



CANDLEWOOD YACHT CLUB

2025 NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

The series is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2 COMMUNICATIONS

- A) The Race Committee (RC) will use WhatsApp to communicate race information, including notifications about race cancellations due to storms or lack of wind. To join the chat group, please use this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HXevAuYO6GJBzQWnzxv67k>
- B) All boats (except Sunfish) shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 68.
- C) On the water, the Race Committee will communicate with competitors via VHF radio.

3 ELIGIBILITY TO RACE

- A) Any active member, spouse, or dependent living in the same household may act as the skipper of a boat.
- B) The skipper must be at the helm for the majority of the race, including the start, finish, and all mark roundings.
- C) A team of two members may skipper the same boat in different races and be scored either separately or together. They must notify the Race Committee Chair prior to the start of the series.
- D) All boats must display a sail number.

4 FLEETS

- A) The regular fleets are the Flying Scot and the Cruising fleet.
- B) Three or more boats of the same class that race regularly may form special fleets.
 - 1) They must notify the Race Committee Chair before the start of the series.
 - 2) Special fleets will start with the Cruising fleet but will be scored separately.
 - 3) Examples of special fleets are:
 - Catalina 22 Fleet
 - Capri 22 Fleet
 - Junior skippers who are under 18 years of age as of June 1
 - Sunfish or Optimist fleets, if any, will have a separate start.

5 SCHEDULE

- A) Regular series races are scheduled to start on Sundays from May 4 to October 5. The skipper's meeting will be at noon and the first warning signal at 1 p.m.
- B) May 11 is Mother's Day, so the regular race that weekend will be on Sat. May 10.
- C) Two or three races are scheduled each Sunday, weather permitting. No warning signal will be made after 4 p.m.
- D) There are three series:

• Spring	• May 4 to June 8
• Summer	• June 22 to July 27
• Fall	• August 24 to October 5

- E) Awards will be given for each series. There will be no regular series races on the weekends of the special races.
- F) The Cruising Fleet is allowed to fly spinnakers only on June 1 and during the Long Distance Race on August 3.
- G) The following special races and regattas do not count towards the regular series. The one-day Saturday regattas have a rain date the next day on Sunday. The listed times are for the skipper's meeting, with the first warning scheduled one hour later. Except for the long-distance races, regattas starting before noon will have three or more races.

• The Commodore's Cup	• Sat. May 24, at 10 am.
• The Turtle Bay Challenge Sunfish Regatta	• Sat. June 14, at 10 am.
• Joe Doucet Long Distance Race	• Sat. July 5, at 10 am.
• Long Distance Race	• Sun. August 3, at 10 am.
• The Women Skipper Race	• Sun. August 10, at noon.
• The Relay Race	• Sun. August 17, at noon.
• The Sunfish Club Championship	• Sat. August 30, at 10 am.
• The Cruising Fleet Championship	• Sat. Sept. 13 and 14 at 10 am.
• The Roger Punzi Flying Scot Regatta	• Sept. 27 and 28 at 10:30 am.
• The Vice Commodore's Cup	• Sat. October 11, at 10 am.

6 SCORING

- A) The regular series will use the High Point Percentage System. Special races and regattas (VC Cup, Fleet Championships, etc.) will use the Low Point system. In these events, DNS, OCS, DNF, DSQ, and RET will be scored as n+1, where n = number of boats competing in the missed race.
- B) The Cruising fleet uses the PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) handicapping system. The website provides details and PHRF ratings.
- C) No throw-outs will be allowed.
- D) At least two boats must start for a race to be scored.
- E) Standings will be posted on the CYC website and in the Sail Locker.

7 QUALIFICATIONS FOR AWARDS

Boats may qualify for fleet awards for a series by meeting the following requirements:

- 1) Boats must compete in the following number of races in the series.

Number of races sailed in the series	Minimum races sailed to qualify
4 or 5	2
6 or 7	3
8 or 9	4
10 or 11	5

2) Credit may be obtained toward the number of races sailed by the following. The skipper will be credited with the number of races sailed that day.

- Service on the Race Committee.
- Participating in, traveling to, or from sanctioned class regattas. It is the skipper's responsibility to notify the Race Committee Chair to receive credit for regattas.

3) Skippers must serve on the Race Committee for at least one day each year.

8 AWARDS

A) Awards shall be given to the winners of each fleet for each series and the special races (long distance, club championships, fleet championships, etc.).

B) The number of awards given to each fleet will be based on the number of qualifying boats:

Number of boats qualifying for the series	Number of awards presented
6 or more	3
4 or 5	2
2 or 3	1

C) The winner of each regular series race will receive an award of a CYC glass after the day's races. First-time skippers will also receive a glass.

9 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3, "Decision to Race," 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. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the race.

10 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.