



2023 Cows Trophy Race

Notice of Race

Saturday, September 23, 2023

The Stamford Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA) for this event.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The races shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 All boats shall comply with the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Nearshore races and all boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05A.

2. Eligibility

Open to any single hull sailing boat, 22' LOA or longer, holding a current PHRF certificate from YRA of LIS. Current PHRF rating must be on file prior to the event.

3. Schedule of Events

The first signal for this race is scheduled for 1400.

4. Sailing Instructions

Prior to the first scheduled race, sailing instructions will be posted on Yacht Scoring.

5. Registration

- 5.1 All entries are to be made on Yacht Scoring.
- 5.2 Prior to the first race signal of the day, each boat intending to race shall check-in with the signal boat by sailing by and declaring her intention. There is to be no check-in by radio.

6. Divisions and Classes

- 6.1 Boats will form two divisions; a Spinnaker Division and a Non-Spinnaker Division.
- 6.2 Every Non-Spinnaker Division boat shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay. A Reaching strut/whisker pole may be used with one end attached to the mast.

7. The Starting Area

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and Red Bell R32 (The Cows).

8. Courses

The courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Communication

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

9.2 Except in the case of an emergency, while racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive wireless communications not simultaneously available to all boats at no expense.

10. Scoring

Scoring computations will use YRALIS W/L handicap PHRF ratings converted to Time on Time correction factors.

11. Prizes

The Cows Trophy will be awarded to the Stamford Yacht Club boat who has the best overall performance. Boats from other clubs are eligible for Division Prizes.

12. Responsibility for Safety

As a condition of 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 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 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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