

1st Annual
**Connecticut River
Dinghy Distance Race**
May 7, 2011



Notice of Race

LOCATION: The Connecticut River from Haddam Meadows, Haddam, CT to Essex Yacht Club, Essex, CT.

DATE: May 7, 2011.

LAUNCHING: Boats will be launched at the public boat ramp at Haddam Meadows State Park (41° 28.889 N, 72° 30.388 W). They will be taken out on the ramp on the North side of Essex Yacht Club (41° 20.968 N, 72° 23.095 W).

TRANSPORTATION, SKIPPERS MEETING & RACING: Boats should be launched in Haddam Meadows and all vehicles, trailers, etc. brought back to the Essex Yacht Club by 9am. Transportation back to Haddam Meadows for all competitors and crew will be provided. Skippers meeting will take place at launching area at Haddam Meadows at 9:30am. Sailing instructions with scratch sheet and course chart will be available at the Skippers meeting.

Racing commences at 10:30 am.

CLASSES: Laser, JY-15, Sunfish. Open to other mono/multi-hulls that have an accurate Portsmouth Yardstick rating. If more than 5 One Design boats register before May 1st we can add an OD class.

COURSE: The course will be from a start off the boat launch at Haddam Meadows State Park to the finish off of Essex Yacht Club in Essex Harbor. The distance is approximately 12 nm.

ELIGIBILITY: Opened to all skippers (not necessarily the helmsperson) who are at least fifteen (15) years of age. Written permission from parents or guardians required for skippers under eighteen (18) years of age must be received before the start of racing. All competitors combined make up the organizing authority—this is a pick-up race and if you or someone you know would like to volunteer in any way, please indicate that when you register.

EQUIPMENT & CLASS RULES: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 shall apply. All sailors shall wear zipped or tied U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Devices (PFD's) at all times while on the water. Singlehanded sailors shall wear zipped full torso wet or dry suits.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is encouraged via email to danrphotography@hotmail.com. Please include name, address, phone, type of boat and best way to reach you.

ENTRY FEES: The entry fee is \$25 for single handed boats and \$40 for double handed boats.

PARKING: Parking is available at both ends of the race. At Haddam Meadows, it will be a public lot. At Essex YC, all vehicles must park in the gravel lot in the back. Only EYC members may park on the pavement.

AWARDS/PARTY: At the end of the day, there will be a party on the patio at Essex Yacht Club where prizes will be awarded to members of each fleet. In addition, a prize for fastest overall performance will be awarded. Hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and beer is included for all competitors and crew with the entry fee. Party tickets for guests are \$15 per person. Beer generously donated by *That's the Spirit Shoppe*—11 Main Street, Essex, CT.

QUESTIONS: Call or email Dan Rennie, (203) 687-6901 or danrphotography@hotmail.com

