



**Sailing
Instructions
Shennecossett
Lighthouse Regatta
August 1, 2026**

1. Rules

1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of participating classes, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
2. US Sailing sail numbers of rule 77 and Appendix G are not required.
3. Non-Spinnaker boats shall sail without spinnakers and are limited to one headsail at any one time.

2. Notices to Competitors

1. Changes may be announced by the Race Committee on VHF Ch. 01A prior to the start.
2. In the event of a Postponement or Abandonment in harbor, the Race Committee will broadcast such at 1100 and every 15 minutes thereafter until 1230

3. Class Flags

1. Class flags are assigned to each class by the Scratch Sheet. Note that class flags may be used to designate classes affected by signals displayed by the Race Committee, in accordance with Race Signals.

4. Schedule of Races

1. One race is scheduled on Saturday August 1st

2. The first warning is scheduled for 1200 in the vicinity of Vixen Buoy (“28 VL”)

5. The Course

1. The course will be designated using a horizontal row of marks symbols, reading from left to right, indicating the marks in the order to be rounded or passed. The letters P (port) or S (starboard) will indicate which side to round the preceding mark(s). The last leg of the course is from the mark represented by the last mark symbol posted to the finish as specified is SI 9.0

2. Marks: see appendix A

6. The Start

- 7.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. Order of class starts will be on the scratch sheet. Rolling Starts are intended.
- 7.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the “S/F” mark at the port end.
- 7.3 Boats who’s Warning Signal has NOT been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Warning Signal has been made.
- 7.4 An inflatable buoy may be tied to or anchored off the stern of the Committee Boat. Boats starting / finishing shall not pass between the buoy and the Committee Boat.

7. Recalls

- 8.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1. A boat starting early and failing to return to make a proper start will be penalized 30 minutes; Rules 29.1 and 64.1 (a) are changed accordingly. The following shall not be grounds for redress (this changes RRS 62.1): failure of a boat to hear the hail; a boat’s position in the sequence of hailed numbers; promptness of hail.

8. The Finish

- 9.1. The Finish Line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the finish mark. Boats shall finish between the committee boat and the finish mark regardless of which side the buoy is on. This changes the Race Signals section of the RRS.

9. Time Limit

10.1 The time limit for all boats in each class is 16:30.

10. Protests

11.1 A boat intending to protest or acknowledging an infringement shall notify the Race Committee promptly after finishing. Written protests shall be submitted to a Club official at the Clubhouse prior to the time the committee Boat docks.

11.2. Notices of protests will be posted inside the public side entrance to the SYC Clubhouse on the table in the entryway. It is intended that protests be heard as soon as feasible after the race. Failure of either party to appear may result in a judgment against the absentee.

11. Radio Communications

12.1. VHF channel 01A will be used for radio communications with the Race Committee.

12. Prizes

13.1 The Awards will follow racing at approximately 1700 at the SYC Beach House (tent) or inside depending on weather. Soft drinks, beer and light snacks will be provided.

13. Scoring

13.1 PHRF classes will be scored in accordance with ECSA practices

13.2 ORC Classes: The decision on wind ranges and course classification (WL, All purpose, or Distance) will be at the sole discretion of the race committee and shall not be grounds for a to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14. Disclaimer of Liability

13.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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. The legal age for drinking alcohol in CT is 21. The Master/ Captain of each vessel is responsible for the actions of their crew.

Appendix A

Shennecossett Yacht Club Light Regatta Marks

Letter	Mark Name	ID	Lat/ Lon
A	Bartletts Reef	R-4	41 15.57'N/ 072 08.35'W
B	Black Ledge	N "2BL"	41 18.02'N/ 072 03.92'W
E	Silver Eel Pond	SE	41 15.55'N/ 072 02.22'W
I	Intrepid Rock	DIR	41 17.94'N/ 072 00.24'W
L	Latimer Reef North	"DL"	41 18.56'N/ 072 55.66'W
M	Mystic River West	C "1"	41 17.40'N/ 071 59.42'W
N	No. Hill Bell	R "2"	41 16.79'N/ 072 01.38'W
R	Ram Island Bell	R "20"	41 18.20'N/ 071 58.39'W
S	Sarahs Ledge	C"SL"	41 17.70'N/ 072 05.39'W
	Thames River Red		
T	bell	R-2	41 17.62'N/ 072 04.64'W
V	Vixen Ledge	N "28VL"	41 18.35'/ 072 02.92'W
8	West Harbor West	Ent N	41 16.46'/ 072 00.83'W
W	West Harbor Channel	FL R "6"	41 16.30'N/ 072 00.33'W
D/M	Drop Mark	Inflatable	R & B from RC
S/F	Start/ Finish	Inflatable	Yellow near RC