



Rum Challenge Pursuit Race

Essex Yacht Club, Essex, CT

Saturday July 25, 2020

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- a. This event will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and these Sailing Instructions.
- b. Racing Rule 52 is changed as follows. The use of self-steering equipment is permitted.
- c. The Race Committee shall broadcast on VHF Channel 72.
- d. This is a double handed race
- e. Starting signals will not be used except for the first boat to start.
- f. RRS Appendix V is in effect for this regatta as alternative penalties

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the www.yachtscoring.com Rum Challenge Event page.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted to www.yachtscoring.com Rum Challenge Event page by 0800 on the day of the race.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. A postponement or abandonment ashore will be signaled on the flagpole at the Essex Yacht Club with announcements on VHF Ch. 72. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 2 hours after the AP flag is lowered.

5. CLASSES AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a. The fleet will be divided into spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.
- b. This is a pursuit race using ECSA PHRF handicap ratings and the length of the course to be sailed. The Start Interval for each boat shall be the difference between that boat's Time Allowance and the Time Allowance of the highest-rated boat in the fleet.
- c. The Warning Signal, identified by code flag Whiskey (W), for the first boat to start is at 1200.
- d. One race is scheduled for each class.

6. STARTING AREA

- a. The Starting Area will be located west of Saybrook Breakwater light at the mouth of the Connecticut River.
- b. Competitors should check in with the Signal Boat once it is on station by passing on the side opposite the starting line.

7. COURSES

- a. The Race Committee shall determine 15 minutes before the first warning which Course A, B, or C shall be sailed for each class. Each class may sail a different course. The designated course for each class will be announced on VHF Channel 72 and displayed on a course board on the Signal Boat on the side opposite the start line. The first numeral on a horizontal line will signify the Class and the letter will signify the Course.
- b. Reference Appendix #1 for the order and marks of the course. All bearings and distances on the course Appendix # 1 are approximate. All marks shall be left to Port

8. THE START

- a. This race is a "pursuit race".
- b. The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side inflatable mark at the port end.
- c. The standard starting sequence will apply to the first boat's start only. There will be no additional starting flags after the first start.
- d. After the first boat to start, succeeding boats will start at their designated Start Time per their designated course (Course A, B, or C) as per Appendix #2. This changes Rule 26. Appendix #3 shall be used if the start

has been postponed 30 min., Appendix #4 shall be used for a postponement of 1 hr., and Appendix #5 shall be used if there is a postponement of 1.5 hrs. OCS boats shall be called on VHF Channel 72.

- e. The Start Time for each boat will be based on Global Positioning System (GPS) time.
- f. Boats more than two minutes from their start time shall stay clear of the starting area.

9. THE FINISH

- a. The Finish Line will be the same as the Start Line.
- b. If the Race Committee boat is not on station competitors shall record their own finish time when within ¼ mile of Saybrook light and when the light bears 090°M.
- c. A boat retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee using VHF Channel 72.

10. PROTESTS

- a. A boat initiating a protest shall inform the Race Committee as they finish, stating the boat name and sail number they are protesting.
- b. Protests must be filed with the Race Committee no later than one hour after the Race Committee Boat docks. The official docking time will be posted on www.yachtscoring.com.

11. TIME LIMIT

- a. The Time Limit shall be 1630, regardless of postponement.
- b. One boat finishing prior to the Time Limit constitutes a race.

12. SCORING

- a. Boats shall be scored in the order in which they cross the finish line for their respective class.
- b. Results shall be announced at the post-race awards presentation on Saturday July 25th commencing at 1800 on the north lawn at Essex Yacht Club. All COVID19 requirements will be strictly enforced.

13. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. The Skipper/Owner of each boat shall accept sole responsibility for the safety of his/her crew and boat. Weather and sea conditions must be evaluated by each Skipper and his/her crew, and each participant is responsible for determining whether it is safe to participate.
- b. The Essex Yacht Club and their respective Race Committees, Officers, Employees, and event related Volunteers, are in no way held responsible for accidents, damage, or injury to property or to boats, crew, or guests arising from any cause during or related to any race or activities associated with the race, and the Skipper/Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each of them from any liability, claim or expense including attorney's fees against any or all of them.

14. ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE REGARDING COVID 19.

- a. *The novel corona virus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of people. The Essex Yacht Club ("EYC") has put in place preventive measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, EYC cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending EYC could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19. By participating in this regatta, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily accept the risk that you may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending this event and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. You understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at EYC may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and others, including, but not limited to, EYC employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.*