



## THAMES YACHT CLUB - 2020 CHOWDER SERIES NOTICE OF RACE

- 1) **RULES:** Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, rules of the PHRF of Eastern Connecticut and the rules of participating one-design classes. Time-on-Time handicapping will be used for PHRF classes.
- 2) **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** The series is open to all racing and cruising handicap boats and to certain one-design classes of at least three (3) entrants. Entries will be accepted and assigned to classes at the discretion of the race committee. This is a non-spinnaker event. A current PHRF certificate (whether from PHRF of Eastern Connecticut or from Thames Yacht Club) must accompany the entry form. Entries close September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) **FEES:** \$55 per boat, payable to Thames Yacht Club, Inc. for the entire series. Deduct \$5.00 if skipper is a member of US Sailing Association. US Sailing number needs to be provided.
- 4) **SCHEDULE:** First Warning at 1300 each day. One (1) race is scheduled each day. Chowder Series race dates will be Sundays, Sept 20 through Oct.25. There will be a Series Skippers' Meeting at 1130 on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Thames Yacht Club.
- 5) **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions and initial Scratch Sheets will be available on <https://yachtscoring.com> and on the Race Information Bulletin Board by September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) **COURSES:** Courses will be determined by the Race Committee each day, and will be displayed on the race committee vessel "Queen Merry". Marks are as stipulated on the Course Marks and Symbols Chart. Special Marks will be stipulated in the Sailing Instructions. Starting line will be to the east of the "Queen Merry", off the TYC Clubhouse. The finish line shall be the same as the starting line unless the course is shortened.
- 7) **SCORING:** The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used. Completion of any 2 of the 6 scheduled races shall constitute a series. When from two to four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When more than four (4) races have been completed, boats will be scored using their best four (4) scores.
- 8) **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** VHF-FM Channel 72 will be used for communication between the race committee and competing boats. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and other portable devices.
- 9) **PRIZES:** Series Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boats in each class with at least five (5) entrants. Individual race results will be announced at the Clubhouse after each race. Series trophies will be awarded at Skippers' Night.
- 10) **RACE COMMITTEE DUTY:** Each boat in the Series will volunteer to staff the Race Committee (RC) for one race during either the Chili, Wednesday Night or Chowder Series. The skipper of record for the boat and at least two (2) regular crew members will report to the Rear Commodore or his representative no later than one hour before the first warning for RC duty. The boat assigned to RC will not participate in that race but will be scored an average of its other series points for that race. Failure to comply will result in that boat receiving points equal to the total number of boats entered in the series and that score will not be excluded from the series. **Boats participating in this series which have not signed up for a RC date by Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> will be assigned a date.**
- 11) **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate 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 in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Register on-line at; <https://yachtscoring.com>