



NOTICE OF RACE

The Storm Trysail Club (“STC”) is the Organizing Authority (“OA”) of the 29th Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week (“BIRW”), to be held June 21-25, 2021.

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by: The rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing; the ORC Rating System rules and regulations; the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (“PHRF”) Regulations, as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (“YRALIS”); the New England Multihull Association (“NEMA”) rules and regulations; and the one-design rules for any one-design class racing.

1.2 The current Nearshore category of the US Safety Equipment Requirements and associated Appendices (“SER”), which will be available on the Official Notice Board. In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.

1.3 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the rules do not apply, except the prescriptions to rule to rule 61.4, 67 or 76.1.

1.4 BIRW Safety Recommendations and Emergency Procedures. These are available on the Official Notice Board on Yachtscoring.com:
https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=13033

1.5 Racing Rules are changed as follows:

Rule 51 - to allow the use of water ballast or canting keels for boats rated as such.

Rule 52 - to allow the use of stored power.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Any advertising proposed to be carried by a boat must be described in the Entry Application. Advertising deemed by the Organizing Authority not to be compliant with World Sailing Regulation 20 may be rejected. Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of our sponsors; their participation enhances the event for all competitors.

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 All boats must be 22.00 feet LOA or larger.

3.2 Boats may compete In ORC, PHRF with handicaps faster than 177, Performance Cruising, Double-Handed, Plus One, Classics, NEMA, or One-Design classes as follows:

a) Performance Cruising classes (spinnaker and non-spinnaker), Double Handed class(es) and Plus One class(es) for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 177, if sufficient entries are received.

b) Classic, for boats with CRF handicaps faster than 24.

c) Others, including but not limited to One-Designs, Multihulls, and Classics as may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

3.3 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.

3.5 Eligible boats may enter and pay the applicable Entry Fee via the Yachtscoring.com page for BIRW at: https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=13033

3.6 As part of the registration process, each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember shall sign a Crew Waiver Form available on Yachtscoring.com which shall be completed by June 18, 2021.

3.7 The minimum number of crew is two (2). For all classes, except the Double Handed and Plus One, boats may carry one additional crew member less than 14 years of age on June 25, 2021. This additional crew will not be a part of the maximum crew or crew weight calculation. Entrants intending to carry additional crew members less than 14 years of age shall so indicate on their Entry Form.

3.8 Insurance – Each boat shall have a valid third-party liability policy that is appropriate considering the value of the boats and the type of racing in the event.

3.9 **No ORC rating changes will be accepted after June 14, 2021.**

4. ENTRY FEES

4.1 The Entry Fee is \$30.00 per foot of LOA for entries paid before February 15, 2021. To determine the Entry Fee, a boat's LOA may be rounded down to the nearest lower whole number, e.g., 39.71' = 39'. After February 15, 2021, the Entry Fee will be \$33.00 per foot LOA. After May 1, 2021, the Entry Fee will be \$36.00 per foot LOA.

4.2 For Performance Cruising and Double Handed classes only, the Entry Fee will be \$20.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before February 15, 2021. After February 15, 2021, the Entry Fee will be \$22.00 per foot LOA. After May 1, 2021 the Entry Fee will be \$24.00 per foot LOA.

4.3 An administrative fee of \$275.00 will be applied to any cancellations prior to June 1, 2021, after which no refunds will be made.

5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

5.1 Sunday, June 20:

Check-in, and if applicable, weigh-In for One-Design classes:

Race Headquarters between 0900 – 1700

Monday, June 21 - Friday, June 25: Racing, with the first warning signal scheduled for 1100 each day with the exception of the Lay Day.

5.2 A Lay Day, may be scheduled if conditions permit.

5.3 Social events and awards presentations schedule will be posted in advance of the Regatta on the Official Notice Board and via race communications. Social gatherings will be subject to state and local mandates. As such, these may be minimal or absent.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Notice Board on or about June 14, 2021.

7. VENUE

The Venue is Block Island and Block Island Sound, Rhode Island, USA. The regatta will be based in the Great Salt Pond (New Harbor).

8. COURSES

8.1 a) Windward /Leeward courses will be offered for One-Design and PHRF classes.

b) Windward /Leeward combined with distances races will be offered for ORC classes

c) Performance Cruising Spinnaker classes, Double Handed classes and Plus One classes will race distance races with Rule 26 starts.

d) Performance Cruising Non-Spinnaker classes will race distance races with pursuit starts.

8.2 For all classes, one or more races may be the Round The Island Race (RTIR) around Block Island.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing Prescription Appendix V will apply.

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 ORC and PHRF classes will be scored using time on time.

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

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

11.2 No boat shall operate or control a remotely controlled aircraft ('drone') or other remotely controlled vehicle while racing.

12. PRIZES

Awards and Perpetual Trophies will be awarded. See event website: www.blockislandraceweek.com

13. RISK AND LIABILITY

13.1 The Storm Trysail Club, its officers, directors, members, sponsors, employees and agents, the Race Committee, the BIRW Protest Committee and any other Committee of the Club shall not be liable for any injury or damage whatsoever to persons or property

which may occur during or arise out of or in connection with the Race. Notice is hereby given to all participants including spectators, officials and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk.

13.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in BIRW shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat, both while 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 its premises.

14. PRIVACY POLICY, COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA RIGHTS

As a condition of participating in the regatta, competitors shall agree to accept operational communications (voice, email, text, or other), and grant the Organizing Authority, and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, the irrevocable right and permission to use basic competitor information, photographs and video footage taken of themselves, their crew and their competing boat, without notification, for use or distribution in any media whatsoever for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information. Competitors shall agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the Organizing Authority and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs and video footage.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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TO ENTER and for Race Documents:

https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=13033

Interested in sponsorship opportunities?

Please contact: sponsorship@stormtrysailclub.org

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