



ESSEX YACHT CLUB

# The Essex Rum Challenge

Saturday July 22, 2023

Organizing Authority (OA): Essex YC

## Notice of Race

Including Amendment 1 & 2

**Gosling's Rums**  
BERMUDA SINCE 1806

- Rules** The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. Boats sailing in the Double-handed class may use autopilots. This modifies RRS 52. The Essex Yacht Club strongly recommends that entrants comply with the *US Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Races* available at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) or at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).
- Eligibility** The regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2023 ECSA PHRF, ORC, or NEMA Rating Certificate.
- Classes** There will be spinnaker (windward/leeward), spinnaker (round the buoys (RTB)) and non-spinnaker (RTB) classes. A separate Nonsuch class, service academy class, a double-handed class, and a multi-hull class will be offered if there are sufficient entries.
- Entries** **Entries must be made on the event website at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)** and received by 1200, Friday July 21, 2023. The entry fee is \$40 per yacht (\$35 if member of USSA), however, **entries before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 will be \$30**. Late entries (after July 19, 2023) shall be subject to a late entry fee of \$20. Clubs are encouraged to enter at least three boats to better compete for the Rum Challenge Club Trophy. PHRF entrants must have a 2023 ECSA PHRF certificate posted on the ECSA website at [www.ecsa.net/PHRF/PHRFLookup](http://www.ecsa.net/PHRF/PHRFLookup). To encourage participation by visiting boats, the OA will reimburse the cost of obtaining an ECSA PHRF rating for any entrant who holds a current PHRF rating from another regional PHRF authority. Multi-hull must have a valid NEMA certificate.
- Schedule** The First Warning will be at 1200 hours. The Race Committee may decide to sail two races.
- Courses** The starting area will be approximately ¼ mile west of the Old Saybrook Outer Light. Courses will be windward-leeward (W/L) with drop marks, round the buoys (RTB) around government marks, or a combination of both based on weather and tide conditions.
- Sailing Instructions** Sailing Instructions and scratch sheets will be available at the event website at <https://www.yachtscoring.com> and at the Skipper's Meeting held at Essex Yacht Club 1800 Friday July 21, 2023. The skipper's package, including Goslings' hats, party tickets, and the program will be available at the Skipper's Meeting and at the awards party. Race documents will not be distributed on the water.
- Scoring** Boats will be scored using PHRF Time on Time handicaps. Each boat's score for the regatta shall be the combined total of her race scores. This is an ECSA Regatta and is one of a five race series necessary to qualify for the Long Sand Shoal Cup. ORC scoring will done separately for boats in the ORC class with a valid ORC international or club certificate.
- Risk Statement** 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. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- Prizes** Individual prizes will be awarded to the top-placed boats in each NEMA, PHRF, and ORC class. The Essex Rum Challenge Club Trophy will be awarded to the yacht club with the best combined class scores of any three yachts using the ECSA Offshore Circuit Scoring System Matrix.
- Awards Party** Prizes will be awarded at the awards party at Essex Yacht Club. The party shall commence at 1700. Party tickets are \$20 per person at entry or \$30 per person at the door.
- Moorings/Dockage** Free moorings and dock space are available at the Essex Yacht Club on a first come - first served basis. Call the EYC Waterfront Manager at (860) 581-4612 for details.