

**THOMAS S. WILLETS MEMORIAL RACE**  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 7, 2017**  
**ESSEX YACHT CLUB, ESSEX, CT**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the Sailing Instructions.

**2. ELIGIBILITY:**

2.1 The regatta is open to two classes. Class 1 shall be cruising sailboats over 23.5' with a current PHRF rating. Class 2 shall be Ideal 18 one-design class sailboats.

2.2 Eligible skippers may enter by completing the entry form and sending it to the Essex Yacht Club, 13 Novelty Lane, Essex, CT 06426 before 1200 on Friday October 6, 2017.

**3. FEES:** There is no entry fee for this regatta.

**4. SCHEDULE:**

4.1 The skippers' meeting will be held at 0930 on Saturday October 7, 2017 at the Essex Yacht Club.

4.2 The first warning signal will be at 1100.

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The sailing instructions will be available at the skippers meeting.

**6. VENUE:**

6.1 The starting area will be located east of nun "R26" on the Connecticut River.

6.2 The racing area will be on the Connecticut River between Brockway Bar and Calves Island.

**7. COURSES:**

7.1 The course will be set using either government buoys or inflatable marks as turning marks.

7.2 The Race Committee will signal the course to be sailed as described in the Sailing Instructions at the start of the race.

**8. PENALTY SYSTEM:** Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

**9. SCORING:**

9.1 Class 1 boats shall be scored on Corrected Time using PHRF Time-on-Time handicaps.

9.2 Class 2 boats shall be scored based on finishing order.

9.3 The scores for Class 1 boats will be used in determining the overall winner of the Tri-Club Trophy in combination with each boat's scores from the Clark and Birch Memorial races. Class 2 boats are not eligible for the Tri-Club Trophy.

**10. PRIZES:**

10.1 Prizes for each class will be awarded at the Awards Party commencing at 1700 on Saturday October 7 at the Essex Yacht Club.

10.2 The winner of Class 1 shall be the winner of the 2016 Thomas S. Willetts Memorial Trophy.

**11. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:**

11.1 The Race Committee will monitor Channel 72 for safety and to communicate information to racers.

11.2 Boats must not enter the Essex mooring field as defined by the yellow marker buoys.

11.3 Boats must keep clear of all commercial river traffic. The Race Committee will disqualify any boat that requires a commercial vessel to change course or speed for safety.

**12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.