

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
STONINGTON HARBOR YACHT CLUB
FRIDAY NIGHT PURSUIT RACES 2025

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club (SHYC).

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.

2.3 This Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) will govern the event. In case of conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category C in accordance with RRS 20.2.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The series is open to self-righting monohull keelboats and cruising multihulls with a Length Overall (LOA) of 18 feet and greater.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by submitting the required entry information to the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club.

4.3 Required entry information includes: Boat Name, Length/LOA, Type/Design, Hull Color, Sail Number, Headsail Size (working jib/genoa), PHRF Rating (if any), Multihull Rating (if any), Portsmouth Yardstick (if any), Other Rating (if any), Owner, Address, Phone, and Email.

4.4 Registrants are required to use the following link to register for the regatta:

<https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/RrD0RRu1WA/class>

4.5 Registration for the series will cost \$100 for non -SHYC members and \$80 for SHYC Members.

4.6 Registration for individual races will cost \$30 for non -SHYC members and \$20 for SHYC Members

4.7 SHYC members who wish to sail an Ideal 18 should use this link to reserve a boat. A charge of \$25 per race will apply for Ideal 18 rentals.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 First Scheduled Race: Friday, June 27, 2025.

5.2 Subsequent Races: Every Friday thereafter through August 29, 2025.

5.3 First Warning Signal: 17:45 (5:45 PM) Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) for the slowest boat. Individual boat starting times will be posted online in advance.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This document constitutes the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Amendments, if any, will be posted on the official notice board located at [Specify location, e.g., the SHYC clubhouse] and/or online at [Specify website if applicable].

7. COURSES

7.1 All races will start and finish at Green Can "7" in Stonington Harbor.

7.2 The Race Committee (RC) boat will anchor west of Can "7" to form the starting line.

7.3 The course is a modified Gold Cup configuration, consisting of five legs: one lap around a triangle, then out to the first mark and back to the finish.

7.4 Course Marks (in order):

1. Green Gong "3" (east end of Noyes Shoal, approximately 1 mile south of Can "7")
2. Stonington Point Nun "SP" (Green and Red Nun off Stonington Point)
3. Can "7"
4. Gong "3"

7.5 All marks, including the finish, must be left to port.

8. MARKS

8.1 Marks are described in Section 7.4. They are U.S. Aids to Navigation.

8.2 [No additional information on special marks or mark descriptions was provided in the source document.]

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be conducted using a pursuit race format. Individual boat starting times will be staggered based on assigned handicaps.

9.2 Handicaps will reflect observed performance (from 2023 –2024 seasons), boat specifications, and existing rating data (PHRF, Multihull Rating, Portsmouth Yardstick, or other recognized ratings).

9.3 Starting times will begin at the top of GPS minutes.

9.4 Individual boat starting times will be posted online in advance of each race.

9.5 The starting line will be between the RC boat and Green Can "7".

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finishline is defined as when Can "7" bears 270° magnetic and the boat is within three boat lengths of Can "7".

10.2 The first boat to cross the finish line in accordance with its individual start time will be declared the winner.

10.3 Absence of Race Committee at Finish: If the Race Committee boat is not present at the finish, entrants must record the names and sail numbers of the boats immediately ahead and behind them upon finishing and report this information to the Race Committee as soon as practicable.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 The Two Turns Penalty of RRS 44.1 and 44.2 applies.

11.2 [No specific additional penalty information beyond RRS was provided in the source document.]

12. TIME LIMITS

Races may be considered abandoned or retired if they do not finish within a reasonable time as determined by the Race Committee.]

13. SHORTENING COURSE

13.1 The course may be shortened at any turning mark.

13.2 Shortening of course will be signaled by the Race Committee displaying Code Flag "S" (Sierra).

13.3 The flag will be displayed within three boat lengths of the shortened course finish line, positioned perpendicular to the previous leg. Boats shall finish by crossing this line.

14. SAILS

14.1 Only upwind sails are permitted.

14.2 Light sails (e.g., Code 0s) and spinnakers (asymmetric or symmetric) are strictly prohibited.

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2 A boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for her top five races. This discards all other race scores.

15.3 [No information was provided regarding the minimum number of races to constitute a series.]

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

Note: All registrants must complete the electronic waiver of liability sent to them from Clubspot upon registration.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third -party liability insurance with a minimum cover of [Recommend amount, e.g., \$300,000 USD] per incident or the equivalent.

18. PRIZES

Pride and bragging rights.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact SHYC Race Committee at rc@shyc.com.