



ESSEX YACHT CLUB

The Essex Rum Challenge

Presented by
Essex Yacht Club and Gosling's Rum
Saturday July 25, 2020
Notice of Race

Gosling's Rums
BERMUDA SINCE 1806

Organizing Club	The Essex Yacht Club
Date	Saturday July 25, 2020
Rules	<p>The regatta will be governed by <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020</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 at www.ussailing.org or at www.yachtscoring.com</p>
Eligibility	The regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2020 ECSA PHRF Certificate
Classes	There will be double handed spinnaker and double handed non-spinnaker classes.
Entries	<p>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.</p> <p>Entries <u>must</u> be made on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com. Entries must be received by noon, Friday July 24, 2020.</p> <p>Entrants must have a 2020 ECSA PHRF certificate posted on the ECSA website at www.ecsa.net/PHRF/PHRF-Look-up.</p>
Schedule	The First Warning will be at 1200 hours. There will be one race.
Courses	The starting area will be approximately ¼ mile west of the Old Saybrook Outer Light. Courses will be around government marks. The start will be a pursuit start.
Sailing Instructions	Sailing Instructions and scratch sheets will be available at the event website at www.yachtscoring.com . There will be an on-line skippers meeting at 1800 hours on July 24 th .
Scoring	Handicapping is done using a staggered start. Yachts will be scored by their place of finish. This is an ECSA Regatta and is one of a five race series necessary to qualify for the Long Sand Shoal Cup.
Prizes	<p>Individual prizes will be awarded to the top-placed boats in each class. The Essex Rum Challenge Club Trophy will be awarded to the club with the highest combined points of any three yachts from their club. Points are awarded to each boat using the ECSA Scoring Matrix based on their finishing position and the number of boats in their class. High point scoring will only be used in scoring the Essex Rum Challenge Club Trophy.</p> <p>There will be special 1st and 2nd place prizes for boats sailed by 2 members of the same family. These will be awarded to the boats in the fleet which beat the highest and second highest number of boats in their class.</p>
Awards	The awards presentation venue will be announced in the July 24 th on-line skippers meeting.