



**2025 Pierce Invitational  
Windjammers Sailing Club  
Sunday, May 25, 2025  
Milford, CT  
Notice of Race**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The *current ECSA PHRF Regulations*, available at <https://ecsa.net/>.

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1200 on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at <https://RegattaNetwork.com/>.
- 2.2. Copies of the notice of race and sailing instructions will be available on the race committee boat on Sunday, May 25, 2025.

**3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. The online official notice board will be located at <https://RegattaNetwork.com/>.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF marine radio.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF marine radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Viper 640 and J22 one-design classes (minimum 3 entrants each).
- 4.2. The event is open to all boats with valid 2025 ECSA-PHRF certificates.
- 4.3. Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker PHRF classes will be offered given sufficient entries (minimum 3 entrants for spinnaker and 2 entrants for non-spinnaker). Further class assignments will be determined by the race committee based on ECSA-PHRF class designator and rating given sufficient entries.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://RegattaNetwork.com/>.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 1700 on Friday, May 23, 2025.
- 4.6. Late entries may be considered at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.7. Entrants are recommended to comply with *US Sailing Monohull Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Nearshore Category Races*, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/SER-2025.0-Monohull-Nearshore.pdf>.

**5. FEES**

- 5.1. Early Registration Fee Waiver Raffle: on or before March 31st
  - 5.1.1. A full refund of the entry fee will be given to one boat selected in a random drawing of all paid entries on or before March 31st.
- 5.2. Early Registration Fee: \$50 on or before April 30th
- 5.3. Registration Fee: \$60 after April 30th
- 5.4. All fees refundable: on or before May 18th
- 5.5. Post-race party: \$10 per person

## 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1200 on Sunday, May 25, 2025.
- 6.2. There will be no more than two races.
- 6.3. The post-race party will start at 16:00 at Milford Boat Works (2 High St, Milford, CT).

## 7. VENUE

- 7.1. The starting area will be in an area about 1 nm south of Charles Island, Milford, CT.

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1. Courses will consist of government marks and/or drop marks as identified in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be determined by the Race Committee based on prevailing conditions.
- 8.2. Total course distance for each class, cumulative for all races, will be in the range of 8-20 nm.

## 9. SCORING

- 9.1. PHRF classes will be scored based on Time-On-Time calculation using  $650 / (\text{PHRF} + 550)$  as the Time Correction Factor (TCF).
- 9.2. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no scores excluded.

## 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. 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. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 11. INSURANCE

- 11.1. 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.

## 12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Results will be posted at <https://RegattaNetwork.com/> as soon as possible following completion of racing.
- 12.2. The Pierce Memorial Trophy will be awarded (name engraved & photo op) to the winner of the spinnaker class at the post race party.
- 12.3. Prizes for the top boats in each class will be awarded at the Windjammers Sailing Club banquet at the end of the season.
- 12.4. This race is part of the Mid Sound Offshore Racing Championship (MSORC). See <https://windjammers.org/> for more details.
- 12.5. This race is part of the ECSA Offshore Circuit.

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