



NOTICE OF RACE

THAMES YACHT CLUB 59th Annual OSCAR KERMAN SERIES August 9, 2025

- 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.
- 2) **US Sailing Membership:** Membership in US Sailing is encouraged but not required. You can join or renew your membership at a discounted rate through the [ECSA MVP program](#).
- 3) **Sailing Instructions:** Sailing Instructions will be available by August 8 on the TYC web site: <https://thamesyc.org/2025-oscar-kerman/>. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 4) **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. All yachts should have a current PHRF certificate (whether from ECSA or from the Thames Yacht Club) on file. Entries close at 0930 on the day of the event.
- 5) **Fees:** \$25 per boat. Please use the entry form on the TYC Racing page at [TYC Racing Registration](#). Deduct \$5.00 if skipper is a member of US Sailing Association. US Sailing number needs to be provided.
- 6) **Schedule:** The series will consist of two races. One in the morning, first warning at 1030, and one after lunch, first warning at 1400. A Skipper's Meeting will be held at the Thames Yacht Club at 0900.
- 7) **Starts:** The RRS 26 will be employed. Horn at 5...4.....1...0 minutes to start. Boats will have **ten minutes** from their starting signal to cross the starting line. All boats will have their elapsed time calculated from the time they cross the starting line to the time they cross the finishing line.
- 8) **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 or west 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:** Corrected times will be combined for overall finish places. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for combined results. Race results will be announced at the Clubhouse after the races. Prizes will be awarded at the Thames Yacht Club Skipper's Night.
- 10) **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.

- 11) **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.
- 12) **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. By entering this race, each participant agrees that 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: [TYC Racing Registration](#)