

**63rd Annual Francis T. Bradbury  
Memorial Long Distance Pursuit Race  
July 4th, 2025**

**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 with no spinnakers.**
- 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 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 and on the Racing Web Site 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 12-16 NM in length is scheduled.
- 4.3. Boats who are more than 5 minutes from starting shall keep clear of the starting area. **Failure to comply may result in disqualification.**
- 4.4. Boats will start any time after their designated start time listed below.
- 4.5. Once all boats have started, there will be no one monitoring the race from the Queen Merry.

**Course and Start times**

**P-I-S-N-C**-finish at Queen Merry 13.6 mi

<b>Triton</b>	Gabe Stern	<b>287</b>	0m 0s	<b>10:30:00 AM</b>
<b>Duet</b>	Greg Locke	<b>180</b>	00:24:15	<b>10:54:15 AM</b>
<b>Trilogy</b>	Josh Hazelwood	160	00:28:47	<b>10:58:47 AM</b>
<b>Aries</b>	David Knecht	129	00:35:49	<b>11:05:49 AM</b>
<b>Ghost</b>	Jim Goldman	<b>111</b>	00:39:54	<b>11:09:54 AM</b>
<b>Xcellent</b>	Eric O'Sullivan	70	00:49:11	<b>11:19:11 AM</b>

**5. START & FINISH:**

- 5.1. Starting line will be to the east or west of the "Queen Merry", off the TYC Clubhouse.

- 5.2. The finish line shall be the same as the starting line unless the course is shortened.
- 5.3. The Queen Merry will not be manned throughout the race, so each vessel should record its own time (when the helmsman crosses the line) and if possible the boat in front and behind and report that time to the Rear Commodore in person, by text or email (646-431-1499 or [racing@thamesyc.org](mailto:racing@thamesyc.org)).
- 5.4. Boats unable to finish are instructed to notify the RC before retiring from the race course on VHF 72 and by text to the Rear Commodore.

9. **TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for each class to finish is 16:00, Any boat not finishing within this time will be scored TLE.

**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 following the protesting boat's finish.
- 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 based on the order of finish.

**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. Trophies will be awarded at Skippers' Night, at the TYC clubhouse.

**14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

- 14.1. 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.

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