



## **Pettipaug Yacht Club**

### **Robin C. Starr Memorial Handicap Race**

**All classes with a Portsmouth Yardstick Rating.**

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

1. Rules:
  - 1.1. This Race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing: 2021-2024, and the individual class rules unless modified by this Notice or the Sailing Instructions.
  - 1.2. The Race is a time measured distance race. The sailed times are corrected by using the North American Portsmouth Yardstick Table of Pre-Calculated Classes.
2. Eligibility and Registration:
  - 2.1. Registration for this Regatta is open to all Senior and Junior Pettipaug Yacht Club members.
  - 2.2. Any boat class having a Portsmouth Yardstick Rating may enter.
  - 2.3. Skippers are requested to register before the skippers meeting by providing; Skipper name, crew name (when applicable), boat class, sail number, color hull/sail and Portsmouth Yardstick Rating.
  - 2.4. The Portsmouth Rating can be found online. Search for: "North American Portsmouth Yardstick".
3. Entry Fee:
  - 3.1. There will be no entry fee.
4. Starting conditions:
  - 4.1. For safety there will be two fleets starting:
    - Fleet A: MC Scows.
    - Fleet B: All other boats racing.
5. Schedule:

1130-1230H	Boat Launching/Rigging
1100-1200H	Registrations
1200H	Skippers meeting
1300H	Warning signal Fleet A
1305H	Warning signal Fleet B.
1700H	Awards will be presented after racing.
6. Venue and course:
  - 6.1. The race venue is: Pettipaug Yacht Club, Great Meadows Rd, Essex CT.

- 6.2. The course will be set on the day of racing, depending on wind, current etcetera. The course will be announced on the day of racing during the Skippers Meeting. It is the intention to set a course which takes between 1 and 2 hours to complete, depending on boat type and skills of skipper and crew.
7. Scoring:
  - 7.1. All boats will be scored, regardless of class, based on their corrected times calculated by using the North American Portsmouth Yardstick Table of Pre-Calculated Classes.
8. Sailing Instructions:
  - 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be provided by email and will be available at the Skippers Meeting.
9. Food, drinks and snacks:
  - 9.1. Sailors should bring their own lunch, snacks, and water bottle(s).
10. Prizes:
  - 10.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers of both fleets combined, based on calculated racing time.
11. Safety Requirements:
  - 11.1. All sailors shall wear a USCG approved PFD, always secured properly while on the water.
  - 11.2. All class required safety equipment is mandatory.
12. Responsibility for Safety:
  - 12.1. As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Pettipaug Yacht Club or Pettipaug Junior Sailing Academy (PYC/PJSA): the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility, and each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the PYC/PJSA, and any of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel manning them is at the risk of the participant.
13. Content:
  - 13.1. By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other productions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.