



**THAMES YACHT CLUB**  
**2026 Chili Series**  
**Sunday, May 17, Sunday, May 24, Sunday, May 31**

The Chili series will consist of races held each weekend as a warm up to the racing season. Each week, 3-4 short races will be run to allow people to work on starts and tune up the boat and crew.

- 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:** Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club's web site ([www.thamesyc.org/racing/](http://www.thamesyc.org/racing/)). 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 (either from ECSA or from the Thames Yacht Club) on file.  
**Please use the entry form on the TYC Racing page at:** [2026 TYC Racing Registration - Thames Yacht Club](#)
- 4) **FEES:** \$30 per boat (\$25.00 if skipper is a member of US Sailing). TYC members can join at [US Sailing](#) or at a discounted rate through the [ECSA MVP program](#).
- 5) **SCHEDULE:** First warning at 12:00 each day. Two to four 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 10:30 AM on May 19 at Thames Yacht Club.
- 6) **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions and initial Scratch Sheets will be available on the Club's web site ([2026 TYC Racing- Thames Yacht Club](#)) no later than May 16, 2026.
- 7) **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", but under some circumstances, the line might be moved to the west of the "Queen Merry". The finish line shall be the same as the starting line unless the course is shortened.

- 8) **SCORING:** The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS, using the Low-Point Scoring System. Rule A9 also applies.
- a. All boats will be scored for the same number of races. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
  - b. If only one boat from a class starts a race, that boat shall be given an average of their other series points for that race.
- 9) **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** All yachts are expected to monitor VHF-FM Channel 72 during races. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 10) **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. 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
- 11) **RACE COMMITTEE DUTY:** Each boat in the Series will volunteer to staff the Race Committee (RC) for one race during the season. The schedule for RC duty is posted on the [TYC Racing page](#). Email the Rear Commodore to volunteer for a date ([racing@thamesyc.org](mailto:racing@thamesyc.org)). The skipper of record for the boat and at least two (2) regular crew members will report to the Rear Commodore or his, her or their 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 or those race(s). 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.**
- 12) **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:** [2026 TYC Racing Registration - Thames Yacht Club](#)