



Essex Corinthian Yacht Club
2024 Thomas Clark Memorial Regatta
Tri-Club River Series
Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The organizing authority for this event is the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the US Sailing Prescriptions (latest editions, each) and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The RC has attempted to include changes to the RRS within these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Radio communications from the Race Committee (RC) shall be made on VHF Ch. 71. Radio communications are for safety, convenience and courtesy only. Errors or omissions that may result from such communications are not grounds for protest or redress. Rule 60 is changed.
- 1.5 A valid PHRF-ECSA handicap certificate is required for all boats not sailing in a one-design class.
- 1.6 Appendices V, Rules V1 and V2 will be in effect, providing alternative penalties. Rule V1 (Penalty at Time of Incident) changes the first two sentences of Rule 44.1 to: "A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than the starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn penalty."
- 1.7 Double and single-handed entrants may use self-steering devices. Rule 52 is changed.
- 1.8 Conformance to Appendix G is not required. However, identifying numbers on the mainsail and headsails with overlap greater than 120% are strongly recommended. This changes Rule 77. If an identifying sail number appears on a headsail, it must match the number on the mainsail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at ECYC Clubhouse, lower level.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day of the race.
- 3.2 Changes may also be announced on VHF Ch. 71 prior to the first warning.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 If possible to do so before leaving harbor, the RC may indicate postponement or abandonment by displaying signals on the flagpole located immediately north of the ECYC Clubhouse. Announcements may also be made by the RC on VHF Ch. 71.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The skippers' meeting will be held at 0930 on Saturday October 12, 2024

- 5.2 The first warning signal will be at 1100

6. CHECK-IN and RETIREMENT

- 6.1 All boats must check in with the RC prior to First Warning. Check in by passing the RC boat on her side opposite the starting line and hail the RC with the name and sail number of the boat.

- 6.2 A boat not starting shall keep clear of the starting area and boats starting.

- 6.3 A boat retiring from racing shall notify the RC as soon as possible by the best means available.

7. CLASSES and CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Classes will be identified as follows:

The class flag for PHRF will be solid green.

The class flag for the Ideal 18's will be solid yellow

8. THE START and SEQUENCE of STARTING CLASSES

- 8.1 The starting line area shall be set west of Nott Island.

- 8.2 The starting line shall be a line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and an inflatable Mark.

- 8.3 There WILL NOT be rolling starts. In addition to visual signals displayed on the RC boat, RC shall make best efforts to provide sound signals, as a courtesy, as follows:

5 minutes = Horn. 4 minutes = Horn. 1 minute = Horn. Start = Horn.

- 8.4 The sequence of class starts shall be determined at first warning.

- 8.5 Individual Recall: As a courtesy, the Race Committee will endeavor to announce the names and/or sail numbers of OCS boats on VHF Ch. 71.

9. THE COURSE(S)

- 9.1 Courses will be signaled by the Race Committee via a course board. Marks are to be rounded in the order listed. All marks will be rounded to port. In addition to the marks to be rounded, Race Committee will signal a "1" or "2" to indicate the number of laps. This will be signaled by either a numeral pennant or on the course board.

9.2 Sailing in or through the mooring field is not allowed.

10. MARKS

10.1 The marks used to designate courses are as follows (the location of each mark is approximate):

Mark "A" – inflatable south of daymarker 29 slightly west of mid-river.

Mark "B" – navigational buoy 23 north of Calves Island.

Mark "C" – inflatable on the west side of the river, north of the anchorage.

Mark "D" – inflatable buoy located south of RC boat on the east side of river.

Mark "E" – inflatable start/finish line mark.

11. CHANGING THE COURSE

11.1 The RC may shorten the course and shall endeavor to announce this, or any changes in the course on VHF Ch. 71.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line area shall be set in the approximate area as the starting area.

12.2 The finish line shall be a line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and an inflatable mark.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit shall be 1530.

13.2 If no boat in a class finishes within the time limit, the RC shall announce on VHF Ch. 71 that the race for that class is abandoned. There will be no further visual or sound signals for abandonment due to time limit. Rule 32 is changed.

13.3 The Finishing Committee Boat shall remain on station until 1600. Boats finishing after 1600 shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will receive points equal to the number of finishers in her class, plus 1. Rule 35 and Appendix A11 are changed.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Finishers protesting or seeking redress shall so indicate to the Race Committee at the finish line.

14.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered to the Protest Committee (PC) within one hour after the RC Boat has returned to harbor and docked.

15. SCORING

15.1 Finishing places for the PHRF classes shall be determined by Time on Time method. Corrected Time (CT) is calculated by multiplying elapsed time by the boat's Time Correction Factor (CTF). CTF is calculated as: $TCF = 600 / (480 + PHRF)$.

15.2 Other classes will be scored on a low point system.

15.3 The scores for PHRF boats will be used in determining the overall winner of the Tri-Club Trophy in combination with each boat's scores from the Willets and Birch Memorial races. One Design boats are not eligible for the Tri-Club Trophy.

16. PRIZES

16.1. Prizes will be awarded at the Awards Party commencing at 1630 on the day of the race.

16.2. The winners of the PHRF Class shall be co-winners of the 2024 Thomas Clark Memorial Trophy. Ideal 18 winners will also receive small awards for this regatta.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.