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**2023 Sid Clark Overnight Offshore Race**  
Bristol Yacht Club  
July 8, 2023

## Notice of Race

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Class rules of any one-design classes racing as such shall apply

### 2 Sailing Instructions (SI's)

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions shall be available no later than June 25, 2023 on the Bristol Yacht Club website at <https://www.bristolyc.com/byc-regattas-2> and on Yachtscoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15967>

### 3 Communications

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the east deck of the Bristol Yacht Club Clubhouse. The On-line Notice Board will be in the event's Yachtscoring page at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15967>.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club's flagpole on the front lawn.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels 16, 68 and 71.
- 3.4 On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio channel 71.
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

### 4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1.1 The event is open to Monohull boats with a valid 2023 PHRF-NB rating. At the discretion of the Organizing Authority (OA), one-design classes may also be admitted, if there are enough entries in the class that request it (see NOR 4.1.4). One-design classes need not have valid PHRF ratings, but must comply with their class rules.
- 4.1.2 PHRF Divisions for Fully Crewed Spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats, and double handed spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats will be offered.
- 4.1.3 The OA will decide final class divisions after all entries have been received, and will publish a scratch sheet.
- 4.1.4 One-design starts will be considered for fleets of five or more boats that request them.
- 4.2 This is an invitational event and advertising is restricted as follows: strict compliance with WS Reg. 20 (Advertising Code) is required.
- 4.3 Racers may register online by connecting to the link on the BYC Racing Website, or to Yachtscoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15967>, The Yachtscoring registration page will provide the link for payment of the entry fee. The direct link to the payment site is <https://www.bristolyc.com/product-page/sid-clark-offshore-overnight-regatta>
- 4.4 Registration for boats competing in handicap classes will not be complete until a current, valid 2023 PHRF certificate has been produced.

## **5 Fees**

- 5.1 The Entry Fee is \$75.00.
- 5.2 Entries received after June 23 will be subject to a \$25 late fee.
- 5.3 No Entries will be accepted after July 6
- 5.4 No requests for refunds will be honored after June 30.

## **6 Schedule**

- 6.1 The registration deadline is July 6, 2023.
- 6.2 A Skipper's meeting will be held at the Bristol Yacht Club on July 8, 2023 at 11:00.
- 6.3 The Warning signal for the first class will be at 13:00.
- 6.4 The starting order for the classes will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **7 Courses**

- 7.1 The specific courses will be documented in the Yachtscoreing Website.
- 7.2 The start will be in Narragansett Bay, South of the Bristol Harbor Mooring Field.
- 7.3 The finish will be adjacent to Castle Hill Light in the entrance to Newport Harbor. Racers will take their own finish time and report it to the Race Committee. By text to 508-245-1192 or by email to [rotskybyc@gmail.com](mailto:rotskybyc@gmail.com)
- 7.4 Specific course selections for each class will be posted on the official notice board, announced during the skipper's meeting and displayed on the Race Committee boat.
- 7.5 Courses will be in the 45 to 100 mile range and be sailed starting in Bristol Harbor, through Narragansett Bay, and into Rhode Island Sound.

## **8 Scoring**

- 8.1 Handicap (PHRF) classes will be scored using a Time-on-Time system utilizing each boat's PHRF-NB handicap rating.
- 8.2 One design classes will be scored on a first to finish basis.
- 8.3 The time limit for all classes will be 17:00 hours on July 9.

## **9 Liability Insurance**

- 9.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

## **10 Prizes**

- 10.1 Trophies will be awarded for each class.

## **11 Safety and Disclaimer of Liability:**

- 11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 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.

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