



THAMES YACHT CLUB 2026 Wednesday Night Series

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. Time-on-Time handicapping will be used for PHRF classes.
- 2) **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** 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 with at least three (3) entrants. Entries will be accepted and assigned to classes at the discretion of the race committee. At least one (1) non-spinnaker class will be included. 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](#).
- 4) **FEES:** \$90.00 per boat, payable to Thames Yacht Club, Inc. for the entire series, or \$50.00 for either the Spring or Summer series.
 - a. A \$5 discount is available for members of US Sailing. TYC members can join at: [US Sailing membership](#) or at a discounted rate through the [ECSA MVP program](#).
- 5) **SCHEDULE; 1.1.** First Warning will be at 18:10 each day for the Spring Series and 18:00 each day for the Summer Series
- 6) One (1) race scheduled each evening. Spring race dates are June 3 through July 15. Summer race dates are July 22 through Sept. 2.
- 7) here by **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS;** Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club's web site or **by [clicking here](#)** by June 2.
- 8) **COURSES;** Courses will be in the vicinity of the Thames River and will be determined by the Race Committee each day. Marks are as stipulated on the Course Marks and Symbols Chart. Special Marks will be stipulated in the Sailing Instructions. The finish line shall be the same as the starting line unless the course is shortened.
- 9) **SCORING;** The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used. The completion of any five (5) races shall constitute a Series. When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When more than five (5) races have been completed, boats will be scored using their best five (5) scores.
- 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;** Series trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boats in each class with at least five (5) entrants, and for the combined Spring and Summer Series. Individual race results will be announced at the Clubhouse after each race. Trophies will be awarded at Skippers' Night.

- 12) **RACE COMMITTEE DUTY**; Each boat in the Series will volunteer to staff the Race Committee (RC) for one race during either the Chili, Wednesday Night or Chowder Series. The skipper of record for the boat and at least two (2) regular crew members will report to the Rear Commodore or his 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 race. 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 the either series which have not signed up for a RC date by the third week of the series will be assigned a date.**
- 13) **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.