



BLOCK ISLAND RACE WEEK 2009



NOTICE OF RACE

Block Island, Rhode Island, USA

June 21-26, 2009



Dear Competitors,

Welcome all, to the Storm Trysail Club's Block Island Race Week XXIII presented by Rolex. It is our hope to assemble the most competitive overall fleet ever, sailing adjacent to and around Block Island in June. On behalf of the club, the race committee and our sponsors, we would like to extend our thanks for your continued support and participation in our hallmark event.

This year we welcome back long-time supporter Rolex as our presenting sponsor. In addition, we have support from: Mount Gay, Caithness Energy, Vineyard Vines, Lewmar, Gill, Hall Spars, UK Halsey Sailmakers, Gowrie Barden & Brett, Bitter End, Windcheck Magazine and Sailing World, Thanks goes to our collective sponsors for their kind and generous contributions to the continued successes of Storm Trysail's Block Island Race Week.

All yachts racing in handicap classes must race IRC if their PHRF rating is 90 or faster. One design yachts, if they also provide a valid IRC certificate, will be scored for the overall trophy in the Around the Island Race. Yachts with PHRF ratings 91-175 may race PHRF but may also be scored for the overall trophy in the Around the Island Race if they provide a valid IRC certificate.

In continuing the traditions of seamanship, keen competition and good sportsmanship please spend the necessary time to familiarize yourself and your crew with the official Notice of Race, The Storm Trysail Club Recommended Safety Guidelines (www.blockislandraceweek.com under Regatta Documents) and the ISAF Offshore Category 5 Special Regulations (these comprise the minimum safety requirements for all boats competing, unless class rules provide otherwise, in which case the individual class rules prevail). It is very important that each owner and skipper recognize that they are responsible for assuring that his/her boat is seaworthy and properly equipped, that all necessary safety equipment is aboard and fully functional, that all equipment is safely stowed and that the entire crew has been trained in safety, emergency and man overboard procedures.

Please understand that the Race Committee reserves the right to inspect your boat at any time during the regatta. The inspector will ask to review the signed copy of the STC Recommended Safety Guidelines. Additionally, the inspector will ask to see some or all of your equipment and check its operation, expiration dates, etc.

Good luck to everyone. We look forward to seeing you on Block Island in June.

Jim Bishop – Commodore

Eric Kreuter – Vice Commodore and BIRW Chairman

Nick Langone – Rear Commodore

David Brennan & Dick Neville – On the Water Chairmen



► **1 - MANAGEMENT**

The Storm Trysail Club will hold its XXIII Biennial Block Island Race Week, June 21-26, 2009. The Storm Trysail Club (STC) is the Organizing Authority for this event.

► **2 - RULES**

2.1 Racing will be governed by:
the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS);
the 2009 IRC Rules;
the 2009 PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS);
the Regatta Regulations. These regulations will be available on the Block Island Race Week website: www.blockislandraceweek.com . Crew limitations are in the Regatta Regulations;
the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 5. These regulations are available on the ISAF web site: www.sailing.org . A copy of these regulations shall be kept aboard while racing. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply. The US SAILING Prescriptions to these regulations do not apply.

2.2 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS do not apply, except the prescriptions to RRS 68 (Damages) and RRS 76.1, 76.3. Those prescriptions will be available on the Block Island Race Week website: www.blockislandraceweek.com

2.3 All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guidelines and Guidelines for Rendering Assistance. These guidelines are available on the website: www.blockislandraceweek.com. A copy of these guidelines shall be kept aboard while racing.

► **3 - ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 Boats may compete in IRC, PHRF, and One-Design classes as follows:
(a) Boats must be Monohulls of no less than 24ft LOA.
(b) Racing will be conducted in PHRF classes for boats with PHRF handicaps from 90 to 175.
(c) Racing will be conducted in IRC classes for boats with PHRF handicaps 90 or faster.

3.2 All boats racing in IRC classes shall have a 2009 IRC certificate on file at US Sailing prior to registration. Boats with IRC TCC's faster than

1.080 shall have Endorsed IRC Certificates.

3.3 Racing using IRC ratings will be offered for boats with PHRF handicaps between 90 and 175 if there is sufficient interest.

3.4 Boats racing in one-design or PHRF classes may also compete for the overall Around the Island Race trophies by indicating their intention to do so on the Entry Form and having the appropriate IRC certificate on file at US Sailing prior to Registration.

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

3.6 Racing will be conducted in Navigator Classes, with spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions, for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175 if sufficient entries are received by June 1, 2009.

3.7 Racing will be conducted for Double Handed Classes using IRC Certificates, for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175 if sufficient entries are received by June 1, 2009.

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

3.9 For all classes, except the Double Handed Classes, the minimum crew and maximum crew weights are set forth in the Regatta Regulations.

3.10 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 of BIRW XXIII.

3.11 Eligible boats may enter via the Block Island Race Week link on the Storm Trysail Club website: www.stormtrysail.org or www.blockislandraceweek.com and pay the applicable Entry Fee no later than June 1, 2009.

3.12 Late entries received on or before June 11, 2009 may be accepted in the sole discretion of the Regatta Committee.

3.13 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 on line at www.blockislandraceweek.com. The media release/crew waiver shall be completed and delivered to the Regatta registration desk in Block Island June 21st 2009.

BLOCK ISLAND RACE WEEK 2009
REGATTA SCHEDULE

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Saturday, June 20

- 1200 - 1700 Bow & Event Sticker Pick-Up – Race Headquarters
- 1500 - 1700 Weigh In – Narragansett Inn

Sunday, June 21

- 0900 - 1200 Bow & Event Sticker Pick -Up – Race Headquarters
- 0900 - 1600 Weigh In – Narragansett Inn
- 0900 - 1200 Handicap Appeals Hearings – Race Headquarters
- 1200 - 1700 Registration, Bow & Event Sticker Pick-Up – Race Week Tent
- 1300 - 1500 Practice Starts and Races
- 1400 Posting of Final Class Assignments
- 1800 - 2000 Welcoming Party – Race Week Tent

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Monday, June 22

- 0730 - 0830 Substitute Crew Weigh In – Race Week Headquarters
- 0900 Harbor Signals
- 1030 Racing
- 1800 - 2000 Awards Presentation & Evening Party

Caithness Energy Race Day, Summit Yachts Official Party Sponsor

Tuesday, June 23

- 0730 - 0830 Substitute Crew Weigh In – Race Week Headquarters
- 0900 Harbor Signals
- 1030 Racing
- 1800 - 2000 Awards Presentation & Evening Party

Vineyard Vines Race Day, Gill & UK Halsey Official Party Sponsors

Wednesday, June 24

- 0730 - 0830 Substitute Crew Weigh In – Race Week Headquarters
- 0900 Harbor Signals
- 1030 Racing
- 1800 - 2000 Awards Presentation & Evening Party

Rolex Race Day, Gowrie Barden & Brett Official Party Sponsor

Thursday, June 25

- 0730 - 0830 Substitute Crew Weigh In – Race Week Headquarters
- 0900 Harbor Signals
- 1030 Racing
- 1800 - 2000 Awards Presentation & Evening Party
- 1930 Storm Trysail Raffle Drawing

Mt Gay Race Day & Official Party Sponsor

Friday, June 26

- 0730 - 0830 Substitute Crew Weigh In – Race Week Headquarters
- 0900 Harbor Signals
- 1030 Racing
- 1700 - 2000 Final Awards Presentation & Evening Party

Lewmar Race Day, Hall Official Party Sponsor





► 4 - ENTRY FEES

4.1 The Entry Fee will be as follows:

LOA	FEE
24'-29'	\$720.00
30'-34'	\$795.00
35'-39'	\$855.00
40'-44'	\$930.00
45'-49'	\$1,000.00
50'-54'	\$1,070.00
55' +	\$1,125.00

To determine the applicable Entry Fee, a boat's LOA is to be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number. (e.g: 39.71' = 39')

4.2 Owners of boats loaned for the Storm Trysail Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta in October 2008, will receive a 20% discount on their Entry Fee.

4.3 There will be a late fee of \$250.00 for entries received after June 1, 2009. An administrative fee of \$100 will be applied to any cancellations.

4.4 A Race Week Identification Fee will be required for each person participating in any of the Race Week shore-side activities.

4.5 The Identification Fee provides access to the Race Week daily parties and trophy presentations. The Identification Fee 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 may be obtained by paying an Identification Fee of \$25 at Race Week headquarters.

► 5 - ADVERTISING

5.1 The Twenty Third Biennial Block Island Race Week is designated ISAF regulation 20 Category C event.

5.2 Boats displaying advertising shall indicate the advertising and the sponsor on their entry form.

5.3 Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of our Official Sponsors; their participation enhances the event for all competitors.

5.4 All boats shall display the event bow stickers on their bow, the event boom stickers on their booms, and display Rolex flags as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions, for the duration of the regatta.

► 6 - SCORING

6.1 One race will need to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be

the total of her race scores.

6.2 A maximum of ten races is scheduled. Classes may race up to three races per day.

6.3 PHRF classes will be scored using time on distance. PHRF boats with IRC Certificates will be dual scored and be eligible for the overall IRC trophies.

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

6.5 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 will be scored separately.

► 7 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the web site www.blockislandraceweek.com on or about June 1, 2009. Sailing Instructions will also be available at Registration.

► 8 - COURSES & VENUE

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

8.2 For Non-Spinnaker, Double Handed and Navigator Classes, courses may be windward/leeward or around government marks.

8.3 For all Classes, one or more races may be an Around Block Island Race.

► 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 - PROTESTS

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

► 11 - ARBITRATION

For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B, of the RRS.



► 12 - CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

Any amendments to the Notice of Race will be posted on the website www.blockislandraceweek.com and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

► 13 - PRIZES

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

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

► 14 - LIABILITY

14.1 As a condition of entry, all crew are required to execute a waiver of liability. The Waiver is posted on the website: www.blockislandraceweek.com and will be available at Registration.

14.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Block Island Race Week Regatta 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 - INQUIRIES

Please address all inquiries concerning Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week XXIII to:
The Storm Trysail Club
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Larchmont, NY 10538
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E-Mail: stormtry@aol.com
Web Site: www.stormtrysail.org or
www.blockislandraceweek.com

BLOCK ISLAND RACE WEEK
PERPETUAL PRIZES

Storm Trysail Club trophies are for the most part named and donated in memory of people who have contributed significantly to our sport as sailors and worked tirelessly for the Storm Trysail Club. Just like Block Island Race Week itself, the awards are given in the spirit of camaraderie, competition and respect for the unique character of the sport of sailing.

EVERETT B. MORRIS MEMORIAL TROPHY

First awarded in 1967 and rededicated in 1991, it is presented to the Block Island Race Week participant who wins its class and, in the judgement of the race committee and the Commodore, has made the Best Overall Performance.

ISBRANDTSEN OVERALL PERPETUAL TROPHY

First awarded in 1975, and rededicated in 1991, it is awarded to the participant with the "Second Best Performance" for the week.

EMIL "BUS" MOSBACHER SPORTSMANSHIP
TROPHY

Dedicated in 1997, it is awarded to the participant who in the judgement of the Flag Officers and the sportsmanship committee has displayed an outstanding example of good sportsmanship during Block Island Race Week.

A. JUSTIN WASLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY

Rededicated to Block Island Race Week in 1991, it is presented to the Overall Winner of the one-design class with the largest number of entries.

ISLAND SAILING CLUB OF COWES
PERPETUAL TROPHY

First awarded in 1965, it commemorates the link between Block Island Race Week and Britain's Cowes Week, after which Block Island Week is patterned. The trophy will be awarded to the 1st overall IRC rated boat in the Around the Island Race along with a Rolex Oyster Perpetual Submariner timepiece.

VINTAGE YACHT TROPHY

Awarded in memory of Hugh Kilmer since 1971, it is presented to the yacht 15 years or older, substantially unaltered, with the best performance for the week.

JOHN ALDEN REED PERPETUAL TROPHY

Awarded to the best performance by a Service Academy Yacht.

GOVERNORS PERPETUAL TROPHY

First awarded in 1983 to recognize the international competitors at Block Island Race Week, it is presented to the foreign yacht with the Best Performance for the Week.

THE ABRAMS FAMILY TROPHY

Dedicated by the Storm Trysail Club in 2003. To be Awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to Block Island Race Week.

US-IRC TROPHY

Presented by The US-IRC Committee to be awarded to the IRC boat that triumphs in the most competitive IRC class racing in Block Island Race Week. This will be determined by adding the corrected time differential between first and fifth place in each class for each race. The class winner who competed in the class with the lowest average time differential between first and fifth place will be awarded this trophy.



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