



**70th ANNUAL BLOCK
ISLAND RACE
Friday, May 22, 2015**

Notice of Race

The Storm Trysail Club will hold its Seventieth Annual Block Island Race, May 22, 2015.
The Storm Trysail Club is the Organizing Authority for this event.

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by:

- 1.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). If there is one-design racing and there is a conflict between Class Rules and the RRS, Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.2 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS do not apply, except the prescriptions to RRS 61.4, 76.1, and Appendix R.
- 1.3 The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound.
- 1.4 The current YRA of LIS Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations (see NOR 3.2 and attached Addendum.) These recommendations are also available on the YRA-LIS web site: (www.yralis.org). A copy of these recommendations shall be kept aboard while racing. In the event of a conflict between these recommendations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
- 1.5 The current IRC Regulations Parts A, B & C. IRC boats equipped **and rated** with water ballast and/or canting keel may use same. This modifies RRS 51.
 - 1.5.1 In accordance with IRC Rule 11.2, without an increase in rating, a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current certificate, if of area not greater than rated SPA.
 - 1.5.2 The number of crew allowed shall be the number stated on the certificate plus one.
- 1.6 The New England Multihull Association (NEMA) RACE RULES 2015 (www.nemasail.org)
- 1.7 The 2015 High Performance Racing Rule.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This event is open to mono-hull boats of no less than 29 feet LOA (except as described in 3.2.3) owned by or under charter to members of yacht clubs or organizations affiliated directly or through regional associations with the United States Sailing Association. The provision for US Sailing affiliation is waived for boats of foreign registry.
- 2.2 Boats sailing the **Block Island Course** shall have self-righting hulls, shall be properly rigged and ballasted, shall be fully seaworthy and shall meet the recommendations set forth in the current YRA of LIS Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations for Category A races, with the following additions: (1) Each boat shall have an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05A; (2) Each boat shall carry at least one cell phone the number of which is on file with the Race Committee and which is kept on and fully charged while racing.
 - 2.2.1 Racing will be conducted in IRC classes, including Double-handed, for boats rating 0.930 and faster.
 - 2.2.2 Racing will be conducted in PHRF classes for boats rating 135 seconds/mile or faster. PHRF ratings shall be those of YRA-LIS (available at www.yralis.org)
 - 2.2.3 Mini-650 or Mini Transat Class boats with a minimum crew of two (2) are permitted.
 - 2.2.4 Boats may be multihull sailing vessels with a minimum length of 26' LOA, not including bowsprit, and must have a 2015 NEMA Rating Certificate.

- 2.3 Boats sailing the **Plum Island Course** shall have self-righting hulls, shall be properly rigged and ballasted, shall be fully seaworthy and shall meet the current YRA of LIS Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations for Category B races, with the following additions:
(1) Each boat shall have an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05A; (2) Each boat shall carry at least one cell phone the number of which is on file with the Race Committee and which is kept fully charged while racing.
- 2.3.1 Racing will be conducted in PHRF classes, including Double-handed, for boats rated 105 to 174. Minimum number of crew shall be 2.
- 2.4 All entries are to be made on-line at (www.yachtscoring.com) or via www.stormtrysail.org by pressing the link “On-Line Entry.”

3. ENTRY FEES

\$195.00 for completed entries received by 1200 Friday, May 15, 2015. A \$50.00 late fee will apply for entries received after 1200 May 15th. **Absolutely no entry will be accepted after 1800 Thursday, May 21st.** Entries must be made on line (www.yachtscoring.com) and fees paid by credit card or PayPal.

4. QUALIFYING SERIES

The Block Island Race is a qualifier for the **Northern Ocean Racing Trophy (IRC)**, the **Double Handed Ocean Racing Trophy (IRC)**, the **New England Lighthouse Series (PHRF)** and the **Gulf Stream Series Trophy (IRC)**. For more details consult the YRA Handbook or www.stamfordyc.com. The Block Island Race is also a qualifier for the **Caper, Sagola and Windigo trophies** awarded by the YRA of Long Island Sound and the **“Tuna Trophy”** for the best IRC combined scores in the EDLU (40%) and the Block Island Race (60%)

5. SCHEDULE

The first signal is scheduled for 1400 on Friday, May 22nd, 2015 at Red Bell “32” (The Cows)

6. MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall produce a valid rating certificate pursuant to NOR 2.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Storm Trysail Club web site www.stormtrysail.org, on YachtScoring, and at the front desk at Stamford Yacht Club, 97 Ocean Drive West, Stamford, CT 06902.

8. THE COURSES

The specifics of the course will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Generally:

START AND FINISH: Flashing Red Bell "32" (The Cows) off Stamford Harbor.

8.1 The Block Island Course

Boats will sail from the Start; leave Block Island to starboard, to the Finish at Red Bell “32” (The Cows) Course distance is 185 NM.

8.2 The Plum Island Course

Boats will sail from the Start; leave the Red & White Whistle “PI” (Plum Island) to starboard, and to the Finish as described above. Course distance is 125 NM.

8.3 At the discretion of the race committee, for the Block Island Course a short course may be signaled by displaying code flag “C” prior to the Preparatory Signal for the first Block Island Course start. The short course shall be the Plum Island Course.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. In the case of a protest involving the right of way Rules, the boat at fault, instead of being disqualified as a result of a hearing, may, at the option of the Protest Committee, have her corrected time increased by 2%. This modifies RRS 64.1

10. SCORING

- 10.1 PHRF classes will use YRA-LIS PHRF Distance Ratings scored using time-on-time.
- 10.2 The IRC classes will be scored using the IRC Time Correction Factor.
- 10.3 HPR boats will be scored using HPR Ratings.
- 10.4 Multihulls will be scored using NEMA Ratings.
- 10.5 Teams will be scored by using the total of each team member's percentage placement in its respective class.
- 10.6 In the event the Regatta Committee elects to include a one-design class or group of boats racing level on a start with other boats, the one-design or level rating group may be scored separately.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at a reception at 1700 on Sunday May 24th at Stamford Yacht Club. A Team Race Trophy will be awarded to the club whose team compiles the best score. A team shall consist of three boats whose owners are members of the same yacht club regardless of the class in which each boat sails. Teams shall not have more than 2 boats sailing in the same class. In order to be scored for the Team Racing Trophy, each team must submit a Team Application to the Storm Trysail Club office prior to 1800 Thursday, May 21st.

The STC Perpetual prizes will be described in the Sailing Instructions and will also be awarded.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Block Island Race 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.

14. PROTESTS

A Protest Committee appointed by the Organizing Authority will decide protests. Protests involving potential trophy winners will be heard at Stamford Yacht Club, as soon as practicable after the boats involved have finished.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

In order to ensure that safety requirements are being, or were, met, it is recommended that all boats check in with the Race Committee by sailing in proximity thereto and with storm jib and either double-reefed main or storm trysail flying. All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guidelines and the Guidelines for Rendering Assistance. These guidelines are available on the Storm Trysail Club website: (www.stormtrysail.org), and a copy of which shall be kept aboard while racing. The Organizing Authority may make inspections of boats at any time prior to the awarding of prizes.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

The Storm Trysail Club, 1 Woodbine Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538 or call 914-834-8857, or our Web Site: www.stormtrysail.org or by email to fleetcaptain@stormtrysail.org.