



ESSEX YACHT CLUB

RUM CHALLENGE

22 July 2017

The Essex Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority.

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The Race Committee (RC) will broadcast on VHF Ch. 01A throughout the event. Radio communications are for safety, convenience and courtesy. Only the RC may request redress for misunderstandings, errors or omissions that may result from such communications. *RRS 60.1 and RRS 62* are modified.
- 1.3. *RRS Appendix V1 & V2* are in effect for this regatta as alternative penalties.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Bulletin Board located in the lobby of the Essex Yacht Club and on the Notice Board on the yachtscoring.com Events Page.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0800 on the day of the regatta.
- 3.2. Changes to the sailing instructions will be broadcast prior to the first warning signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. A postponement or abandonment ashore will be signaled on the RC Signal Boat at the Essex Yacht Club and appropriate radio announcements.

5. CLASSES AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The fleet will be divided into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes using PHRF-Eastern Connecticut handicap ratings.
- 5.2. The first warning signal will be at 1200.
- 5.3. Two races may be started for all Classes. If the RC intends to start a 2nd race, it will display Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.
- 5.4. The Race Committee will determine the order of start on the day of the race. Numerical class designation by the Scratch Sheet does not infer your order of start. Please be attentive to the Numeral Pennants displayed on the RC Signal Boat as well as monitoring the radio.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class Flags will be the International Numeral Pennants corresponding to each class designated by the Scratch Sheet.
- 6.2. Competitors are asked to fly their class pennant on the backstay.

7. STARTING AREA

- 7.1. The Starting Area will be located between Cornfield Point and the Saybrook Horn at the mouth of the Connecticut River. The RC may relocate to facilitate a windward start.
- 7.2. Competitors shall check in with the RC boat once it is on station by passing on the side opposite the starting line from bow to stern and hailing your sail number.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses will be displayed on the RC Signal boat. The courses will be either **Round the Buoys** or **Windward/Leeward Courses**.
- 8.2. **Round the Buoys** – Round the Buoys courses will be designated by a horizontal arrangement of letters designating specific Marks in their order of rounding. Circled letters shall be rounded to Starboard. Uncircled letters rounded to Port. If drop marks are used, the range and bearing from the RC boat will be displayed on the course board.
- 8.3. Marks are identified in Appendix 1.
- 8.4. **Windward/Leeward Courses** will be designated with the number of legs posted on the top row of the course board. For example, 4 indicates 4 legs, starting to windward, then leeward, windward and finish to leeward.
- 8.5. All W/L marks shall be rounded to port.
- 8.6. The magnetic bearing and distance to the Windward mark from the RC Signal boat will be displayed on the second row.
- 8.7. The Leeward mark will be positioned approximately 100 yards to windward of the starting line.
- 8.8. The RC will announce courses for each class on VHF.

9. THE START

- 9.1. The Starting Line will be between an Orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 9.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of boats starting.
- 9.3. The Race Committee will attempt to identify early starters by sail number or boat name.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The Finish Line for all classes will be on the opposite side of the Committee Boat as the Starting Line between a Blue flag and an inflatable buoy.
- 10.2. Boats from one class may be starting while boats from other classes are finishing.
- 10.3. A boat retiring from the race shall promptly notify the Race Committee.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1. Spinnaker boats hopelessly mired at the back of their class shall be scored in their assumed position and asked to return to the starting area to facilitate the start of a second race.
- 11.2. No starting sequence shall begin after 1530.
- 11.3. The Time Limit for any Non Spinnaker race shall be 1630.

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1. A boat initiating a protest shall inform the Race Committee as they finish, stating the boat name and sail number they are protesting.
- 12.2. 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 the Notice Board.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Boats will be scored using the "Time on Time" system.
- 13.2. One completed race will constitute a series. There are no exclusions.
- 13.3. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races sailed.
- 13.4. The Essex Yacht Club will award prizes to the top 3 finishers in each class at the awards ceremony commencing at approximately 1900.

14. RESPONSIBILITY

- 14.1. The Skipper/Owner of each boat shall accept full responsibility for himself/herself and for the conduct of each member of his/her crew and guests during the Essex Rum Challenge. The Skipper/Owner has the 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.
- 14.2. 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 Essex Rum Challenge, 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.

APPENDIX ONE

MARKS OF THE COURSE

Marks are designated as follows:

1	G C "1"	East of Hatchett Reef
2	R "2" Bell	South of Cornfield Pt
3	G C "3"	at Orient Shoal
6	R N "6"	South of Hatchett Reef
A	R "8A" Bell	Middle of Long Sand Shoal
C	R "8C" Bell	At Six Mile Reef
E	RG N "E"	East end of Long Sand Shoal
V	RG "W" Gong	West end Long Sand Shoal
W	Inflatable buoy.	Range & Bearing from RC
X	Inflatable buoy.	Range & Bearing from RC
Y	Start PIN - Inflatable buoy	
Z	Finish PIN - Inflatable buoy	(opposite side of RC from Y)