



**2024 Last Chance Invitational
Windjammers Sailing Club
Saturday, September 21, 2024
Milford, CT
Notice of Race**

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The *2024 ECSA PHRF Regulations* apply for PHRF classes:
<https://ecsa.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/ECSA-ELIYA-2024-Regulations-V1.pdf>

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1200 on Friday, September 20, 2024 at the Yacht Scoring event page.
- 2.2. Copies of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be available on the race committee boat on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board will be located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16609>.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF marine radio.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF marine radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. While racing, 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 boats of the Viper 640 one-design class (minimum 3 entrants).
- 4.2. The event is open to all boats with valid 2024 ECSA-PHRF certificates.
- 4.3. Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker PHRF classes will be offered given sufficient entries (minimum of 3 entrants for spinnaker and 2 entrants for non-spinnaker). Further class assignments will be determined by the race committee based on ECSA-PHRF class designator and rating given sufficient entries.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16609>.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees no later than 1700 on Thursday, September 19, 2024.
- 4.6. Late entries may be considered at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.7. Entrants are recommended to comply with *US Sailing Monohull Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Nearshore Category Races*, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf>.

5. FEES

- 5.1. **\$50** for US Sailing members. **\$55** for Non-US Sailing members. **\$5 discount before 1700 on Thursday, September 12, 2024.**

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1200 on Saturday, September 21, 2024.
- 6.2. PHRF classes will have no more than two races. The Viper 640 class may have additional races.

7. VENUE

7.1. The starting area will be in an area about 1 nm south of Charles Island, Milford, CT.

8. COURSES

8.1. Courses will consist of government marks and/or drop marks as identified in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be determined by the Race Committee based on prevailing conditions.

8.2. For PHRF classes, total course distance, cumulative for all races, will be in the range of 8-20 nm.

9. SCORING

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

9.2. For PHRF classes, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no scores excluded.

9.3. For the Viper 640 class, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores from this regatta and from the Milford Yacht Club Last Chance Regatta on Sunday, September 22, 2024.

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. Results will be posted at the Yacht Scoring event page as soon as possible following completion of racing. Prizes will be awarded at the Windjammers Sailing Club banquet at the end of the season.

For further information please contact the WSC Fleet Captain:

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Dockage and dry sailing:

Milford Yacht Club:

- Space, as available on Friday and Saturday nights, will be provided at no extra cost for boats also entered in the Milford Yacht Club Last Chance Regatta on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Expect some rafting. Information about the Milford Yacht Club Last Chance Regatta can be found at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16655>.
- To enquire, call the Milford Yacht Club Dock Office (203-783-0065) before 1700 on Friday, September 20, 2024.

Milford Lisman Landing:

- Dockage can be booked online at: <https://dockwa.com/explore/destination/pwcedvm-milford-landing-marina>

<https://windjammers.org/>