



75th ANNUAL BLOCK ISLAND RACE

Friday, June 19, 2020

Notice of Race (0406 w/ amendments)

The Storm Trysail Club is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the Seventy-Fifth Annual Block Island Race.

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by:

- 1.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as may be modified herein and/or by the Sailing Instructions. If there is one-design racing and there is a conflict between Class Rules and the RRS, Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.2 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS will apply.
- 1.3 The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound (YRA-LIS).
- 1.4 The current US SAILING Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) as modified by NoR 2.2, 2.3, and 15.
- 1.5 The current IRC Regulations Parts A, B and C. (www.ircrating.org)
IRC boats equipped and rated with water ballast and/or canting keel may use same. This modifies RRS 51 and 52.
- 1.6 The current IMS and ORC Rating Systems rules and regulations. (www.orc.org/rules)
- 1.7 The New England Multihull Association (NEMA) RACE RULES 2020 (www.nemasail.org)

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The race fleet will be divided into two courses: The Block Island Course (186 NM) and The Plum Island Course (125 NM), each with different classes and eligibility, as follows:
- 2.2 Boats sailing the Block Island Course shall be no less than 29 feet LOA (except as provided in 2.2.4 and 2.2.5), have self-righting hulls (except multihulls), shall be properly rigged and ballasted, shall be fully seaworthy and shall comply with the current USSER for Coastal Races, including USSER 3.39 (life raft), with the following additions: (1) Each boat shall have an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 05A, 13, and 16; and (2) Each boat shall carry at least one cell phone, the number for which is on file with the Race Committee, and which is kept on and fully charged while racing. Boats sailing the Block Island Course will be divided into classes as follows:
 - 2.2.1 Boats, including those sailing double-handed, with both a valid, current ORC certificate and a valid, current IRC certificate. See Addendum 1 for complementary ORC certificate details.
 - a) ORC Rule 200.1 and IRC Rule 22.4 are changed as follows:
 - i. The combined weight of all crew on board while racing shall not be greater than the lesser of:
 - a. The maximum crew weight as defined in ORC 102.1 and 102.2; or
 - b. The maximum crew weight printed on the IRC certificate (crew number x 85kg).
 - ii. One additional crew under the age of 16 is permitted and shall not count against the crew or weight limit.
 - b) In accordance with IRC Rule 11.2, without an increase in rating, a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current certificate, if of area not greater than rated SPA.

- c) Exclusive of storm & heavy weather sails required by USSER, a boat shall not carry aboard while racing more sails of each type than the maximum number on a boat's certificates +1 spinnaker. All sails carried on board must be declared and measured as applicable on both her IRC and ORC certificates.
- 2.2.2 Boats, including those sailing double-handed and Plus 1, with a valid, current YRA-LIS PHRF rating 135 seconds/mile or faster (available at www.yralis.org)
- 2.2.3 Based on their rating, boats sailing double-handed will be placed within ORC/IRC and PHRF classes and scored against both fully crewed and double-handed boats on their respective Course. Within the Double-handed entries, there will be additional scoring for mixed gender crews.
- 2.2.4 Mini-650 or Mini Transat Class boats with a minimum crew of two (2) are permitted.
- 2.2.5 Multihull boats with a minimum length of 26' LOA, not including bowsprit, and a valid, current 2020 NEMA Rating Certificate.
- 2.3 Boats sailing the Plum Island Course shall be no less than 26 feet LOA, have self-righting hulls (except multihulls), shall be properly rigged and ballasted, shall be fully seaworthy and shall comply with the current USSER for Near Shore, with the following additions: (1) Each boat shall have an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05A, 13, and 16; and (2) Each boat shall carry at least one cell phone, the number for which is on file with the Race Committee, and which is kept on and fully charged while racing.
- 2.3.1 Racing on the Plum Island Course will be conducted in PHRF classes, including Double-handed, for boats rated 81 to 174. Minimum number of crew shall be 2.
- 2.4 All entries are to be made on-line at (www.yachtscoring.com) or via www.stormtrysail.org by pressing the link "On-Line Entry." Please note: [1-] A completed entry requires, in addition to the skipper's data, the names, emails, emergency contact, and Safety at Sea information for all onboard (see NoR 15); and [2-] All rating certificates must be dated prior to **June 12, 2020**.
- 2.5 To be scored, boats shall have sail numbers that comply with RRS Appendix G1.2 by being *clearly legible* in all light conditions. Failure to comply may result in being scored DNF. This adds to RRS Appendices A5 and G1.2.

3. ENTRY FEES

The entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee to be paid by credit card or PayPal. Entry fees are based on Length Overall (LOA) which may be rounded downward to the nearest lower whole number (e.g., 39.71' = 39'). Entry Fees are: \$8.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before **June 6th**. For entries paid on or after **June 6th**, the entry fee will be \$10.00 per foot LOA. Absolutely no entry will be accepted after 1800 Thursday, **June 18th**.

4. QUALIFYING SERIES

The Block Island Race is a qualifier for the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy, the Double Handed Ocean Racing Trophy, and the New England Lighthouse Series (PHRF). For more details, see the YRA Handbook or www.stamfordyc.com. The Block Island Race is also a qualifier for the De Coursey Fales, Sagola and Windigo Trophies, the du Moulin Cup for Double Handed Racing and the Youth Challenge Cup awarded by the YRA- LIS, as well as the STC Rugg Family Youth Offshore Challenge, and the "Tuna Trophy" for the best IRC combined scores in the EDLU (40%) and the Block Island Race (60%)

5. SCHEDULE

First signal will be at 1400, Friday, **June 19th**, 2020 in the vicinity of Red Bell "32" (The Cows) southerly of Stamford Harbor.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on www.yachtscoring.com on or about **June 8th**.

7. THE COURSES

The specifics of the courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Generally:

START: Flashing Red Bell "32" (The Cows) off Stamford Harbor.

FINISH: Immediately northerly of the entrance to Stamford Harbor, between the Signal Boat and Green Beacon "3" on the easterly end of the westerly breakwater.

7.1 The Block Island Course

Boats will sail from the Start; leave Green Bell "1BI" and Block Island to starboard, to the Finish, leaving Red Bell "32" (The Cows) and Red Nun "2" to starboard. Course distance is 186 NM. At the discretion of the race

committee, a short course may be signaled by displaying code flag “C” prior to the Preparatory Signal for the first Block Island Course start. The short course shall be the Plum Island Course.

7.2 The Plum Island Course

Boats will sail from the Start; leave the Red & White Whistle “PI” (Plum Island) to starboard, and to the Finish. Course distance is 125 NM.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. In the case of a protest involving the rules of Part 2, the boat at fault, instead of being disqualified as a result of a hearing, may, at the option of the Protest Committee, have her elapsed time increased by 2%. The same applies to a boat that is OCS at her starting signal. This modifies RRS 64.1

9. SCORING

9.1 PHRF classes, including double-handed, will use YRA-LIS PHRF Distance Ratings scored using time-on-time.

9.2 The ORC/IRC classes, including double-handed, will be scored as follows:

- a) ORC results will be calculated using Coastal/Offshore Time on Time ratings.
- b) IRC results will be calculated using Time on Time.
- c) Corrected times calculated for ORC and IRC will be averaged to produce the boat’s score.

9.3 Multihulls will be scored using NEMA Ratings and/or OMA MultiRule ratings.

9.4 Teams will be scored by using the total of each team member's percentage placement in its respective class. A double-handed boat’s percentage will be calculated using the fully-crewed class in which it sails.

9.5 In the event the OA elects to include a one-design class or group of boats racing level on a start with other boats, the one-design or level rating group may be scored separately.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 The Race Committee may make announcements via VHF Channel 05A.

10.2 RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP, is changed by adding: (e) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. "At a cost" help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice, or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at a reception at 1700 on Sunday, **June 21st** at Stamford Yacht Club. A Team Race Trophy will be awarded to the club whose team compiles the best score. A team shall consist of three boats. Teams shall not have more than 2 boats sailing in the same class. In order to be scored for the Team Racing Trophy, each team must submit a Team Application by email to rearcommandore@stormtrysail.org prior to 1800 Thursday, **June 18th**.

The STC Perpetual prizes to be awarded will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury, or death sustained in connection with their participation in the regatta, including events occurring prior to, during, or after the regatta. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Block Island Race shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta and future STC events.

13. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

14. PROTESTS

A Protest Committee appointed by the Organizing Authority will decide protests. Protests involving potential trophy winners will be heard at Stamford Yacht Club as soon as practicable after the boats involved have finished.

15. SAFETY

15.1 For all classes, at least 75% of those aboard the boat shall have attended a US SAILING Safety at Sea Seminar within five years prior to the start of the race. Such seminars may be attended online (www.safetyatseacourse.com) provided at least 30%, but not fewer than two members of the crew, including the person in charge, have attended an International Offshore Safety at Sea Course with Hands-on Training or a US Sailing sanctioned In-person Offshore Safety at Sea Seminar within five years prior to the start of the race. If the 30% requirement cannot be met due to a “Safety at Sea with hands-on training” course not being available, the requirement may be met by completing the US Sailing “Online Offshore Safety at Sea” course.

15.2 All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guideline for Rendering Assistance. The Guidelines and information on available Safety At Sea courses, are available on the Storm Trysail Club website: (www.stormtrysail.org).

15.3 Attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life Saving Equipment: “Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy for the conditions,” including but not limited to the following:

- a) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise;
- b) When alone on deck;
- c) When reefed;
- d) When the true wind speed is 25 knots or more;
- e) When visibility is less than 1 nautical mile; and
- f) With due consideration of the water temperature.

16. TRACKING

All boats shall mount a stand-alone tracking unit provided by the OA. Once issued, the tracking unit becomes the responsibility of the skipper/owner and loss or failure to return the unit will be charged to the skipper/owner at \$990.00.

16.1 Trackers will be available for pickup at Stamford YC on Thursday evening, **June 18**, from 1700 to 2100 and Friday morning, **June 19**, from 0900 to 1200.

16.2 Instructions and return procedure will be posted on the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring and will be emailed to the address listed on each entry.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

The Storm Trysail Club, 1 Woodbine Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538 or call 914-834-8857, or our Web Site: www.stormtrysail.org or by email to rearcommodore@stormtrysail.org.