



ESSEX YACHT CLUB

The Essex Rum Challenge

Presented by
Essex Yacht Club and Goslings Rum
Saturday July 22, 2017
Notice of Race



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| Organizing Club | The Essex Yacht Club |
| Date | Saturday July 22, 2017 |
| Rules | <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> |
| Eligibility | The regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2017 ECSA PHRF Certificate |
| Classes | There will be spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. |
| Entries | <p>The entry fee is \$40 per yacht (\$35 if member of USSA).</p> <p>Entries <u>must</u> be made on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com. Entries must be received by noon, Friday July 21, 2017. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and shall be subject to a late entry fee of \$20.</p> <p>Entrants must have a 2017 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.</p> |
| 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 | <p>Sailing Instructions and scratch sheets will be available at the Skipper's Meeting at Essex Yacht Club at 1800 Friday July 21, 2017, at the event website at www.yachtscoring.com and will be available from the Race Committee Boat prior to the First Warning.</p> <p>The skipper's package, including Gosling's hats, will be available only at the Skipper's Meeting.</p> |
| Scoring | <p>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.</p> <p>This is an ECSA Regatta and is one of a five race series necessary to qualify for the Long Sand Shoal Cup.</p> |
| 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. |