



Notice of Race

Force 5 North American Championship

Thames Yacht Club, New London, Connecticut

July 26 – 29, 2017

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 including US Sailing Prescriptions, the Class Rules of the Force 5 Association (except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions).

The preamble to Part 4 and rule 40 are changed so that competitors shall have with them a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Registration will be online via Yacht Scoring. Link:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3042>

The regatta is open to all members of the Force 5 Class Association.

Registration includes continental breakfasts, light food and beverages after racing, one seat at the awards banquet, and one shirt or hat. The base entry fee will \$135. A late fee of \$20 will apply to registrations received after July 1, 2017.

3. CHARTER BOATS

Contact Bob Cullen at rjcullen@snet.net; (860) 334 7641.

4. Lodging

Low Cost Housing at Mitchell College: contact Rob Scala at rob@scalas.com

Hosted (no cost) housing: contact Gabe Stern at sternway@rocketmail.com or (860) 823-8303.

5. Tentative SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 (Practice)

0800-1000: Packet pick-up

0800-1000: Unloading assistance available

1500: Practice race first warning

Thursday, July 27, 2017 (1st day of racing)

0900: Competitors meeting

1000: Harbor start

1100: First Warning

About 1600: Appetizers will be served after racing

Friday, July 28, 2017

1100: First Warning

1600: Appetizers will be served after racing

1730-till: Force 5 class meeting at the Welsh Residence, 25 Pepperbox Road, Waterford, CT.

Saturday, July 29, 2017

1100: First Warning

1500: No races will be started after this time

1700: Awards; Loading assistance available

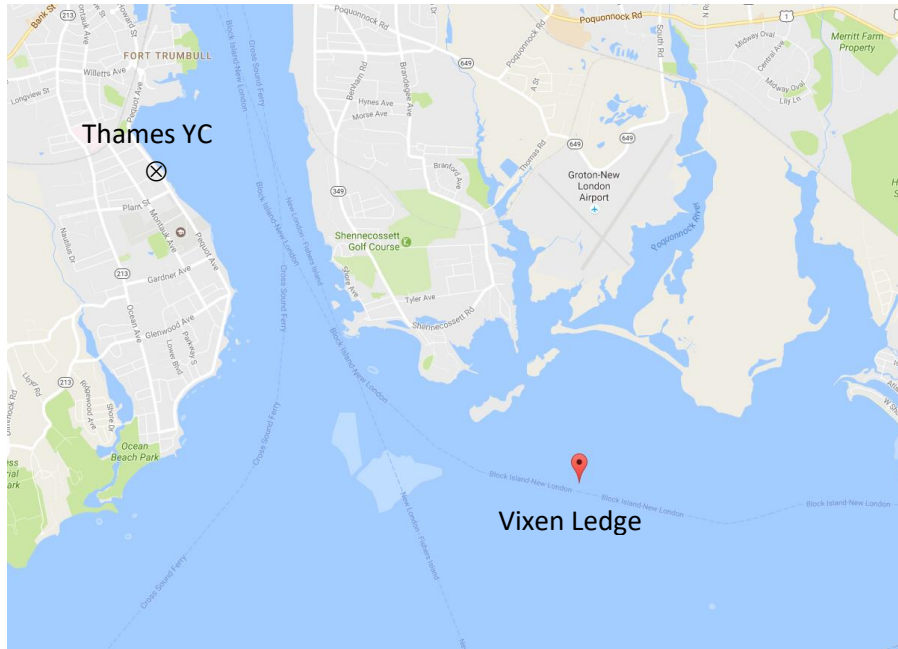
6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online.

7. VENUE AND COURSES

The courses will be in the vicinity of Vixen Ledge and/or the mouth of the Thames River off New London and Groton, Connecticut. Course diagrams will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

Buoy racing using varied courses with dropped marks are planned.



8. Scoring

The low-point Scoring System, Appendix A2 of the racing rules, will apply. Two races shall constitute a series. If 5 races are completed one throw-out will be allowed.

9. PRIZES

The top finisher for the event will be recognized as the 2017 Force 5 North American Champion. Awards will be made to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th places.

An award will be made to the top Junior participant. To be eligible for the Junior award, the participant must be under 18 years of age as of July 26, 2017.

An award will be made to top Female Participant.

An award will be made to top Senior Participant. To be eligible, the participant must be 65 as of July 26, 2017.

An award will be made to the top “Challenger Division” participant. The Challenger Division is comprised of those competitors who have not placed in the top five of a Force 5 North American Championship, a Force 5 Midwinter event, or has not won the Challenger Division previously. Participation in the Challenger Division is voluntary and must be declared at check-in.

Other Awards maybe given at the discretion of the Race Chairman.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 races. Competitors will be required to sign a waiver and release at check-in.

11. SAILOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

By participating a sailor acknowledges that he or she is solely responsible for his or her own safety and that of the crew and boat; that he or she represents that the boat and its equipment are in sound condition and all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition; that the decision to race, not to race, or to withdraw after starting is solely his or hers; and s/he hereby releases the organizing authority, its officers, trustees, and all members of the Race Committee, whether or not members of the organizing authority, from any and all liability or claims for personal injury or property damage or death resulting in participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

12. Further Information

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