



2015 Bristol Yacht Club  
**Sid Clark Offshore Race**  
Since 1904

## Notice of Race

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The members of the Bristol Yacht Club invite you to race with us in one of the oldest offshore races in the United States. The race will feature a variety of courses ranging in length from 75 to 160 miles. The race will take you down Narragansett Bay and into the waters around Block Island and the Elizabethan Islands. These courses will make for some interesting tactical decisions based on tidal currents and wind conditions. On-board tracking devices will be used to enhance your experience.

This year, for the first time, we are joining with Ida Lewis Yacht Club to present a new perpetual trophy. **The Rhode Island Offshore Challenge Trophy** has been crafted in carbon fiber and donated by GMT Composites. It will be presented to the boat that has the best combined score in the Sid Clark Offshore and Ida Lewis Distance races. Obviously to win you must compete in both races

Details about the race can be found on the [BYC web site](#).

1. **Management:** The Bristol Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority
2. **Schedule:** There will be a pancake breakfast at BYC starting at 8:00 morning of the race. The first warning signal will be at **13:00 on Friday July 10, 2015**. Starting area will be just south of Bristol Harbor.
3. **Rules:** The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 will apply except as altered by the Sailing Instructions and its amendments.
  - 3.1 For IRC divisions – IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply. IRC boats rated with water ballast and/or canting keels may use same. This modifies RRS 51.
  - 3.2 For PHRF divisions – the current PHRF Regulations as administered by the Narragansett Bay PHRF Association shall apply
  - 3.3 For Multihull divisions – the current NEMA Race Rules shall apply
  - 3.4 The US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for the [Coastal Category](#) apply.
  - 3.5 Boats competing in the Double Handed Division may use an autopilot.
4. **Eligibility:** This race is open to the following boats with an LOA of at least 28' (exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the race chair) :
  - 4.1 IRC boats with a rating of .950 and faster with a current IRC certificate.
  - 4.2 PHRF boats with a rating of 160 and faster. Current certificates issued by the PHRF associations of New England, Narragansett Bay or Long Island Sound will all be accepted. There will be spinnaker and cruising divisions
  - 4.3 Double handed division boats will be racing under PHRF and must have a current certificate from the PHRF associations of New England, Narragansett Bay or Long Island Sound. Spinnaker ratings will be used.
  - 4.4 Multihull boats with an overall length at least 24 feet (bowsprit not included) with a current NEMA rating certificate.
  - 4.5 A one design class with a minimum of 5 boats will be placed into its own division and

will race under the class rules.

- 5. Entry Information:** The entry form may be completed on-line by following the links at the [BYC web site](http://www.bristolyc.com/racing/overnight.php). (http://www.bristolyc.com/racing/overnight.php). Entries should be received no later than June 25. Entries received after June 25 and before July 2 will be subject to a \$50 late fee. Entries received after July 2 will be subject to a \$100 late fee. For those of you who wait until the last minute, entry forms will be available at the Bristol Yacht Club dock house the day of the race.
  - 5.1** Entry form shall be accompanied by payment of the entry fee and a current rating certificate for the division you wish to race with. Rating certificates should be sent to the Sid Clark race chairman, David Schwartz, [david@gmtcomposites.com](mailto:david@gmtcomposites.com)
  - 5.2** Entry fees prior to the penalty deadline are \$175 for boats with LOA less than 50 feet and \$225 for boats with LOA of 50 feet or greater.
  - 5.3** No requests for refunds will be honored after June 25.
- 6. Qualifying Series:** This race is required along with the [Ida Lewis Distance Race](#) for competition for the [Rhode Island Offshore Challenge Trophy](#). PHRF boats rating higher than 128 may not qualify for the ILDR.
- 7. Courses:** The specific courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Generally;
  - 7.1** The start will be in Narragansett Bay just south of the entrance to Bristol Harbor.
  - 7.2** The finish will be in the vicinity of the entrance to Newport Harbor.
  - 7.3** Specific courses for each class will be chosen and announced the day of the event based on expected speed of the vessels in the class and wind conditions.
  - 7.4** Courses will be in the 75 to 160 mile range and be sailed starting in Narragansett Bay, then ranging as far west as the area of the Race and as far east as the area of Cape Poge.
- 8. Safety and Disclaimer of Liability:**
  - 8.1** It shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and master of each boat to declare that she is seaworthy, properly equipped, competently manned and sailed.
  - 8.2** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk per RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. Registering for this race is an acknowledgement by the registrant and the crew of the boat that the organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with this regatta.
- 9. Awards:**
  - 9.1** Awards will be presented to the top corrected finishers in each class
  - 9.2** The Sid Clark Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the top performing boat in the regatta
  - 9.3** This race is a qualifier for the Rhode Island Offshore Challenge Trophy.
- 10. Additional Information:**
  - 10.1** Moorings will be available from the Bristol Yacht Club prior to the event. Contact [Steward@bristolyc.com](mailto:Steward@bristolyc.com) for a reservation.
  - 10.2** If you have any questions, contact the race chairman, David Schwartz, at 401-253-8802 or [david@gmtcomposites.com](mailto:david@gmtcomposites.com)