



**THAMES YACHT CLUB**  
**61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL**  
**FRANCIS T. BRADBURY MEMORIAL**  
**LONG DISTANCE PURSUIT RACE**  
**JULY 4th, 2023**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

- 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. For handicap yachts, the race will be in a Pursuit format with yachts starting at pre-determined times (slowest boats first) based upon their PHRF rating and Time on Distance. The order of finish will determine final placing.
- 2) **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 (3) entrants. Entries will be accepted and assigned to classes at the discretion of the Race Committee. A current 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 at 18:00 on the day before the event.
- 3) **Entry Fee:** \$25 per boat.
- 4) **Schedule:** The first warning will be at 1030. One race of 12–15 NM in length is scheduled.
- 5) **Sailing Instructions** will be available on the Club's web site ([Tyc 2023 racing](#)) no later than July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 6) **Courses:** Courses will be determined by the Race Committee, 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.
- 7) **Scoring:** Overall results will be determined by the order of finish. 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 Skipper's Night.
- 8) **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.
- 9) **Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boats in each class with at least five (5) entrants. Individual race results will be announced at the Clubhouse after the race. Trophies will be awarded at Skippers' Night.

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.

**Register on-line at: [2023 Racing Registration](#)**