



2017 Cows Race Notice of Race Saturday October 14, 2017

1. Rules

- 1.1.** The races shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2.** All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the YRA Safety Guidelines, Category C. These guidelines are available on the website: www.yralis.org and all boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1.** Open to any single hull sailing boat, 22' LOA or longer, holding a current PHRF certificate from YRA of LIS. With the exception of certificates specifically for "light crew," weight limits are hereby waived. Every competitor is responsible to provide the Race Committee a current PHRF certificate.

3. Schedule of Events

- 3.1.** The schedule of the race will be posted on www.yachtscoring.com. Please note that a social event and awards will follow racing.

4. Sailing Instructions

- 4.1.** Prior to the first scheduled race, sailing instructions shall be available at the SYC dock house, and on Yachtscoring.

5. Registration

- 5.1.** Prior to the first race signal of the day, each boat intending to race shall check-in with the signal boat by sailing by and declaring her intention. There is to be no check-in by radio.

6. Division and Classes

- 6.1.** Boats will form two divisions; a Spinnaker Division and a Non-Spinnaker Division
- 6.2.** Every Non-Spinnaker Division boat shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay. A Reaching strut/whisker pole may be used with one end attached to the mast.

7. The Starting Area

- 7.1.** The starting area will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Courses

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9. Communication

9.1. Except in the case of an emergency, while racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive wireless communications not simultaneously available to all boats at no expense.

10. Scoring

10.1. The High Point Percentage of Perfection System will be used to calculate series scores.

10.2. The Cows Race, except as may be altered by special Sailing Instructions, will use the YRALIS W/L handicap PHRF rating.

11. Prizes

11.1. The Cows Trophy will be awarded to the Stamford Yacht Club boat who has the best overall performance. Boats from other Clubs are eligible for Division Prizes.

11.2. All season trophies and their qualifications are defined in the document Trophy Qualifications, available on the SYC website at www.stamfordyc.com.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

12.1. Competitors participate in any race of the series entirely at their own risk.

See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race in this series.

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