

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**2011 CHILI SERIES - MAY 29, JUNE 5 & 19, 2011**  
**THAMES YACHT CLUB, INC. 396 PEQUOT AVENUE • NEW LONDON CT 06320**

- 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. This is a non-spinnaker event.
- 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 (Ensign and Force-5) of at least three (3) entrants. Entries will be accepted and assigned to classes at the discretion of the race committee. A copy of a 2011 PHRF certificate (whether from PHRF of Eastern Connecticut or from Thames Yacht Club) should accompany the entry form. Boats without an established rating will be assigned one. Entries close Sunday, June 5th at 1030. Skippers of record need not be a member of Thames Yacht Club.
- 4) **FEES:** \$30.00 per boat, payable to Thames Yacht Club, Inc. Add \$3.00 if skipper is not a member of US Sailing.
- 5) **SCHEDULE:** First warning at 1200 each day. Two to three races per day are scheduled. The starting sequence of RRS 26 will be used for PHRF classes and Ensigns. Force 5's starting sequence will be per Appendix S- "Sound Signal System" of the RRS. There will be a Series Skippers' Meeting at 1000 on May 29 at the Thames Yacht Club.
- 6) **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheets will be available at the Series Skippers' Meeting and from the Queen Merry prior to the First Warning.
- 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. The completion of any four (4) races shall constitute the Series. When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When more than four (4) races have been completed, boats will be scored using their best four (4) 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. Individual race results will be announced at the Clubhouse after the final race each day. Trophies will be awarded at Skippers' Night, Saturday, November 5, 2011.
- 11) **PERPETUAL AWARDS:** For Thames YC members, results will be consolidated with the Fall Chowder Series for combined awards.
  - a. PHRF boats shall be eligible for the BRENDT Trophy
  - b. ENSIGNS shall be eligible for the RAIMONDI Trophy
- 12) **RACE COMMITTEE DUTY:** Each boat in the Series will volunteer to staff the Race Committee (RC) for one race during either the Chili, 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 no later than one hour before the first warning 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. **Boats participating in the either series which have not signed up for a RC date by the third week of the series will be assigned a date.**
- 13) **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.

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