

# BLOCK ISLAND RACE WEEK 2012

BLOCK ISLAND, RHODE ISLAND

JUNE 18-22, 2012

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Boats are subject to the advertising restrictions as defined in ISAF Regulation 20 (Advertising). Boats are strongly urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for products or services competing with those of the primary or support sponsors of this event.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the tent at the Oar Restaurant at Block Island Boat Basin.
- 2.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0800 on the day that they are to take effect. Any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.3 Protest notices will be posted at the Narragansett Inn.

### 3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flagstaff at the Oar restaurant at Block Island Boat Basin
- 3.2. If flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes". This changes race signals AP.

### 4 HARBOR SIGNALS

The Harbor Start will be signaled at 0830 each day of racing and announced on VHF Channel 71.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled on Monday, June 18 through Friday, June 22, 2012.
- 5.2 It is the intent of the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee to conduct as many races as practical on each day of racing up to a maximum of 12 races for the series.
- 5.3 The initial Warning Signal will be made at 1030 on each day of racing. No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 on Friday, June 22

### 6 RACING AREA

The Starting Line will be established approximately 1.5 miles on a bearing of 300 degrees from Bell R "2" located at the entrance to Great Salt Pond. For the Around the Island Race, the starting area will be approximately 1 mile on a bearing of 330 from Bell R "2" located at the entrance to the Great Salt Pond

## 7 COURSES/CLASSES

- 7.1 Each class will be designated in the “Class Flags” amendment posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 7.2 Course descriptions, including the use of a windward offset mark and a leeward gate, are in the Sailing Instruction Addendum “Course Illustrations”.
- 7.3 The Signal Boat will display the approximate distance and bearing to the first windward mark from the RC signal boat. Bearings displayed are magnetic and distances are in nautical miles, and will announce courses on VHF 71.
- 7.4 Non-Spinnaker class may be given special courses as described in a Sailing Instruction Addendum Non-Spinnaker Class Courses.

## 8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be inflatable buoys for all classes.
- 8.2 Classes designated “Orange” on the scratch sheet will sail to an original orange mark. Classes designated as “Yellow” on the scratch sheet will sail to an original yellow mark.
- 8.3 Marks used in accordance with RRS 33 **and SI #11** will be red for classes designated “Orange” and green for classes designated “Yellow”.

## 9 STARTS

- 9.1 Class Flags used in accordance with RRS 26 will be the Class Numeral Pennant designated in the “Class Flags” Amendment posted on the Official Notice Board and available at registration.
- 9.2 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the Starting Area and of all boats whose Warning Signal has been made.
- 9.3 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the course side of a nearby inflatable starting mark.

## 10 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

In addition to the requirements of RRS 29.1, the Race Committee will attempt to identify boats failing to start correctly by hail on VHF Channel 71. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hails shall not be grounds for redress. The changes RRS 41 & 62.1.

## 11 CHANGING THE WINDWARD MARK

When a change of course is made for the first leg, the C Flag shall be displayed from the RC boat with the preparatory signal for each class affected. The preparatory signal shall be followed by a series of repetitive sound signals.

## 12 FINISH

- 12.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course-side of a nearby finish mark
- 12.2 For races finishing upwind, the Finish Line will be approximately 150 yards to windward of the windward mark.
- 12.3 For races finishing downwind, the Finish Line will be approximately 150 yards to leeward of the leeward mark. Boats shall finish between a staff on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the nearby **Finish Mark** placed on the **side opposite** the original **Starting Mark** for that race.

### **13 RETIREMENT**

A boat retiring from a race is strongly urged to notify the Race Committee of her retirement, either by hail or contact on VHF Channel 71.

### **14 TIME LIMIT**

14.1 The time limit for the “Around the Island Race” course will be five (5) hours.

14.2 The Time limit for the Non-Spinnaker Class courses A, B, C and D, will be four (4) hours.

14.3 The time limit for all other courses will be two and one-half (2 1/2) hours. A boat finishing a race more than 30 minutes, plus her time allowance, after the first finisher in her class will be scored TLE.

### **15 PROTESTS**

15.1 Protesting boats shall inform the Race Committee of their intent to file a protest immediately after finishing, either by hail or by radio on VHF Channel 71.

15.2 Protests shall be filed in writing and delivered to the Jury Desk at the Narragansett Inn within 60 minutes of the Race Committee Signal Boat’s arrival at the dock. The protest time limit will be posted at the Narragansett Inn.

15.3 Hearings will begin as soon as possible after racing each day. Protest notices will be posted and will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. Parties and their witnesses shall remain in the area of the protest hearings.

15.4 Any measurement disputes must be filed in accordance with Sailing Instruction 15.2 prior to the end of protest filing time on the first day of racing.

15.5 Protest arbitration may be offered for incidents involving rules of Part 2 except that arbitration shall not be available for protests where damage is alleged. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.

15.5 (a) One representative on each party, who was on board at the time of the incident will meet with the Arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted. After taking testimony from each representative, the arbitrator will render his/her opinion:

(i) The protest is invalid or no boat broke a rule. If the protestor agrees, the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. If the protestor disagrees, the Protest Committee will schedule a hearing.

(ii) One or both boats broke a rule. The representative(s) of the boat(s) breaking a rule may accept a 40% Scoring Penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c) and the Arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. If not, the Protest Committee will schedule a hearing.

(iii) The Arbitrator decides that a protest hearing is required. The Protest Committee will schedule a hearing

15.5(b) RRS 63.1 is changed by adding: “The Arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn without the approval of the Protest Committee.”

15.5(c) The Arbitrator will not be a member of the Jury that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given to the Jury and offer testimony. This changes RRS 63.3(a)

15.6 At its discretion, the Jury may impose a percentage penalty, as calculated in RRS 44.3(c) in lieu of disqualification for any infringement, including safety requirements, with the exception of any breach of a Rule of Part 2 of the RRS.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 Twelve races are scheduled of which one race will constitute a series. If seven or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded subject to RRS 89.3(b).
- 16.2 A boat scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus 2.
- 16.3 Boats racing in PHRF classes will be scored using PHRF "Time on Time" handicap models.

## **17 PRIZES**

Daily prizes may be awarded following each day's racing. Overall Class awards will be made following racing on Friday, June 22, 2012.