



# The Essex Rum Challenge

Presented by  
**Essex Yacht Club and Gosling's Rum**  
Saturday July 25, 2015  
**Notice of Race**



<b>Organizing Club</b>	The Essex Yacht Club
<b>Date</b>	Saturday July 25, 2015
<b>Rules</b>	<p>The regatta will be governed by <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 –2016</i>, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association and the Sailing Instructions.</p> <p>The Essex Yacht Club strongly recommends that entrants comply with the <i>US Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Races</i> available on the USSA website and at <a href="http://www.essexyc.com">www.essexyc.com</a></p>
<b>Eligibility</b>	The regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2015 ECSA PHRF Certificate
<b>Classes</b>	There will be spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.
<b>Entries</b>	<p>The entry fee is \$40 per yacht (\$35 if member of USSA).</p> <p>Entries <u>must</u> be made on the event website, <a href="http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1300">www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1300</a>. Entries must be received by noon, Friday July 24, 2015. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and shall be subject to a late entry fee of \$20.</p> <p>Entrants must have a 2015 ECSA PHRF certificate posted on the ECSA website at <a href="http://www.ecsa.net/PHRF/PHRFlookup">www.ecsa.net/PHRF/PHRFlookup</a> or must mail a valid ECSA PHRF certificate to: Rum Challenge Regatta Entries, Essex Yacht Club, 13 Novelty Lane, Essex, CT 06426.</p>
<b>Schedule</b>	The First Warning will be at 1130 hours. The Race Committee may decide to sail two races.
<b>Courses</b>	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.
<b>Sailing Instructions</b>	<p>Sailing Instructions and scratch sheets will be available at the Skippers Meeting at Essex Yacht Club at 1800 Friday July 24, 2015, at the event website <a href="http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1300">www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1300</a> and will be available from the Race Committee Boat prior to the First Warning.</p> <p>The skipper's package, including Gosling's hats, will be available only at the Skipper's Meeting</p>
<b>Scoring</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>This is an ECSA Regatta and is one of a five race series necessary to qualify for the Long Sand Shoal Cup.</p>
<b>Awards Party</b>	Trophies will be awarded at the Essex Rum Challenge Party at Essex Yacht Club following the races. Party tickets are \$12 per person with entry or \$20 per person at the door
<b>Moorings/Dockage</b>	Discounted moorings are available at the Essex Yacht Club on a first come- first served basis. Call (860) 767-8121 for details