



THAMES YACHT CLUB, INC.

396 PEQUOT AVE. NEW LONDON, CT 06320

Cal Brouwer Memorial Shorthanded Challenge

SATURDAY JUNE 29, 2024

Notice of Race

1. **RULES** – The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the rules of the PHRF Fleet of Eastern Connecticut.
 - a. Time-on-time handicapping will be used.
 - b. Rudders may be adjusted and operated by an autopilot/windvane using power that is not provided by the crew. This modifies RRS 52.
 - c. Winches may be electrically powered.
2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY** – The race is open to boats crewed by one or two individuals. Boats shall have a current ECSA or equivalent PHRF rating certificate. There may be spinnaker and non-spinnaker; single and double-handed classes depending on having at least 3 entries per class.
3. **FEES** – The entry fee for the regatta is \$40.00 per boat (deduct \$5 for US Sailing members).
4. **SCHEDULE** – A starting time window will be employed. The RC will signal a 5 minute countdown starting at 10:30 AM with the starting signal at 10:35. Boats may start any time between 10:35 and 11:00 AM with the start time for each yacht being recorded by the RC. All classes will start in that time window. Start sequence and conditions will modify RRS 26.
5. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – SI's will be available at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16565> no later than 1600 on Friday June 28th.
6. **COURSES** – The start/finish line will be established at the Queen Merry, located east of the Thames YC dock. Marks to be used will be listed in the Sailing Instructions.
7. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS** – VHF-FM channel 72 will be used for communication between the Race Committee and competing boats. Conversation shall be limited to safety advice and welfare checks. This modifies RRS 41. Additionally, competitors are encouraged to monitor VHF 13 for commercial traffic.
8. **PRIZES** – Trophies will be awarded to each class depending on the number of entries and will be presented at the post-race awards party at the Thames Yacht Club.
9. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Competitors are strongly encouraged to comply with US Sailing's Safety Equipment Requirements for "Nearshore" events.
(<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>)
10. **GUEST MOORINGS** – A limited number of guest moorings and slips are available as a courtesy for the event. Contact Moorings@thamesyc.org for details and reservations.
11. **ENTRIES** – Entries close Friday June 28th, at 1200.

Register at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16565>