



ESSEX YACHT CLUB

**Sailing Instructions
69th ANNUAL SAM WETHERILL RACE
Friday, May 21, 2021**

Organizing Authority: Essex Yacht Club, Essex, CT

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Changes to the RRS are noted with each instruction that changes a rule.
- 1.3. Double-handed entrants may use self steering devices during sail changes and electric winches. ***RRS 52 is changed.***
- 1.4. ***RRS Appendix V*** is in effect for this series as alternative penalties.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1. The Race Committee (RC) will broadcast on VHF Ch. 05A. Only the RC may request redress for misunderstandings, errors or omissions that may result from such communications. ***RRS 60.1 is changed.***
- 2.2. All boats are urged to monitor VHF Ch. 16 for the duration of the race.
- 2.3. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located online at the 69th Annual Sam Wetherill Trophy Yacht Scoring Events Page. It is accessible at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 2.4. Notices will also be posted on the bulletin board at the Essex Yacht Club prior to 0800 on Friday, May 21.
- 2.5. Each boat shall carry a cell phone, the number of which shall be on file with the RC, and shall be kept on during the race and for two hours after finishing.
- 2.6. Boats that have AIS are asked to keep it turned on during the race.
- 2.7. The RC will be monitoring emergency messages and required reports by text or voice at 860-625-0094.
- 2.8. All entrants shall report to the RC by phone when they are due south of Watch Hill on the westbound leg of the race at 860-625-0094.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the Schedule of Races will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 2000 on the day before they take effect and emailed to each entrant.
- 3.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day they will take effect and emailed to each entrant.
- 3.3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may also be announced on the water prior to the first warning signal. The RC Signal Boat shall fly code flag "Lima" and the changes will be announced on VHF Ch 05A.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
 - 5.1. A postponement or abandonment made on shore shall be signalled from the RC Signal boat at the Essex Yacht Club marina, broadcast on VHF Ch 05A, posted on the Official Notice Board and notification emailed to each entrant.
 - 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 1 hour”. *Race Signals are changed.*
6. **SCHEDULE OF RACE**
 - 6.1. The first warning signal is scheduled at 1100 on Friday, May 21, 2021.
 - 6.2. In the event weather conditions are such that the race cannot be started at a reasonable hour on Friday, the Start will be postponed by the display of “AP” over “A” and two sound signals. The Warning for the first class will be Saturday at 0900. Appropriate notifications will also be made on the Official Notice Board, VHF Ch. 05A and email.
7. **CLASS FLAGS**
 - 7.1. Class flag assignments and the starting order will be made by the RC and posted on the Scratch Sheet available at www.yachtscoring.com.
8. **CHECK IN**
 - 8.1. Prior to her warning signal, each boat shall pass the RC Signal boat stern to bow on the side opposite the starting line and hail the class, name and sail number of the boat.
9. **THE COURSE AND MARKS**
 - 9.1. All classes shall sail from the Start to Saybrook Bar Lighted Bell “8”, leaving to port, then to Gay Head Lighted Gong “31”, leaving to starboard, then, leaving Block Island to starboard, to Saybrook Bar Lighted Bell “8”, leaving to starboard, then to the Finish, leaving Saybrook Breakwater Light to starboard.
10. **THE START**
 - 10.1. The Start Area will be located approximately 0.5 NM west of the Saybrook Breakwater Light.
 - 10.2. The Start Line will be between an Orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and an inflatable buoy.
 - 10.3. Boats not starting shall keep clear of the Start Area which is a box extending into the pre-start side of the Start Line equal to the length of the start line on all sides.
 - 10.4. The RC may reposition for a better start location depending on the weather.

10.5. The RC will announce individual OCS boats on VHF Ch. 05A or loud hail.

11. THE FINISH

11.1. The Finish Line will be between an Orange flag on the RC boat and the Saybrook Breakwater Light.

11.2. If an RC boat is not on station at the Finish Line, a boat finishing shall note her own GPS time when the Saybrook Breakwater Light bears 090 degrees. Report the finish time, name of boat and skipper to the RC by phone or text to 860-625-0094 as soon as possible.

11.3. A boat withdrawing shall promptly notify the RC by phone or text.

12. TIME LIMIT

12.1. There is no time limit

13. SCORING

13.1. Boats sailing double-handed will be scored only in their class. ***This changes NOR 2.6.***

13.2. The Sam Wetherill Trophy is awarded to best Corrected Time for PHRF.

14. PROTESTS

14.1. A boat intending to protest or request redress shall notify the RC immediately upon finishing.

14.2. Protests, request for redress or scoring inquiries shall be completed on line through YachtScoring/General Race Forms/For Competitors. The Protest Committee will contact the parties involved and a hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1. For further information, please contact the Chairman, Sam Wetherill Race at email@essexyc.com.