



NOTICE OF RACE

2015 Block Island Race Week FEEDER RACES June 19-20, 2015

**Presented by the Storm Trysail Club, in conjunction
with the American Yacht Club and the Mystic River
Mudhead Sailing Association**

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

Storm Trysail Club, with American Yacht Club and Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Association, as applicable.

2. RULES

2.1 Racing will be governed by:

- (a) The Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). (b) The 2015 IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C.
- (c) The 2015 High Performance Rule (HPR).
- (d) The 2015 Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Regulations as administered by Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS).
- (e) The New England Multihull Association (NEMA) Rules.
- (f) The US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) US Near Shore and associated Appendices.

These regulations are available on the US Sailing website: <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements/>.

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). A copy of these should be kept aboard while racing.

2.3 RRS 51 is changed to allow the use of canting keels for boats rated with them.

2.4 RRS 52 is changed to allow the use of autopilots, powered winches, and stored power to mechanically move canting keels.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

3.1 Boats may compete in Handicap classes as follows:

- (a) Boats must be 22.75 feet 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 2015 IRC certificate on file at US SAILING prior to June 15, 2015.

3.2 If sufficient entries are received, racing will be conducted in Cruising Classes, with spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions, and Double-Handed Classes, for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175.

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

3.4 For all Classes, boats may carry one additional crewmember less than 14 years of age. This additional crew will not be a part of the maximum crew or crew weight calculation. Entrants intending to carry additional crewmembers less than 14 years of age shall so indicate on their Entry Form.

3.5 Boats must have a rating certificate on file by June 15th.

3.6 Eligible boats may enter via the Block Island Race Week link on the Storm Trysail Club website, or directly on YachtScoring.com and select the appropriate “Feeder Race” course.

3.7 Boats must be seaworthy and carry appropriate safety equipment, including a radio capable of using VHF Channels 16 and 71. At least two able-bodied persons must be on board during the race.

3.8 As a condition of entry, each owner and skipper is required to execute a waiver of liability, and 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 online at YachtScoring.com. All such waivers shall be completed online by June 15, 2015.

4. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$50 per boat.

5. DIVISIONS

5.1 Based on the entries received, the following divisions may be formed:

PHRF Spinnaker; PHRF Double-handed; PHRF Classic Boat; PHRF Non-Spinnaker
IRC; IRC Double-handed; HPR; Multihulls; “Plus One” Divisions, as described below. One design divisions will be considered for those classes with 6 or more entries.

If enough entries are received, both Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker boats will be able to race in “Plus One” divisions, whereby a boat will sail with a crew limit of one more than the tens-digit of the boat’s LOA: a boat with LOA of 20-29’ will have a crew limit of 3, a boat with LOA of 30-39’ will have a crew limit of 4, and a boat with LOA of 40-49’ will have a crew limit of 5. All limits include the helmsman. The “Plus One” categories are intended to encourage participation by short-handed crews.

5.2 Boats will race in classes as numbered on the scratch sheet. Scratch Sheets will be available on YachtScoring.com no later than Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 1800.

5.3 The class flag for each class will be the numeral pennant for its class number.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Friday, June 19 Rye to Block Island: first signal at 1200

6.2 Saturday, June 20 Fishers Island to Block Island: first signal at 1000

Newport to Block Island: first signal at 1100

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SI’s will be posted on YachtScoring.com no later than Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 1800.

8. VENUE AND COURSES

8.1 This is a multi-venue event:

<u>Co-Host Club</u>	<u>American Yacht Club (AYC)</u>	<u>Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Association (Mudheads)</u>
Course	Western Long Island Sound	Fishers Island

The sole Organizing Authority for the Newport Course will be the Storm Trysail Club.

8.2 **Western Long Island Sound Course:** From the Start at Red Bell “42” off Milton Point to the Finish. Course length is approximately 97 nm.

8.3 **Fishers Island Course:** From the Start in the vicinity of Horseshoe Reef Nun “26” off Groton Long Point, to the Finish leaving RW “L” Mo A to starboard. Course length is approximately 19 nm.

8.4 **Newport Course:** From the Start between a staff flying an orange flag on the Committee Boat, anchored West of Goat Island and East of the shipping channel, and an orange buoy to the Finish leaving Fl G Bell “1B1” to port. Course length is approximately 21 nm.

If the Race Committee Boat displays Code Flag W at the Warning Signal, there will be a short windward leg after the start. The windward mark will be an orange buoy and the rounding of this mark will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat by either a green flag (Starboard rounding), or a red flag (Port Rounding) at the warning signal.

9. FINISH

Between Fl R 49ft 8M “4” and Green Can “5” at the entrance to Great Salt Pond at which boats will take their own time from a GPS unit and promptly email same to the address stated in the Sailing Instructions. Emails shall also include the boat name and sail number.

10. PENALTY SYSTEMS

The Scoring Penalty, 44.3, will apply

11. SCORING

11.1 PHRF classes will use YRALIS PHRF Distance Ratings scored using time-on-time. The relevant Race Committee(s) may choose to accept an alternate PHRF certificate if a valid YRA-LIS PHRF certificate is neither valid nor available.

11.2 The IRC classes will be scored using the IRC Time Correction Factor.

11.3 HPR boats will be scored using HPR Ratings.

11.4 Multihulls will be scored using NEMA Ratings.

12. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

Any amendments to the Notice of Race will be posted on YachtScoring.

13. 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.

14. PRIZES

14.1 To be awarded to the winner of each class.

15. 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.

16. PROTESTS

A Protest Committee appointed by the Organizing Authorities will decide protests.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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