



## NOTICE OF RACE v4

### 1. MANAGEMENT

The Storm Trysail Club will hold Block Island Race Week XXV (BIRW), June 23-28, 2013. 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 20013-2016* (RRS).

The 2013 IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C.

The 2013 High Performance Rule (HPR).

The 2013 Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS).

The Regatta Regulations. These Regulations will be available at [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com) Crew limitations are in the Regatta Regulations.

The 2012-2013 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 5 (Appendix J). These regulations are available on the ISAF web site: [www.sailing.org](http://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), 76.1 and 76.3 (Exclusion of boats or competitors). Those prescriptions will be available on the Block Island Race Week website: [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com)

2.3 BIRW Safety Recommendations and Emergency Procedures. These are available on the website: [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com). A copy of these shall be kept aboard while racing.

### 3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Advertising is permitted, unless class rules do not permit, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

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

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

3.4 All boats shall display the event bow stickers on their bow and the event boom stickers on their booms.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Boats may compete in IRC, HPR, PHRF, and One-Design classes as follows:

(a) Boats must be 24feet LOA or larger.

(b) Racing will be conducted in PHRF classes for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175.

(c) Racing will be conducted in IRC classes for boats with IRC TCCs of 1.000 or faster. All boats racing in IRC classes shall have a 2013 IRC certificate on file at US SAILING prior to registration.

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

4.3 Racing will be conducted in Cruising Classes, with spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions, for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175 if sufficient entries are received.

- 4.4 Other Classes may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.5 Owners or Skippers shall be current members of US SAILING or their National Authority.
- 4.6 For all classes, any crew limitations are set forth in the Regatta Regulations.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 Eligible boats may enter via the Block Island Race Week link on the Storm Trysail Club website: [www.stormtrysail.org](http://www.stormtrysail.org) or [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com) or [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and pay the applicable Entry Fee no later than June 1, 2013. Also see NOR 5.1.
- 4.9 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](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com). The media release/crew waiver shall be completed and delivered to the Regatta registration desk in Block Island June 23, 2013.

## **5. ENTRY FEES**

5.1 The Entry Fee will be \$28.00 per foot of LOA. Entries received before April 1, 2013 will receive a 10% discount. To determine the Entry Fee, a boat's LOA may be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number. (e.g: 39.71' = 39')

### **5.2 The Entry Fee will be discounted 50% for Cruising Classes.**

5.3 There will be a late fee of \$200 for entries received after June 1, 2013. An administrative fee of \$100 will be applied to any cancellations.

5.4 A Race Week Access Pass will be required for access to the Race Week daily parties and trophy presentations. The Access Pass 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 Pass may be obtained by paying an Identification Fee of \$25 at Race Week Headquarters.

## **6. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday June 22:** Bow and Event sticker pick up at Race Headquarters. Weigh-In for One Design Classes begins for those OD Classes requiring weigh-in.

**Sunday June 23:** Registration, Bow and Event sticker pick up at Race Headquarters. Weigh-In for One Design Classes. Race Committee practice starts. Welcome Party at Race Week Tent.

**Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28:** Racing, with the first warning signal at 1100. Awards Presentation and evening party at Race Week Tent.

A Final Schedule of Events will be available at Registration and posted on the Official Notice Board and the event web site.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available on the web site [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com) on or about June 10, 2013. Sailing Instructions will also be available at Registration and posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **8. VENUE and COURSES**

8.1 The Venue is Block Island, Rhode Island, USA

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

8.3 For Cruising Classes, courses will be around government and set marks in Block Island Sound.

8.4 For all Classes, one or more races may be an Around Block Island Race or a distance race around government and set marks in Block Island Sound.

## **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. SCORING**

10.1 One race will need to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, unless Class Rules require otherwise.

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

### **10.3 PHRF classes will be scored using time on time.**

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

10.5 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 may be scored separately, at the discretion of the Regatta Committee.

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

## **11. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**

Any amendments to the Notice of Race will be posted on the website [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com) and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **12. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of receiving weather bulletins and communications from the Race Committee as well as communicating any emergency on board.

## **13. PRIZES**

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

13.2 Around Block Island Race overall trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

13.3 Some Classes will be competing for Regional, National or North American trophies.

13.4 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at Friday's Awards party. A list of the perpetual trophies is available on the regatta web site.

## **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](http://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. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please address all inquiries concerning Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week XXV to:

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