



ESSEX YACHT CLUB

The Essex Rum Challenge

Saturday July 24, 2021

Organizing Authority (OA): Essex YC

Notice of Race Including Amendments

Gosling's Rums
BERMUDA SINCE 1806

Rules

The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. The Essex Yacht Club strongly recommends that entrants comply with the *US Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Races* available at www.ussailing.org or at www.yachtscoring.com.

Eligibility

The regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2021 ECSA PHRF or NEMA Rating Certificate.

Classes

There will be spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. Double-handed and multi-hull classes will be offered if there are sufficient entries.

Entries

Entries must be made on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com. Entries must be received by 1200, Friday July 23, 2021. The entry fee is \$40 per yacht (\$35 if member of USSA), however, **entries before July 1st, 2021 will be \$30.** Late entries (after July 21, 2021) shall be subject to a late entry fee of \$20.

Clubs are encouraged to enter at least three boats to better compete for the Rum Challenge Club Trophy.

PHRF entrants must have a 2021 ECSA PHRF certificate posted on the ECSA website at www.ecsa.net/PHRF/PHRFLookup. On request, the OA will assign a PHRF rating for this regatta for any entries from outside the ECSA area who provide a current rating certificate from their regional PHRF authority. Multi-hull entries must have a valid NEMA certificate on the NEMA website at www.nemasail.org.

Schedule

The First Warning will be at 1200 hours. The Race Committee may decide to sail two races.

Courses

The starting area will be approximately ¼ mile west of the Old Saybrook Outer Light. Courses will be windward-leeward with drop marks, point-to-point around government marks or a combination of both based on weather and tide conditions.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions and scratch sheets will be available at the event website at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14484> and at the Skipper's Meeting held at Essex Yacht Club 1800 Friday July 23, 2021. For those unable to attend the Skippers Meeting in-person, the meeting will also be available via Zoom (link to follow). The skipper's package, including Goslings' hats, party tickets, and the program will be available at the Skipper's Meeting and at the awards party. Race documents will not be distributed on the water

Scoring

Boats will be scored using PHRF Time on Time handicaps. Each boat's score for the regatta shall be the combined total of her race scores. This is an ECSA Regatta and is one of a five race series necessary to qualify for the Long Sand Shoal Cup.

Risk Statement

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

Prizes

Individual prizes will be awarded to the top-placed boats in each class

The **Essex Rum Challenge Club Trophy** will be awarded to the yacht club with the best combined class scores of any three yachts using the ECSA Offshore Circuit Scoring System Matrix.

Awards Party

Prizes will be awarded at the awards party at Essex Yacht Club following the races. Party tickets are \$15 per person at entry or \$25 per person at the door. Essex Yacht Club will follow State current guidelines regarding outdoor gatherings.

Moorings/Dockage

Free moorings and dock space are available at the Essex Yacht Club on a first come - first served basis. Call the EYC Waterfront Manager at (860) 581-4612 for details.