



EASTERN CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL REGATTA

SUNDAY MAY 19th, 2024

ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB, ESSEX, CT

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Ideal 18 Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Ideal 18 class owned by or chartered to a recognized yacht club. This is a non-spinnaker regatta. ECYC and EYC will have boats available for charter.

2.2 Both Skipper and Crew must be women.

2.3 Eligible skippers may enter by completing the entry form and emailing it to racechair@essexcorinthian.org by April 29th 2024. Entry forms are available at ECYC or online at www.essexcorinthian.org

2.4 Skippers will be required to draw for boat assignments at the skippers' meeting.

3. FEES

3.1 There is a \$50 entry fee for this regatta, per boat, payable by check or cash at the Skippers meeting.

4. BOAT CHARTERS

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Boats owned by ECYC and EYC are available for no cost charter. The skipper at fault in a collision is responsible for paying the \$250 deductible if a boat is damaged. The skipper will be required to sign a liability form at the Skipper's meeting.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The skippers' meeting will be held at 1200 on Sunday May 19th, 2024.

5.2 The First Warning Signal will be at 1300.

5.3 Up to Six races are scheduled.

5.4 No race will be started after 1600.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the skippers meeting.

7. VENUE

7.1 The starting area will be located east of nun "R26" on the Connecticut River in Essex Harbor.

8. COURSES

8.1 Courses shall be signaled by code flags "A" or "B". Course A shall be a triangular course with all marks left to port. Course B shall be a windward-leeward course with all marks left to port.

8.2 Courses shall be sailed twice around if numeral pennant "2" is displayed.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 Appendix V "Alternative Penalties" of RRS shall be in effect.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System shall apply.

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

10.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If six races are sailed, then the worst race score shall be excluded from the series score.

11. PRIZES

11.1 Results will be announced and Prizes will be awarded at the Awards Party which starts at 1630 at ECYC

11.2 Grill/BBQ and refreshments will be served at the party.

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 All racers must wear USCG-approved life vests and carry a VHF radio on board. Radios will be provided to those who don't have them.
- 12.2 The Race Committee will monitor Channel 72 for safety and to communicate information to racers.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 'The responsibility for a competitor's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers/his alone.' Rule 4 of the RRS