (3) entrants. Entries will be accepted and assigned to classes at the discretion of the race committee. All yachts should have a current PHRF certificate (whether from ECSA or from the Thames Yacht Club) on file.
- 4) **US SAILING MEMBERSHIP:** Membership in US Sailing is encouraged but not required. TYC members can join at a discounted rate through the ECSA MVP program at: [Join US Sailing](#)
- 5) **FEES:** \$30 per boat. Please use the entry form on the TYC Racing page at [2023-racing-registration](#) Deduct \$5.00 if skipper is a member of US Sailing Association. US Sailing number needs to be provided.
- 6) **SCHEDULE:** First warning at 1200 each day. Two to three races per day are scheduled. The starting sequence of RRS 26 will be used for PHRF classes and Ensigns. There will be a Series Skippers' Meeting at 10:00 AM on May 21 at the Thames Yacht Club.
- 7) **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS;** Sailing Instructions and initial Scratch Sheets will be available on the Club's web site ([www.thamesyc.org/racing/](http://www.thamesyc.org/racing/) ) no later than May 19, 2023.
- 8) **COURSES:** Courses will be determined by the Race Committee each day, 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. Starting line will be to the east of the "Queen Merry", off the TYC Clubhouse. The finish line shall be the same as the starting line unless the course is shortened.
- 9) **SCORING:** The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used. The completion of any four (4) races shall constitute the Series. When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 10) **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS;** All yachts are expected to monitor VHF-FM Channel 72 during races. The Race Committee will monitor ferry, Navy and commercial traffic and relay warnings

to racers to keep the channel clear for outgoing or incoming ships. 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.

- 11) **PRIZES; PERPETUAL AWARDS;** Trophies will be awarded at Skipper's Night and the number of places receiving trophies will be based upon the number of entries in each class, with up to three trophies per class. For Thames YC members, results will be consolidated with the Fall Chowder Series for combined awards.
  - a. Class A and B PHRF boats shall be eligible for the LeBeau Trophy
  - b. Ensigns shall be eligible for the Robert Raimondi Memorial Trophy
  
- 12) **RACE COMMITTEE DUTY;** Each boat in the Series will volunteer to staff the Race Committee (RC) for one race during either the Chili, Wednesday Night or Chowder Series. The skipper of record for the boat and at least two (2) regular crew members will report to the Rear Commodore or his representative no later than one hour before the first warning for RC duty. The boat assigned to RC will not participate in that race but will be scored an average of its other series points for that race. Failure to comply will result in that boat receiving points equal to the total number of boats entered in the series and that score will not be excluded from the series. **Boats participating in this series which have not signed up for a RC date by July 1st will be assigned a date.**
  
- 13) **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY;** Competitors participate entirely at their own risk; see Rule 3, 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.

Register on-line at: <https://thamesyc.org/2023-racing-registration/>