



PEQUOT YACHT CLUB

PEQUOT YACHT CLUB'S FALKNER ISLAND RACE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
PEQUOT YACHT CLUB IS THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, except as may be modified herein or by the Sailing Instructions, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the PHRF regulations of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Except as stated in the following Section 1.2.1, Boats shall comply with the current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Coastal events; these requirements are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/SER-2025.0-Monohull-Coastal.pdf>.
- 1.2.1. Compliance with the following USSER requirement 4.3.2 is strongly encouraged, but not required: At least 30% of those aboard the boat, but not fewer than two members of the crew, unless racing single-handed, including the person in charge, shall have a valid Coastal, Offshore, or International Offshore Certificate from US Sailing, or the equivalent from another national authority [NP].
- 1.2.2. Compliance with USSER requirement 4.3.2 will be required for the Falkner Island Race in 2026.
- 1.3. RRS 40 is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal flotation devices when they or their skipper determines that conditions warrant the same. US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area."
- 1.4. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules of the Racing Rules of Sailing Part 2 are replaced with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. This event is open to boats with a valid 2025 YRALIS PHRF certificate. Send certificates not on file with YRALIS to racecommittee@pequotyc.com.
- 2.2. Boats with an expired YRA-LIS PHRF certificate will be scored provided, that, (i) the expired certificate was valid within the past three years and (ii) the boat has not been modified in a manner which would result in a lower rating; provided, further, that boats with an expired YRA-LIS PHRF certificate will not have their scored forwarded to YRALIS for YRALIS seasonal point and trophy eligibility.
- 2.3. To register, go to the "Online Registration Form" on the Falkner Island Race Regatta Site ("Regatta Site") at : <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50884>
- 2.4. Entry fee: \$50 / boat.
- 2.5. All participants (skippers and crew) must complete the liability waiver on the Regatta Site.
- 2.6. Deadline: Register and pay the entry fee (and email your PHRF certificate if not on file with YRALIS) by 1700 on Wed., September 9, 2026. The PYC Race Committee may accept late entries at its discretion.

3. DIVISIONS

- 3.1. The race will be conducted in two divisions:
 - 3.1.1. Division 1 – boats with a spinnaker distance rating less than or equal to 80
 - 3.1.2. Division 2 - boats with a spinnaker distance rating greater than 80
- 3.2. The Race Committee, at its discretion, may combine Divisions or adjust division splits depending on the numbers of competitors entered and the PHRF distance rating of the competitors.
4. QUALIFYING EVENT

Pequot's Falkner Island Race is a qualifier for trophies awarded by the YRA of Long Island Sound.
5. SCHEDULE
 - 5.1. The first Warning Signal will be made @ 1755 on Friday, September 12, 2025.
 - 5.2. The awards dinner will be held at PYC @ 1700 on Saturday, September 13, 2025.
6. COURSE, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND RACE RESULTS
 - 6.1. The 60-mile course starts at the "A" Mark off Southport Harbor, to and around Falkner Island and returns to "R 22" (approximately 1 nm SE of "A" mark), for the finish, as described in greater detail in the Sailing Instructions.
 - 6.2. Sailing Instructions, race results and other race information will be posted to all boats at the Regatta Site (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50097>).
7. SCORING

Boats will be awarded finish positions based on their corrected elapsed time. To calculate corrected times, the PHRF Time on Time method will be used, under which a boat's elapsed time will be multiplied by that boat's Time Correction Factor (TCF), which will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{TCF} = 650 / (550 + \text{PHRF spinnaker distance rating})$$
$$\text{Corrected Time} = \text{Elapsed Time} \times \text{TCF}$$
8. BERTHING

Visiting boats requesting a transient mooring should contact Travis Herman, PYC's Waterfront and Facilities Manager: 203-255-5740 x19 or dockmaster@pequotyc.com.
9. COMMUNICATION
 - 9.1. Pre-race information will be posted on - the Regatta Site to all skippers who registered on Yacht Scoring and submitted a PHRF certificate to the Race Committee if not on file with YRALIS.
 - 9.2. On race day, the Race Committee will make a pre-race announcement to all competitors on channel 69 @ 1700.
10. PRIZES
 - 10.1. Competitors in each Division will receive prizes as follows: First place will be awarded if three boats start in the Division. First and second places will be awarded if four boats start in the Division. If more than four boats start in a Division, first, second and third places will be

awarded. Prizes will be presented at the dinner at PYC on Saturday evening, September 6, after the race.

- 10.2. The Starring Trophy will be awarded to the Pequot Yacht Club boat with the lowest corrected time at the annual PYC Awards dinner.

11. SAILOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

- 11.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.
11.2. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

12. ARBITRATION - Appendix T of the RRS applies. The arbitrator will be designated by the Pequot Yacht Club Protest Committee in its sole discretion.

13. INSURANCE - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death.

14. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage, economic loss, injury or even death. By enrolling and participating in the Falkner Island Race, you understand and agree with RRS 3, Decision to Race, and hereby understand, acknowledge and agree that you, as a competitor, are participating in this event entirely at your own risk and have shared this Notice of Race and risk statement with your crew. Each member of your crew understands, acknowledges, and agrees that they are participating in this event entirely at their own risk. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other Pequot Yacht Club vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participants.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information please email racecommittee@pequotyc.com or call Pequot Yacht Club at (203) 255-5740 and ask for the Chairman of the Race Committee.

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