



THAMES YACHT CLUB
64th ANNUAL FRANCIS T. BRADBURY MEMORIAL
LONG DISTANCE PURSUIT RACE
JULY 4th, 2026

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. This is a non-spinnaker event. The order of finish will determine the 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. Boats without an established PHRF rating will be assigned one. Entries close at noon on the day before the event.
- 3) **Entry Fee:** \$25 per boat.
- 4) **Schedule:** The first start will be at 10:30 AM. One race of 12–16 NM in length is scheduled.
- 5) **Sailing Instructions:** will be available on the Club's web site ([2026 Bradbury race](#)) no later than July 3rd.
- 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 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.
- 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) **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: <https://thamesyc.org/2026-racing-registration/>