



2023 Weekend Series Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, and the current PHRF Regulations as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound, except as either are modified herein and/or by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Specific attention is directed to RRS Fundamental Rules 1.1 and 3, which state:

- 1.1 A boat, competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
3. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

2. RACE MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Stamford Yacht Club.
- 2.2 The Race Committee shall use VHF Channel 05A.
- 2.3 The US Coast Guard can be hailed on VHF Channel 16 and by phone at: 631-261-6868

3. RATINGS & SCORING

- 3.1 The current PHRF of the YRA of LIS ratings will be used.
- 3.2 Scoring will be done using Time-On-Time computation.
- 3.3 To qualify for a series, a skipper shall race in and score one more than half of the races completed.
- 3.4 The Cox-Sprague method of scoring the series will be used for qualifying vessels.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The series is open to PHRF rated boats.
- 4.2 All boats shall have a current YRALIS PHRF certificate on file prior to the first race of the season.

5. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 All boats shall comply with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Nearshore races. https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US_SER_2019.0_Categories.pdf
- 5.2 The Boat Owner or a designated Owner's Representative is responsible for the safety of the boat and its crew, as well as the conduct of the crew before, during, and after racing, and compliance with the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

6. ENTRY PROCESS

- 6.1 Boats enter by completing the process on the Yacht Scoring website found at <http://www.yachtscoring.com> which may be accessed via the SYC website www.stamfordyc.com
- 6.2 A valid PHRF Rating Certificate shall be on file with the YRA of LIS. At the discretion of the OA, rating certificate revisions may be accepted after submission of the Entry Form.

7. DIVISIONS

Boats will be separated into two divisions: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available via the YachtScoring website.

9. COMMUNICATION

9.1 All communications on the water will be conducted over VHF Channel 05A.

9.2 While racing, except in the course of a roll call or emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive wireless communications not simultaneously available to all boats and at no cost. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

10. SCHEDULE

10.1 The 2023 schedule of races is as indicated on the SYC website at www.stamfordyc.com.

10.2 The first signal for Friday evening races is scheduled for **1830**. If a make-up race is required on a Saturday, the first signal will be scheduled for **1400**.

10.3 The Signal Vessel will be southerly of the westerly breakwater; location will be broadcast when on station.

11. INSPECTIONS

Before the start of the race or after its finish, the OA shall reserve the right to inspect any and all boats for full compliance with eligibility and equipment requirements. The inspection is a courtesy and it remains the Boat Owner's, or Owner's representative's, responsibility to comply with all requirements.

12. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Stamford Yacht Club, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Organizing Authority and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant. The Stamford Yacht Club bears no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their personnel arising from any cause during the race.

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