



**RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB**  
**76<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational Regatta**  
**Saturday, 21 August 2021**  
Noank, CT, USA

**NOTE:** This NoR may be amended as a result of updates to State and Local COVID-19 protocols.

**Notice of Race (NoR)**

**1. RULES:**

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. When rule 20.4 (a) applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by raising an open hand vertically to indicate her intent to tack or by pointing an open hand at the boat indicating that she should tack first.

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be posted to the Official Notice Board at:  
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14351> by 1600 August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**3. COMMUNICATION:**

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is located online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14351>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 01A.
- 3.3. The race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio channel 01A.
- 3.4. From her warning signal until she finishes, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**4. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY:**

- 4.1. The event is open to all monohull boats with PHRF-Eastern Connecticut handicap ratings, multihull boats with NEMA handicap ratings and One-Design Class boats with an LOA of at least 18 feet. Handicap spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes, double-handed and one-design classes will be offered given sufficient entries (minimum = 3 boats). Class assignment will be determined by the Race Committee.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by either
  - (a) completing the online entry form at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14351> . This web link can also be accessed at: <https://ramislandyachtclub.org>, or
  - (b) downloading and completing the Entry Form from the Club website and sending it, together with required fee, to: Robert Austin-LaFrance, 18 Cottage Place, Groton, CT 06340.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees no later than **2400 August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

**5. FEES:**

- 5.1. Entry fee is \$50.00 per boat.
- 5.2. Party tickets are \$25/person for adults and \$10/person for those under 21 years of age, and may be purchased on Yacht Scoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14351>
- 5.3. Each boat entry shall include one (1) adult party ticket.

**6. SCHEDULE:**

- 6.1. A Competitors meet-and-greet is scheduled for Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1700 at Ram Island Yacht Club, Noank, CT. Scratch sheets and party tickets can be picked up at this time.
- 6.2. The First Warning is scheduled for Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at **1055**.

## **7. VENUE:**

**7.1.** The Starting Areas will be in the vicinity of Horseshoe Reef N “26”, Southwest of Groton Long Point.

## **8. COURSES:**

**8.1.** Spinnaker and One-Design Classes may sail the traditional “Around Fisher’s Island” course or an alternate course consisting of a combination of government and/or drop marks identified in the Sailing Instructions. Non-Spinnaker classes will sail a course consisting of government marks identified in the Sailing Instructions. Course(s) will be determined by the Race Committee based on prevailing conditions.

## **9. SCORING:**

**9.1.** All handicap classes will be scored based on Time-On-Time calculation using  $650/(\text{PHRF} + 550)$  as the Time Correction Factor (TCF).

## **10. RISK STATEMENT:**

**10.1.** RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

**Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **11. INSURANCE**

**11.1.** Each participating boat shall hold insurance, including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner or owners’ representative’s sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

## **12. PRIZES:**

**12.1.** Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each class. Additional prizes, including best overall, best traditional, best youth and best Ram Island member in Racing and Cruising classes may be awarded.

## **13. FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**13.1.** Contact Moise Solomon, 781-910-1427, moise.solomon@gmail.com. Race documents and results will be available on Yacht Scoring at ramislandyachtclub.org.