



63rd Annual Branford Yacht Club Invitational Regatta

Branford Yacht Club

Saturday, July 13, 2024

39 Goodsell Pond Road, Branford, CT, 06405

Notice of Race (NoR)

AMENDMENT 1

Delete the previous version of the Notice of Race and replace with the following:

Approved by the Race Committee: June 30, 2024

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 These rules of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association, www.ecsa.net, apply:
 - 1) PHRF of Eastern Connecticut and 2) Offshore Racing Circuit Regulations.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 on Friday, July 12, 2024 at www.yachtscoring.com. Copies of the Sailing Instructions will also be available on the Race Committee boat on Saturday, July, 13, 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.yachtscoring.com. Additionally, all Notices to Competitors including the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the notice board at the Branford Yacht Club by 0900 the day of the race.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a working VHF marine radio.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts, to competitors on VHF marine radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP]While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats 20 feet or greater in length overall with self-bailing cockpits, fixed berths, galley facilities, and the ability to be self-supporting for a weekend cruise.
- 4.2 A "Club Class" will be offered.
- 4.3 Those boats with a valid 2024 PHRF-ECSA rating certificate, Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes will be offered. Class assignment will be determined by the race committee based on ECSA-PHRF class designator and rating.
- 4.4 Boats enter the event by registering online at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 11:55 PM.

4.6 The BYC recommends compliance with US Sailing Monohull Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Nearshore Category Races, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf>.

4.7 Late Entries may be considered at the discretion of the race committee.

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fee is \$60 for US Sailing members, \$65 for non-US Sailing members. Awards party fee: \$25.00.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1100 on Saturday, July. 13, 2024.

6.2 There may be more than one race.

7. VENUE

7.1 The starting area will off Branford Harbor between Totoket Bar, R “28” and Cow and Calf R “34” buoys.

8. COURSES

8.1 The course(s) to be sailed will consist of government marks and/or drop marks as identified in the Sailing Instructions. Course(s) will be determined by the Race Committee based on prevailing conditions.

9. SCORING

9.1 All PHRF classes will be scored based on Time-On-Time calculation using $650 / (\text{PHRF} + 550)$ as the Time Correction Factor (TCF).

9.2 If more than one race is completed, each boats series score will be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.

10. RISK STATEMENT

10.1 RRS 3 states: “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.

11. INSURANCE

11.1 Each participating boat shall hold insurance, including third party liability insurance, and it is the owner or owners’ representative’s sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

11.2 All skippers and crews participating in the 63rd Branford Invitational Race agree to release and discharge the Branford Yacht Club, its agents, employees and officers from all claims, demands, actions, judgements and executions which they ever had or may have, or which their heirs, executors, administrators, or assignees may have, or claim to have, against the Branford Yacht Club, its successors, or assignees, for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of, the above described sports activity.

12. PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each class.

12.2 Prizes will be awarded at the after-race party, with tickets available via yachtscoring.com.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Dockage at the Branford Yacht Club is limited and all available slips will be assigned on a first come first served basis on both Friday July 12, 2024 and Saturday, July 13, 2024 at no charge to race participants.

Dockage beyond 1100 on Sunday July 14, 2024 will incur charges and must be arranged with the BYC Dockmaster. You must specify if you need a slip at the time of registration.