



2026 Bill's Cup
Wednesday Evening, September 9, 2026
Duck Island Yacht Club
Westbrook, Connecticut
Notice of Race (NoR)



The Duck Island Yacht Club ("DIYC") is the Organizing Authority ("OA").

1. Rules

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*, *Prescriptions of US Sailing*, the *DIYC PHRF Sailing Instructions*, and the version of this *Notice of Race* that is posted on the YachtScoring event page.
- 1.2. The Sailing Instructions change several rules in addition to Rule 60.4(a)(2) Protest Validity, Rule 77-Appendix G-sail numbers are not required and Race Signals-Postponement signaled ashore.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. This regatta is open to all local area sailboats including first time or limited experienced skippers and crews referred to as Guest Entries, and the regular DIYC PHRF racing fleet and the Etchell's One Design class.
- 2.2. Entries close September 9, at 1200. Entries must be created online at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 2.3. All regular PHRF racing entrants must have a current, valid ECSA-PHRF or DIYC-PHRF certificate available in the PHRF-ECSA or DIYC online databases before the Close of Entries. Guest Entries will be assigned a PHRF rating from the ECSA Base Boat database, or they may apply for a DIYC-PHRF rating.
- 2.4. Boats must contain, as a minimum, a self-bailing cockpit, and be self-righting.
- 2.5. Spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will be determined by the Race Committee based on PHRF ratings.
- 2.6. Guest Entries will be placed in the appropriate non-spinnaker or spinnaker class.

3. Fees

- Race Fee; \$30 per boat.
- Party Fee; \$20 per person with entry, (\$25 per person at the door).

4. Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. Will be available at least one week before the First Warning on the YachtScoring event page.
- 4.2. Limited copies will be placed in the blue box next to the bulletin board described below.
- 4.3. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the YachtScoring event page and on the Race Committee bulletin board located below the deck in the front of the clubhouse building, Hammock Road South, Westbrook, CT

5. Guest Entries

- 5.1. For first time and limited experienced skippers and crews.
- 5.2. A Seminar will be offered Tuesday September 8, 2026, at 1800 (6 PM) at the DIYC clubhouse to cover basic rules, courses and course board, starting and finishing.

6. Start

- 6.1. In the vicinity of Duck Island Roads, Westbrook, CT.
- 6.2. **The First Warning Signal is scheduled at 1800.**

7. Courses

Will be selected immediately prior to each race by the Race Committee and signaled in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

8. Scoring

Will be done by a PHRF-based "time-on-time" system and RRS Appendix A. No races will be excluded.

9. Party, Results and Prizes: Results will be announced at the post-race party on the deck at Bill's Seafood at the end of racing. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class. A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the top spinnaker boat. There will also be live music and event T-shirts for sale.

Questions should be addressed by email to: diyc.race@gmail.com or by phone: (914) 316-5811.