



Notice of Race
81st Annual Invitational Regatta
RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB, Inc.
Saturday, 22 August 2026
Noank, CT, USA

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, U.S. Sailing Prescriptions and applicable One-Design class Rules.
- 1.2. National letters and sail numbers shall be of a contrasting color to the body of the sail.
- 1.3. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: *“(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”*

2. NOTICE of RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 2.1. Will be posted to the Official Notice Board on Clubspot. Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1900 Wednesday, 19 August, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION:

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board will be located online at Clubspot.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 1001 (was: 01A).
- 3.3. The race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio channel 1001 (was: 01A).
- 3.4. From her warning signal until she finishes, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY:

- 4.1. The event is open to all monohull boats with valid PHRF and/or ORC handicap ratings, multihull boats with NEMA handicap ratings and One-Design Class boats with an LOA of at least 18 feet. Handicap spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes, double-handed and one-design classes will be offered given sufficient entries (minimum = 4 boats). Class assignment will be determined by the Race Committee.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at Clubspot
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees no later than **1600 August 20th, 2026**.
- 4.4. Each participating boat shall hold insurance, including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

5. FEES:

- 5.1. Entry fee is \$65.00 per boat.
- 5.2. Tickets for the post-race party are \$25.00 per adult (over 21), \$10.00 per non-adult.
- 5.3. Entry fee and party tickets may be purchased as part of online registration. Party tickets may also be purchased at the Club on race day.

6. SCHEDULE:

- 6.1. A Competitors meet-and-greet is scheduled for Friday, August 21st at 1700 at Ram Island Yacht Club, Noank, CT. Scratch sheets and party tickets can be picked up at this time.
- 6.2. The First Warning is scheduled for Saturday August 22nd, 2026 at **1055**.

7. VENUE:

7.1. The Starting Area will be in the vicinity of Horseshoe Reef N "26", Southwest of Groton Long Point.

8. COURSES:

8.1. All classes may sail the traditional "Around Fisher's Island" course or an alternate course consisting of a combination of government marks identified in the Sailing Instructions. Course(s) will be determined by the Race Committee based on prevailing conditions.

9. SCORING:

9.1. PHRF handicap classes will be scored based on Time-On-Time calculation using $650/(PHRF + 550)$ as the Time Correction Factor (TCF).

9.2. ORC handicap classes will be scored based on the Triple Number Time-On-Time format. The RC may select an ORC scoring option if there has been a material change in conditions during the race. The race committee's choice of wind band or course type is not subject to redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

10. RISK STATEMENT:

10.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks which include permanent, catastrophic injury and death.

11. PRIZES:

11.1. Prizes will be awarded for each class at the post-race party at Ram Island Yacht Club, 60 Front St., Noank, CT. Additional prizes, including best overall, best traditional, best youth and best Ram Island member in Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes may be awarded.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION:

12.1. Contact John Watson via email at watsojk@gmail.com. Race documents and results will be available on TheClubSpot.