



ESSEX YACHT CLUB

The Essex Rum Challenge

Presented by
Essex Yacht Club and Gosling's Rum
Saturday July 21, 2018
Notice of Race



Organizing Club	The Essex Yacht Club
Date	Saturday July 21, 2018
Rules	The regatta will be governed by <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020</i> , the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association and the Sailing Instructions. The Essex Yacht Club strongly recommends that entrants comply with the <i>US Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Races</i> available at www.ussailing.org or at www.yachtscoring.com
Eligibility	The regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2018 ECSA PHRF Certificate
Classes	There will be spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.
Entries	The entry fee is \$40 per yacht (\$35 if member of USSA). Entries <u>must</u> be made on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com . Entries must be received by noon, Friday July 20, 2018. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and shall be subject to a late entry fee of \$20. Entrants must have a 2018 ECSA PHRF certificate posted on the ECSA website at www.ecsa.net/PHRF/PHRFLookup or must mail a valid ECSA PHRF certificate to: Rum Challenge Regatta Entries, Essex Yacht Club, 13 Novelty Lane, Essex, CT 06426.
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 with drop marks, point-to-point 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 Skipper's Meeting at Essex Yacht Club at 1800 Friday July 20, 2018, at the event website at www.yachtscoring.com and will be available from the Race Committee Boat prior to the First Warning. The skipper's package, including Gosling's hats, will be available only at the Skipper's Meeting.
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.
Awards Party	Trophies will be awarded at the Essex Rum Challenge Party at Essex Yacht Club following the races. Party tickets are \$10 per person with entry or \$20 per person at the door.
Moorings/Dockage	Discounted moorings are available at the Essex Yacht Club on a first come - first served basis. Call the EYC Waterfront Manager at (860) 767-8121 for details.