

**Mudhead Benefit Cup Regatta**

Friday July 13th & Saturday July14th, 2018

Sponsored by the Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Association,

Mystic, CT 06355, USA

**NOTICE OF RACE**

1. **RULES**
	1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified or changed by the Sailing Instructions.
2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
	1. This event is open to all PHRF, NEMA and One Design sailboats with an LOA of at least 16 feet.
	2. This regatta is considered an ECSA “Near Shore” event and participants are requested to comply with circuit regulations.
	3. Entrants may select to race on one of three racing circles: a PHRF Spinnaker Circle; a One Design Circle; and a Navigator’s Circle (to include Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes).
	4. Participants may register for racing and party tickets online at www.mudhead.org, by following the link to YachtScoring.com.
	5. Entry forms for snail mail are available on the Mudhead web site and should be sent with payment to: Mudhead Benefit Cup, PO Box 117, Mystic, CT 06388. Entries will also be accepted on site by the Race Committee at the Skipper’s Meeting, July 13th.
	6. Entry Deadline is 1800 EDT, July 13th.
3. **FEES**
	1. The $100 per boat Entry Fee has been waived.
	2. **This is a charity event**. Donations are accepted via: 1) YachtScoring; 2) during both the Racer’s Jam and Mega Party, and; 3) via donation pages created by individuals and teams. **We ask that you please be generous**!
	3. Tickets for the MegaParty on Saturday July 14th are $25 per person.
4. **SCHEDULE**
	1. Registration is open at <http://mudhead.org/dev/wp1/racing>.
	2. The Skipper’s meeting and Racer’s Jam will take place at Mystic Shipyard, 100 Essex St. West Mystic, CT. beginning at 1800 EDT, Friday, July 13th. Bring an instrument and join the band! **ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME!**
	3. First Warning for the PHRF Spinnaker and One Design Circles is scheduled for 1055 EDT, July 14th.
	4. First Warning for the Navigator’s Circle is 1155 EDT, July 14th.
5. **MEASUREMENTS**
	1. Entries racing on handicap Circles will be assigned ratings based on valid PHRF/NEMA certificates. Entries who do not have a valid PHRF/NEMA rating will be assigned a rating by the Race Committee.
	2. Entries racing on the One Design Circle shall conform to their respective class rules.
6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
	1. Sailing Instructions will be available on-line at the Mudhead YachtScoring website no later than 1800 EDT, July 1st.
	2. Hard copy versions of the Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skipper’s Meeting (Friday, July 13th) and on the water Saturday (July 14th) prior to the First Warning on each Racing Circle.
7. **VENUES**
	1. Racing will take place on three separate Circles in Fisher’s Island Sound:

1) the PHRF Circle, open to both spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats wishing to race windward-leeward courses;

2) the One Design Circle, open to any one design classes with a fleet of two or more boats, and;

3) the Navigator’s Circle, open to both spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats wishing to compete on a course using fixed Government marks.

1. **THE COURSES**
	1. Participants on the PHRF and One Design Circles will sail Windward-Leeward courses which may include gates. Multiple races may be run on each of these Circles.
	2. Participants on the Navigator’s Circle will sail a course around specified Government marks. One race will be run on the Navigator’s Circle.
2. **SCORING**
	1. Time on Time calculations will be used to score PHRF/NEMA classes.
	2. One completed race will constitute the series.
	3. No score(s) shall be excluded when determining a boat’s series score. This changes Appendix A2.1.
3. **BERTHING**
	1. Dockage is available at Mystic Shipyard. Call 860.536.6588 for information.
4. **PRIZES**
	1. Class, Overall and Fundraising trophies will be awarded at the MegaParty under the tent at the Mystic Shipyard. The MegaParty begins at 1700 EDT, Saturday, July 16th and will include buffet dinner, open bar, music and dancing.
5. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

# Regatta Chair - George Brys: gebrys@comcast.net

# Race Committee - Robert Austin-LaFrance: rjaustinlafrance@gmai.com or

# Greg Gilmartin: director@mystv.com