



**2009 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES • MAY 27TH – SEPTEMBER 2ND
THAMES YACHT CLUB, INC. 396 PEQUOT AVENUE • NEW LONDON CT 06320**

Notice of Race

- 1 RULES** – Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, rules of the PHRF of Eastern Connecticut and the rules of participating one-design classes. Time-on-Time handicapping will be used for PHRF classes.
- 2 ADVERTISING** – Advertising will be restricted to Category A.
- 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY** – The series is open to all racing and cruising handicap boats and to certain one-design classes of at least three (3) entrants. Entries will be accepted and assigned to classes at the discretion of the race committee. At least one (1) non-spinnaker class will be included. A copy of a **2009** PHRF certificate (whether from PHRF of Eastern Connecticut or from Thames Yacht Club) must accompany the entry form. Entries close May 27th for the Spring Series and July 15th for the Summer Series. Skippers of record need not be a member of Thames Yacht Club.
- 4 FEES** – \$60.00 per boat, payable to Thames Yacht Club, Inc. for the entire series, or; \$35.00 for either the Spring or Summer series. Add \$3.00 if skipper is not a member of US Sailing.
- 5 SCHEDULE** – First Warning at 1810 each day. One (1) race scheduled each evening. Spring race dates are May, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1 and 8. Summer races dates are July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 and Sep. 2.
- 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – Sailing Instructions and initial Scratch Sheets will be available at the Series Skippers' Meeting May 27th and continuously thereafter posted on the Race Information Bulletin Board as well as the Club's web site.
- 7 COURSES** – Courses will be displayed on the race committee vessel Queen Merry. Marks are as stipulated on the Course Marks and Symbols Chart. Special Marks will be stipulated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8 SCORING** – The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used. A boat must start five (5) races in a series to qualify. Boats with more than five (5) races in a series will use their best five (5) scores.
- 9 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS** – VHF-FM Channel 72 will be used for communication between the race committee and competing boats. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and other portable devices such as "blackberrys."
- 10 PRIZES** – Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boats in each class with at least five (5) entrants for each class, and for the combined Spring and Summer Series'. Individual race results will be announced at the Clubhouse after each race. Trophies will be awarded at Skippers' Night, Saturday, November 7, 2009.
- 11 RACE COMMITTEE DUTY** – Each boat in the Series will volunteer to staff the Race Committee (RC) for one race during either the Wednesday Night or Chowder Series. The skipper of record for the boat and at least two (2) regular crew members will report to the Rear Commodore or his representative not later than 1715 for RC duty. The boat assigned to RC will not participate in that race but will be scored an average of its other series points for that race. Failure to comply will result in that boat receiving points equal to the total number of boats entered in the series and that score will not be excluded from the series.
- 12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** – Competitors participate 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.
- 13 ENTRIES** Return entry to: Greg Reese
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