



2025 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

MONDAY AUGUST 11 & WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13, 2025

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: ESSEX YACHT CLUB, ESSEX, CT

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Ideal 18 Class Rules, the Notice of Race, the Essex YC Ideal 18 rules and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. RRS 44.1 is modified by adding the following paragraph: "(c) within the zone around a windward mark that is to be left to port, and unless Rule 18.3 applies, if a boat that entered the zone on port tack has contact with, or requires evasive action to avoid contact be taken by, a boat that entered the zone on starboard tack her penalty shall be to retire."

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Teams must be female, be 16 years or older, be a member of Essex Yacht Club or a child of a member and have been checked out in the Ideal 18. Crews must be female, do not have to be checked out on the Ideal 18 but must be a member of EYC or a child of a member. This is a non-spinnaker regatta.
- 2.2. Teams will be required to draw for boat assignments at the skippers' meeting. On the second day of racing, each Team shall sail the boat with the next highest sail number except that 207 will sail 159 on the second day.

3. FEES

- 3.1. There is no entry fee for this regatta

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The skippers' meeting will be held at 1700 on Monday August 11, 2025.
- 4.2. The First Warning Signal will be at 1730 on each day of racing.
- 4.3. No race will be started after 1930.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. 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 Essex Harbor Anchorage area delineated by yellow buoys shall be out of bounds.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. Courses shall be either triangular or windward/leeward around drop marks. All marks shall be left to port.
- 7.2. Courses shall be sailed twice around if numeral pennant "2" is displayed

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1. *RRS* Appendix V.1 “Penalty at the Time of an Incident” shall be in effect

9. SCORING

9.1. The regatta shall be scored according to *RRS* Appendix A Low Point Scoring System.

9.2. Scoring will be by Team, not by boat.

9.3. If six or more races are sailed, each Team’s series score shall be the total of its best race scores in 75% (rounded up) of the number of races in the series. This modifies *RRS* Appendix A2.1.

9.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

9.5. One race is required to be completed to constitute the series

10. PRIZES

10.1. Results will be announced after racing. Prizes will be awarded at the Essex Yacht Club’s Annual Meeting

11. SAFETY REGULATIONS

11.1. All racers must wear USCG-approved life vests and carry a VHF radio on board.

11.2. A current Ideal 18 Program Rules and Waiver Form must be on file for all Essex YC skippers.

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

12. RISK STATEMENT

12.1. Rule 3 of the *RRS* states ‘The responsibility for a competitor’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’