



NOTICE OF RACE

(Including Amendment 1, posted December 6, 2014)

1. MANAGEMENT

The Storm Trysail Club (STC) will hold Block Island Race Week XXVI (BIRW), June 21-26, 2015. STC is the Organizing Authority for this event.

2. RULES

2.1 Racing will be governed by:

- (a) The Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
 - (b) The 2015 IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C.
 - (c) The 2015 High Performance Rule (HPR).
 - (d) The 2015 Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Regulations as administered by Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS).
 - (e) One Design class rules except as amended here or posted on [Yacht Scoring](#)
 - (f) The US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) US Near Shore and associated Appendices.
 - (g) USSER 2.4.1 through 2.4.8 regarding Hull and Structure: Lifelines shall apply except that boats not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt from these regulations however, all aboard shall wear approved PFDs while racing.
 - (h) These regulations are available on the US Sailing website: <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements/>. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
- 2.2 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS do not apply, except the prescriptions to RRS 68 (Damages), 76.1 and 76.3 (Exclusion of boats or competitors). Those prescriptions will be available at [Block Island Race Week](#)
- 2.3 BIRW Safety Recommendations and Emergency Procedures. These are available on the website: [Block Island Race Week](#). A copy of these should be kept aboard while racing.
- 2.4 RRS 51 is changed to allow the use of canting keels for boats rated with them. RRS 52 is changed to allow the use of stored power to mechanically move canting keels.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising is permitted, unless class rules do not permit, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 3.2 Boats displaying advertising shall indicate the advertising and the sponsor on their entry form.
- 3.3 Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of Block Island Race Week Official Sponsors; their participation enhances the event for all competitors.
- 3.4 Boats in certain classes may be required to display the bow numbers.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Boats may compete in Handicap and One-Design classes as follows:

(a) Boats must be 22.75 feet LOA or larger.

(b) Racing will be conducted in PHRF classes for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175.

(c) Racing will be conducted in IRC classes for boats with IRC TCCs of 1.000 or faster. All boats racing in IRC classes shall have a 2015 IRC certificate on file at US SAILING prior to June 15, 2015.

(d) Racing will be conducted in Classics classes for boats with CRF handicaps faster than 24.

4.2 One-Design boats that race in handicap classes may provide their own one-design trophies, which STC will award if requested.

4.3 Racing will be conducted in Cruising Classes, with spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions, and Double-Handed Classes, for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175 if sufficient entries are received.

4.4 Other Classes may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4.5 Owners or Skippers shall be current members of US SAILING or their National Authority.

4.6 For all Classes, boats may carry one additional crewmember less than 14 years of age. This additional crew will not be a part of the maximum crew or crew weight calculation. Entrants intending to carry additional crewmembers less than 14 years of age shall so indicate on their Entry Form.

4.7 For all handicap Classes, boats must have a rating certificate on file by June 15 and no changes will be accepted after June 19, 2015

4.8 For Double-Handed classes, autopilots may be used. This changes RRS 52.

4.9 Teams of three boats (two of which must be in separate classes) from the same Yacht Club, may compete for the Shelter Island Yacht Club Team Trophy.

4.10 Eligible boats shall enter via the Block Island Race Week link on the Storm Trysail Club website: [Storm Trysail Club](#) or [Block Island Race Week](#) or [Yacht Scoring](#) and pay the applicable Entry Fee no later than June 1, 2015. Also see NOR 5.1.

4.11 As a condition of entry, each owner and skipper is required to execute a waiver of liability, and as part of the registration process, each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember in the Regatta shall sign a media release/crew waiver. The media release/crew waiver is available online at [Yacht Scoring](#). All such waivers shall be completed online by June 21, 2015.

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1 The Entry Fee will be \$28.00 per foot of LOA for entries paid before March 1, 2015. To determine the Entry Fee, a boat's LOA may be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number. (e.g: 39.71' = 39') After March 1, 2015, the Entry Fee will be \$30.00 per foot LOA. After June 1, 2015, the Entry Fee will be \$32.00 per foot LOA.

5.2 For Cruising Classes and Double-Handed Classes only the Entry Fee will be \$18.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before March 1, 2015. After March 1, 2015, the Entry Fee will be \$20.00 per foot LOA. After June 1, 2015, the Entry Fee will be \$22.00 per foot LOA.

5.3 An administrative fee of \$200.00 will be applied to all cancellations.

5.4 A Race Week Access Pass will be required for access to the Race Week daily parties and trophy presentations. The Access Pass for the week is \$70 for those over 21 years of age and \$30 for those under 21, which includes an Official Mt. Gay Rum Block Island Race Week hat (while supplies last). A single day's Access Pass may be obtained by paying an Identification Fee of \$25 at Race Week Headquarters.

6. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Saturday June 20: Registration package pick up at Race Headquarters. Weigh-In for One-Design Classes begins.

Sunday June 21: Registration package pick up at Race Headquarters. Weigh-In for One-Design Classes. Race Committee practice starts. Welcome Party at Race Week Tent.

Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26: Racing. First warning signal at 1100. Awards Presentation and evening party at Race Week Tent at 1800, except 1730 on Friday.

A Final Schedule of Events will be available at Race Headquarters and posted on the event website, which will be the Official Notice Board.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the website [Yacht Scoring](#) on or about June 10, 2015. Sailing Instructions will also be available at Registration.

8. VENUE and COURSES

8.1 The Venue is Block Island, Rhode Island, USA

8.2 Except as provided in 8.3 and 8.4, races will be windward/leeward courses set in Block Island Sound.

8.3 For Cruising Classes and Double-Handed, courses will be around government and set marks in Block Island Sound.

8.4 For all Classes, one or more races may be an Around Block Island Race or a distance race around government and set marks in Block Island Sound.

9. PENALTY SYSTEMS

RRS 44.2 or RRS 44.3 will apply at the option of the boat electing to take the penalty. If class rules provide for a different penalty, then that class rule applies.

10. SCORING

10.1 One race will need to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, unless Class Rules require otherwise.

10.2 Classes may race up to three races per day.

10.3 PHRF classes will be scored using time on time.

10.4 Teams will be scored by using the average of each team member's percentage placement within its respective class.

10.5 In the event the Regatta Committee elects to include a one-design class or group of boats racing level, the one-design or level-rating group may be started with other boats, but may be scored separately, at the discretion of the Regatta Committee.

10.6 When an International Jury is properly constituted in accordance with RRS 70.5 and Appendix N, its decisions will be final.

11. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

Any amendments to the Notice of Race will be posted on the website [Yacht Scoring](#) .

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of receiving weather bulletins and communications from the Race Committee as well as communicating any emergency on board.

13. PRIZES

13.1 Class prizes for each day's racing will be presented daily.

13.2 Around Block Island Race overall trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

13.3 Some Classes may be competing for Regional, National or North American trophies.

13.4 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at Friday's Awards party. A list of the perpetual trophies is available on the regatta web site.

14. LIABILITY

The Owner/Skipper of each boat participating in Block Island Race Week 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.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please address all inquiries concerning Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week XXVI to:

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