



ESSEX YACHT CLUB

The Essex Rum Challenge

Saturday July 27, 2019

Organizing Authority (OA):

Essex YC

Notice of Race

Gosling's Rums
BERMUDA SINCE 1806

Rules

The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. The Essex Yacht Club strongly recommends that entrants comply with the *US Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Races* available at www.ussailing.org or at www.yachtscoring.com.

Eligibility

The regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2019 ECSA PHRF Certificate.

Classes

There will be spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.

Entries

The entry fee is \$40 per yacht (\$35 if member of USSA). Clubs are encouraged to enter at least three boats to better compete for the Rum Challenge Club Trophy.

Entries must be made on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com. Entries must be received by 1200, Friday July 26, 2019. Late entries shall be subject to a late entry fee of \$20.

Entrants must have a 2019 ECSA PHRF certificate posted on the ECSA website at www.ecsa.net/PHRF/PHRFLookup.

Schedule

The First Warning will be at 1200 hours. The Race Committee may decide to sail two races.

Courses

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.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions and scratch sheets will be available at the Skipper's Meeting at Essex Yacht Club at 1800 Friday July 26, 2019, at the event website at www.yachtscoring.com and will be available from the Race Committee Boat prior to the First Warning. The skipper's package, including Goslings' hats, will be available only at the Skipper's Meeting.

Scoring

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. Ties shall be broken using the combined total corrected time of all races sailed. This changes RRS A.8

This is an ECSA Regatta and is one of a five race series necessary to qualify for the Long Sand Shoal Cup.

Prizes

Individual prizes will be awarded to the top-placed boats in each class

The **Essex Rum Challenge Club Trophy** will be awarded to the yacht club with the highest combined class scores of any three yachts using the high point scoring system. High point scoring will be used only in scoring the Essex Rum Challenge Club Trophy.

Awards Party

Prizes will be awarded at the Essex Rum Challenge Party at Essex Yacht Club following the races. Party tickets are \$10 per person with entry or \$20 per person at the door.

Moorings/Dockage

Free moorings and dock space are available at the Essex Yacht Club on a first come - first served basis. Call the EYC Waterfront Manager at (860) 581-4612 for details.