

NOTICE OF RACE



Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Regatta Organized by Black Rock Yacht Club Saturday September 30, 2023

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024).
- 1.2 Non-spinnaker class boats shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) may be changed and will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channel 68.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all single-hull sailing boats 24' LOA or over, holding a valid YRALIS PHRF certificate effective as of the regatta date.
- 2.2 Each boat shall produce a valid YRALIS rating certificate. Boats without a current valid certificate shall race only in the PHRF non-spinnaker class using PHRF ratings assigned by the race committee. These ratings will be the YRALIS Base ratings and shall be valid only for this event. Please email the race committee if you need the committee to assign a rating for your boat.

3 FEES

The entry fee for this event is \$125.00. Online registration and payment must be completed by 2100 hrs on Thursday, September 28, 2023. Registrations to be made via Yachtscoring.

4 DIVISION AND CLASSES

- 4.1 Boats will be divided into two divisions:
 - Division 1: Spinnaker
 - Division 2: Non-spinnaker
- 4.2 A division is only valid if there are at least 3 competitors registered.
- 4.3 Competitors shall be required to display from the permanent backstay, the code flag corresponding to her class respective class assignment.

5 RACING AREA AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 The starting area shall be located in the vicinity of RN "2A"

5.2 The Racing Area will be located in the waters of Long Island Sound in the vicinity of Black Rock Harbor to the east and west.

5.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1000 hrs

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on or before September 22, 2023 on Yachtscoring.

7 THE COURSES

The course will be a distance race with boats rounding both government and BRYC club marks as listed in the sailing instructions. Distance will be between 20–25 NM.

8 SCORING

A boat's finishing place will be determined by calculating her corrected time based on her YRALIS PHRF handicap rating using Time-on-Time scoring.

9 BERTHING

9.1 Competitors may be permitted to keep their boats at Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport CT during the regatta, subject to availability. Please send an email to waterfront@blackrockyc.org to inquire about a reservation.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. The Race Committee shall monitor VHF Channel 68 during the regatta.

11 AWARDS

11.1 Awards will be given per division.

11.2 To the extent that less than five competitors are in a division, only the top finishing boat shall receive an award. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies shall be awarded for each division started with five boats or more.

11.3 The Brent C. Donahue Memorial Cross Sound Race Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing in 1st place in the spinnaker division. The 1st place finisher in the non-spinnaker division shall be awarded the Commodore Lever Perpetual Trophy. Perpetual trophies shall be kept at Black Rock Yacht Club.

11.3 The awards ceremony will be held at Black Rock Yacht Club following the event. Take-away trophies to be given at this time. Results to be posted to Yachtscoring.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$50,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION please contact yachting@blackrockyc.org.