



## **Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Regatta**

September 14, 2019  
Black Rock Yacht Club  
Bridgeport, CT USA

1. Rules
  - 1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, as adopted by U.S. Sailing, shall govern, except as modified by the N.O.R. or Sailing Instructions.
  - 1.2. Sufficient fuel shall be carried aboard all yachts to provide for a minimum of 10 miles of propulsion in the event of an emergency.
  - 1.3. Monohull yachts, 24 feet and larger with current YRA LIS ratings and sufficient auxiliary power are eligible. Vessels not holding a valid certificate may be issued a rating as described in the Notice of Race.
  - 1.4. All entrants must comply with Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations of YRALIS Cat 'C' and shall carry a VHF capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channel 68.
  - 1.5. Non Spinnaker boats shall sail with Main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached to the head stay. Reaching struts / Whisker poles may be used with one end attached to the mast.
2. Schedule of Race
  - 2.1. Harbor Gun at 0900 hrs.
  - 2.2. First warning signal at 1000 hrs.
  - 2.3. The absolute time limit for the race is 1530 hours. Boats finishing after that time shall be scored TLE and awarded 2 points more than the number of starters.

### 3. Divisions

- 3.1. Boats will be divided into Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker classes based upon entries. To the extent that there are more than 12 boats in either class, the classes may be split. A division will require at least 3 entries to qualify. The following classes are expected:
  - Division 1 Spinnaker
  - Division 2 Non Spinnaker
- 3.2. Changes to the scratch sheet will be posted in accordance with Section 11.
- 3.3. Class Flags will be the numeral Pennant corresponding to the division number and shall be flown from the backstay.

### 4. Courses & Signals

- 4.1. Courses will be signaled by letters posted on the committee boat. Marks are to be rounded in the order in which they are posted on the course board. Course marks are designated on the attached BRYC Course Mark sheet. Roman numerals will be used to designate divisions.
- 4.2. The non-spinnaker division(s) may, or may not, sail the same course as the other divisions.
- 4.3. All marks of the course are to be left on the same side as the starting mark "A" unless circled, which means they are to be left on the opposite side.
- 4.4. Postponement will be signaled by the Answering Pennant "AP" and two (2) audible sounds. "AP" will be lowered with one (1) audible sound. The warning signal for the next division to start will be given one (1) minute after "AP" is lowered and the starting sequence will resume.
- 4.5. Individual recalls will be signaled by displaying Code Flag "X" and one (1) audible sound. An infringing boat will be recalled by her name or sail number and an attempt will be made to notify her over VHF Channel 68. This modifies RRS 29.1. Failure to notify such boat does not relieve her of the responsibility for making a proper start.
- 4.6. General recalls will be signaled with Code Flag First Substitute "FS" and two (2) audible sounds. A new preparatory signal will be made for the recalled division one (1) minute after lowering "FS" and one (1) audible sound. Succeeding divisions shall follow the order of the new start. In the event of a General Recall, RRS 30.1 I Flag Rule shall be in effect for the restarted Division.
- 4.7. The signal to abandon all races in progress will be Code Flag "N" and three (3) audible sounds. An attempt will be made to inform all boats of the abandonment over VHF Channel 68. 3

5. Signal Made Ashore

- 5.1. Postponements, cancellations or other information may be signaled from ashore. Signal flags, if required, will be flown from the main flagpole at BRYC.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP.

6. 6 - Starting and Finishing

6.1. Starts

6.1.1. The starting line will be between a white flag on the committee boat and the starting mark “A”. The Committee Boat will be stationed southeast of ‘2A’.

6.1.2. Races will be started using RRS rule 26 with no changes:

Warning	5 Min. before Start	Division Pennant Up	One (1) sound
Preparatory	4 Min. before Start	“P” Flag Up	One (1) sound
-	1 min. before Start	“P” Flag removed	One (1) sound
Start	0 min. before Start	Division Pennant Removed	One (1) long sound

6.1.3. The Race Committee may start the Divisions in any order or together.

6.1.4. Yachts sailing in a Division not yet starting, must keep clear of the starting area once the Preparatory Signal has been made for a starting division.

6.2. Finishing

6.2.1. The Finish line will be between a white flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark “A”.

6.2.2. In the event of inclement weather wherein it is not prudent for the RC boat to remain on station, the RC will advise a special finish mark which shall be approximately one-half mile directly east (bearing 090 degrees) from Black Rock Harbor 2A.

6.2.3. Finishing boats shall leave the special Yellow mark to starboard and be within 50 feet of the yellow mark as it bears 090 degrees. Boats are advised to call the R/C on VHF 68 approximately 5 minutes prior to finishing advising their name, division, and sail number. Finishing boats shall make note of their GPS time, advise the R/C, and make note of the boats finishing immediately ahead and behind her. Such an unattended special finish line will be advised by the RC flying solid yellow code flag ‘Q’ at the start. Attempts to announce same will be made on VHF 68. Captains are advised to review their local charts.

6.2.4. A yacht withdrawing from the race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible (via Ch 68) but not later than the expiration of the time limit as set forth in Sec. 2.3. 4

## 7. Protests

7.1. Protesting boats shall comply with U.S. Sailing Rules, 2017-2020, RRS Part 5 Sec. A which are modified as follows: a) A boat intending to file a protest shall inform the R/C immediately after finishing or withdrawing b) A written protest shall be delivered to a R/C representative no later than 30 minutes after the last competitor is finished and the committee boat is moored back at BRYC. The R/C will attempt to notify all affected parties and hold a protest hearing as soon as possible.

7.1.1. Arbitration (This modifies RRS Part 5, Section B)

7.1.1.1. For a protest involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing shall be held prior to a protest hearing.

7.1.1.2. After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed. Unresolved arbitration will be passed along to the Protest Committee. Opinions of the arbitrator and any decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.

7.1.1.3. A boat that accepts fault at the arbitration hearing shall receive a penalty score of 40% of the number of boats entered in her Division in that race (rounding 0.5 upward) added to her finishing position, except that she shall not be scored worse than DSQ. The scores of other boats shall not be changed: therefore, two boats may receive the same score.

## 8. Radio Communication

8.1. While racing, no yacht shall make radio transmissions, except when necessary for the safety of a yacht & her crew, or advising of withdrawal.

8.2. It is the intention of the RC to monitor VHF Channel 68 during the race.

## 9. Scoring

9.1. The PHRF time on time scoring system will be used.  $TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF)$

9.2. All entries must have valid YRALIS PHRF rating certificate to be scored.

## 10. Prizes

10.1. Awards will be given to up to 3 boats per division at Black Rock Yacht Club, shortly after racing. To the extent that less than five competitors in a division, only the top 2 boats shall receive an award.

10.2. The Brent C. Donahue Memorial Cross Sound perpetual trophy will be awarded to the yacht finishing with the best overall corrected time for Spinnaker Divisions. The perpetual trophy will be held at Black Rock Yacht Club.

10.3. The Commodore Lever & Family "C-Revel" perpetual trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the best overall corrected time for Non-Spinnaker Divisions. The perpetual trophy will be held at Black Rock Yacht Club.

- 10.4. The Commodore's Combined Spinnaker Division award will be awarded to the combined top scoring boat that competed in the 2019 Pequot Yacht Club - Falkner Island Race and the Brent C. Donahue - Cross Sound Regatta. The fleet finish for the spinnaker divisions for both races will be aggregated and the lowest fleet scores will be awarded. Qualifying yachts must compete in the spinnaker divisions of both races to be eligible.
11. Amendments/Notice to Competitors
  - 11.1. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and other notices to competitors will be posted on the YachtScoring website and Regatta Notice Board at Black Rock Yacht Club clubhouse deck prior to 0900 hrs. It is the responsibility of the skippers to check for any pertinent information, changes, etc., affecting the race.
  - 11.2. At 0930 hrs the Race Committee will advise the fleet on VHF Channel 68 if there have been any amendments or special announcements. Skippers that have not obtained copies of the amendment, scratch sheet or other notices at BRYC may collect a copy from the Race Committee boat prior to the first warning signal.
12. Yacht Safety
  - 12.1. Each competitor is solely responsible for his\her own safety, the safety of his/her crew, and the seaworthiness of his\her yacht and equipment. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. Each skipper is responsible for determining if his\her vessel and crew are capable of sailing in the prevailing conditions or adverse conditions, which may arise. Black Rock Yacht Club and its representatives are in no way responsible for accidents or injuries to yachts or personnel suffered from any cause during or related to this event.

## Appendix A – Racing Marks

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**A – Special Starting Mark – Either Yellow or Orange tetrahedron**

**B - Special Windward Mark – Approximately .5 nm upwind from RC boat. Yellow tetrahedron**

**C - Special Finishing Mark – Directly east of Red “2A” to be used only in the event of inclement weather. Yellow tetrahedron.**

**E – Green Can “1” East of Middleground Lighthouse**

**F - FL R Bell “2” West of Middleground Lighthouse**

**G – Green Can “3” Bridgeport Channel Entrance**

**R – Red Bell “18” 2 nautical miles South of Point no Point – Stratford, CT**

**S – Red Bell “22” 3/4 nautical mile South of S. Pine Creek Point – Southport, CT**

**T – Green Gong “LC” off Penfield Reef**

**W – Green Can “1” at Stony Brook, NY**

**X – Red “2A” Black Rock Harbor Entrance Channel**

**Y – Green Gong “11A” 1.5 nm NNW Port Jefferson Entrance**

**Z – RW “PJ” 1.5 nm N Port Jefferson Harbor Entrance**

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