



## **NOTICE OF RACE** (012823)

**(includes Amendments #1, 2, 3 & 4)**

The Storm Trysail Club ("STC") is the Organizing Authority ("OA") of the 30<sup>th</sup> Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week ("BIRW"), to be held June 19-23, 2023.

### **1. RULES**

1.1 Racing will be governed by: The rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing; the ORC Rating System rules and regulations; the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet ("PHRF") Regulations, as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound ("YRALIS"); the New England Multihull Association ("NEMA") rules and regulations; the Classic Rating Formula (CRF) rules; and the one-design rules for any one-design class racing.

1.2 The current Nearshore category of the US Safety Equipment Requirements and associated Appendices ("SER"), which will be available on the Official Notice Board. In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.

1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to the rules shall not apply with the exception of the addition of rule 61.4, and the prescriptions to rules 60.3, 67, 76.1, 88.2, and Appendix V, Alternative Penalties.

1.4 BIRW Safety Recommendations and Emergency Procedures. These are available on the Official Notice Board on Yachtscoring.com:  
[https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board.cfm?eid=15440](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=15440)

1.5 These racing rules are changed as follows:

Rule 41 is changed by adding:

With the exception of ORC Open Class(es), once the race day begins, except as permitted by rule 41, boats racing shall not have contact with a support person.

Rule 51 is changed by adding:

The use of water ballast or canting keels is allowed for boats rated as such.

Rule 52 is changed to read:

A boat's standing rigging, running rigging, spars and movable hull appendages may be adjusted and operated by power provided by the crew or by stored power.

1.6 With the exception of ORC Open Class(es), the sails on board (including mainsails) may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day,

including multiple-race days and cases of damage to sails. The “race day” begins when the boat leaves the dock or mooring for the race course.

1.7 With the exception of ORC Open Class(es), the crew on board may vary from day to day but, once the race day begins and with the exception of injury requiring medical attention, shall remain the same for each individual race day, including multiple-race days.

## 2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Any advertising proposed to be carried by a boat must be described in the Entry Application. Advertising deemed by the OA not to be compliant with World Sailing Regulation 20 may be rejected. Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of our sponsors; their participation enhances the event for all.

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 All boats must be 22.00 feet LOA or larger.

3.2 Boats may compete in ORC, PHRF with handicaps faster than 177, Performance Cruising, Double-Handed, Plus One, Classics, NEMA, or One-Design classes as follows:

a) Performance Cruising classes (spinnaker and non-spinnaker), Double Handed class(es) and Plus One class(es) for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 177 if sufficient entries are received.

b) Classic, for boats with CRF handicaps faster than 24.

c) Others, including but not limited to One-Designs, Multihulls, and Classics as may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

3.3 Teams of three boats from the same yacht club (two of which must be in separate classes), may compete for the Shelter Island Yacht Club Team Trophy.

3.4 Eligible boats may enter and pay the applicable Entry Fee via the Yachtscoring.com page for BIRW at: [https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_registration\\_email.cfm?eid=15440](https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=15440)

3.5 As part of the entry process, each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember shall sign a Crew Waiver Form available on Yachtscoring.com which shall be completed by June 16, 2023.

3.5.1 In addition to the Crew Waiver Form, all sailors shall complete all data required of the Crew List, **including WS # and Sailor Group. To obtain a Sailor Classification visit -** <http://sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/> **[NEW]**

3.6 The minimum number of crew is two (2). For all classes, except the Double Handed, Plus One, and one-designs sailing under class rules with specific crew limits, boats may carry one additional crew member less than 14 years of age on June 23, 2023. This additional crew will not be a part of the maximum crew or crew weight calculation. Entrants intending to carry additional crew members less than 14 years of age shall so indicate on their Entry Form.

3.7 With regards to Group 3 sailors, the following crew limitations shall apply:

3.7.1 Performance Cruising and Double-handed – no more than one (1) crew member

**3.7.2 ORC, PHRF & MH (Amendment #3)**

**Fewer than 7 total crew = 1**

**7 – 10 total crew = 2**

**11 – 15 total crew = 3**

**16 or more total crew = 4**

**3.7.3 ORC Open Class(es) – no limitation**

3.8 Insurance – Each boat shall have a valid third-party liability policy that is appropriate considering the value of the boats and the type of racing in the event.

3.9 All rating certificates must be available for download by June 5, 2023.

3.10 No rating **changes** will be accepted after June 12, 2023.

**3.11 With the exception of boats sailing Double-Handed, boats with a GPH of 560 or lower must have an ORCi certificate. [NoR Amendment #1]**

**4. ENTRY FEES**

4.1 The Entry Fee is \$33.00 per foot of LOA for entries paid before February 13, 2023. To determine the Entry Fee, a boat's LOA may be rounded down to the nearest lower whole number, e.g., 39.71' = 39'. After February 13, 2023, the Entry Fee will be \$38.00 per foot LOA. After **April 1, 2023**, the Entry Fee will be \$42.00 per foot LOA. **Entry fees must be paid by May 1, 2023.** [NoR Amendment #4]

**4.1.1 Regardless of the date of initial entry, the date of payment establishes the per foot fee to be paid.**

**4.1.2 After May 1<sup>st</sup>, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. The fee for late entries is \$60.00 per foot LOA.**

4.2 For Performance Cruising and Double Handed classes only, the Entry Fee will be \$28.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before February 13, 2023. After February 13, 2023, the Entry Fee will be \$32.00 per foot LOA. After **April 1, 2023**, the Entry Fee will be \$35.00 per foot LOA. **Entry fees must be paid by May 1, 2023.**

**4.2.1 Regardless of the date of initial entry, the date of payment establishes the per foot fee to be paid.**

**4.2.2 After May 1<sup>st</sup>, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. The fee for late entries is \$50.00 per foot LOA.**

4.3 Admittance to the week's social events ("The Tent") requires an additional fee of \$20 per person. [NoR Amendment #2]

4.4 An administrative fee of \$275.00 will be applied to any cancellations prior to **May 1, 2023**, after which no refunds will be made.

**5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

**5.1 Sunday, June 18:**

Registration, and if applicable, weigh-In for One-Design classes:

Race Headquarters between 0900 – 1700

**Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23:** Racing, with the first signal scheduled for 1100 each day with the exception of the Lay Day.

5.2 A Lay Day, may be scheduled if conditions permit.

5.3 Social events and awards presentations schedule will be posted in advance of the Regatta on the Official Notice Board and via race communications. Social gatherings will be subject to state and local mandates. As such, these may be minimal or absent.

## **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Notice Board on or about June 12, 2023.

## **7. VENUE**

The Venue is Block Island and Block Island Sound, Rhode Island, USA. The regatta will be based in the Great Salt Pond (New Harbor).

## **8. COURSES**

- 8.1 a) Windward /Leeward courses will be offered for One-Design and PHRF classes.
- b) Windward /Leeward courses will be offered for ORC classes
- c) Performance Cruising Spinnaker classes (both pursuit and rule 26 starts,) Double Handed classes, Plus One and Multihull classes will race distance races.
- d) Performance Cruising Non-Spinnaker classes will race distance races with pursuit starts.

8.2 For all classes, one or more races may be the Round The Island Race (RTIR) around Block Island.

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

US Sailing Prescription Appendix V will apply.

## **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. This changes RRS Appendix A

10.2 ORC and PHRF classes will be scored using time-on-time.

10.3 Pursuit racing will be scored using time-on-distance.

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

## **11. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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

11.2 No boat shall operate or control a remotely controlled aircraft ('drone') or other remotely controlled vehicle while racing.

## **12. PRIZES**

Awards and Perpetual Trophies will be awarded. See event website: [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com)

### **13. RISK AND LIABILITY**

13.1 The Storm Trysail Club, its officers, directors, members, sponsors, employees and agents, the Race Committee, the BIRW Protest Committee and any other Committee of the Club shall not be liable for any injury or damage whatsoever to persons or property which may occur during or arise out of or in connection with the Race. Notice is hereby given to all participants including spectators, officials and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk.

13.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in BIRW shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat, both while 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 and its premises.

### **14. PRIVACY POLICY, COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA RIGHTS**

As a condition of participating in the regatta, competitors shall agree to accept operational communications (voice, email, text, or other), and grant the OA, and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, the irrevocable right and permission to use basic competitor information, photographs and video footage taken of themselves, their crew and their competing boat, without notification, for use or distribution in any media whatsoever for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information. Competitors shall agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the OA and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs and video footage.

### **15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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

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### **BIRW XXX MANAGEMENT**

Event Chair: Andrew Weiss [andrew@flintlockllc.com](mailto:andrew@flintlockllc.com)  
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TO ENTER and for Race Documents:

[https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_registration\\_email.cfm?eid=15440](https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=15440)

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