



63rd Annual Block Island Race Friday, May 23, 2008

The Storm Trysail Block Island Race is a qualifying race for the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy, the Double Handed Ocean Racing Trophy, the New England Lighthouse Series, the Gulf Stream Series, and a qualifier for the YRA of LIS Spring Series, DeCoursey Fales and Windigo Trophies, and "The Tuna Trophy."

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Management: The Storm Trysail Club, Inc. is the organizing authority of this race.

The Sixty-third Block Island Race is sponsored by the Storm Trysail Club Inc., a Not-For-Profit Corporation created under the laws of the State of New York and all participants, entrants, and persons or entities doing business with or involved in the Block Island Race shall, by virtue of said participation, adopt the Laws of the State of New York and its courts as the Law governing their rights and the forum in which all rights may be brought.

2. Eligibility: (a) The Block Island Race is open to mono-hull boats of no less than 29 feet LOA 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; (b) All boats entering the Block Island Race shall have self-righting hulls, shall be properly rigged and ballasted, shall be fully seaworthy and shall meet the standards set forth in the current Offshore Racing Council Special Regulations, as modified by US Sailing for Category 3 races, with the following changes and additions:

(1) Each boat shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 01; (2) A life raft shall be carried while racing but need not have a canopy; (3) All crew shall comply with the Storm Trysail Club Recommended Guidelines adopted in January 2004, and the Guidelines for Rendering Assistance, each of which are available on the STC website www.stormtrysail.org.

(c) Racing will be offered for PHRF and IRC rated boats.

(d) Racing will be conducted in IRC classes for boats rating 0.975 and faster. IRC boats rating 1.080 or faster must have endorsed certificates. IRC racing may also be offered for boats slower than 0.975 if there is sufficient interest. Such entrants shall submit both IRC and PHRF certificates. There will NOT be dual scoring - entrants must elect to race under PHRF or IRC. The Northern Ocean Racing Trophy (NORT) is restricted to "Endorsed" IRC rated boats.

(e) Boats rating PHRF 90 through 175 may race in PHRF classes. The New England Lighthouse Series (NELS) is dedicated to PHRF boats rating 90 and slower.

(f) There will be a Double Handed Class for IRC rated boats. The Double Handed Ocean Racing Trophy (DHORT) is restricted to "Endorsed" IRC rated boats.

(g) Mini-650 or Mini Transat Class boats with a minimum crew of two (2) are permitted.

3. Entries: (a) Entries for the Block Island Race shall be accompanied by both an entry fee AND a valid current IRC or PHRF certificate, as specified in the requirements contained in the Notice of Race.

(b) The Entry Fee is \$175.00 for completed entries received by 1200 Friday May 16, 2008 and \$225.00 thereafter. Absolutely NO entry will be accepted after 1200 hours Wednesday May 21, 2008. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry.

(c) All entries are to be made on-line at <http://www.stormtrysail.org> by pressing the link "On-Line Entry Forms." ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE ABOVE DEADLINE WILL BE REJECTED.

(d) No entry fee will be refunded after May 16, 2008.

4. **Time Allowances:** (a) IRC time allowances will be calculated from IRC ratings using time-on-time.
(b) PHRF time allowances will be calculated from YRA of Western LIS PHRF ratings using a course length of 186 miles. Time allowances for the Short Course will be calculated using a course length of 145 miles.
(c) Storm Trysail Club reserves the right to correct at any time, errors in ratings, time allowances, and/or scoring.
5. **Owner's and Captain's Responsibilities:** (a) The term "Captain" as used in these Conditions and Sailing Instructions shall mean the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as "Captain" and who is in charge of the boat.
(b) The Captain shall be a member of a recognized yacht club or ocean racing organization.
(c) The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Captain, who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit. The Captain of the boat shall be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He shall ensure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that he and the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
(d) Neither the establishment of equipment regulations nor any inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the boat's Captain.
6. **Responsibility for Safety:** As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity undertaken by the Storm Trysail Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision to race is solely their responsibility, and each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee may have against the Storm Trysail Club and their respective officers, governors, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.
7. **Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring System of the 2005-2008 RRS Appendix A shall apply – IRC Classes shall be scored separately from PHRF classes
8. **Prizes: will be awarded for first, second & third places.**
The following STC Perpetual prizes will also be awarded.
RODDIE WILLIAMS –Team Race Trophy
COMMODORE'S GRAIL TROPHY - Best corrected time – IRC (Endorsed)
ELMINA TROPHY - Best corrected time IRC (non-endorsed)
GOVERNORS RACE WEST TROPHY - Best elapsed time - IRC Fleet
WILLIAM TRIPP, JR. MEMORIAL TROPHY - Best corrected time IRC Fleet
TERRAPIN TROPHY - Best corrected time - PHRF
GOVERNORS RACE EAST TROPHY - Best elapsed time - PHRF
GEROLD ABELS MEMORIAL TROPHY - Best corrected time IRC double handed
COMMODORE'S TROPHY - To the boat that has won her class and has beaten the 2nd and 3rd place yacht by the greatest margin of time.
HARVEY CONOVER MEMORIAL OVERALL TROPHY - To the boat that has won her class and in the judgement of the Flag Officers and Race Committee has had the best performance.



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES:** The Block Island Race shall be under the jurisdiction of the Storm Trysail Club and shall be governed as follows:
The race shall be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008.
 - 1) The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS do not apply, except the prescriptions to RRS 61.4,68, 76.1, 76.3.and Appendix F. Those prescriptions will be available on the Storm Trysail Club website (www.stormtrysail.org).
With respect to RRS 76.1, this event is ISAF Category C.
The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 3 shall apply. These regulations are available on the ISAF web site: (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.
All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guidelines and he Guidelines for Rendering Assistance. These guidelines are available on the Storm Trysail website: (www.stormtrysail.org), a copy of which shall be kept aboard while racing.
 - 2) For boats sailing in a double-handed division, the following shall apply:
 - a) Crew is limited to 2 persons, one of whom shall be at least 18 years of age.
 - b) Wind vanes and/or autopilots may be used without penalty.
 - c) Safety lines (jack lines) leading forward from both sides of the cockpit to the bow, well secured at each end, shall be rigged throughout the race.
 - d) Competitors sailing in the double-handed division are permitted to utilize radio communications amongst themselves while racing. This changes RRS 41.
 - 3) The following shall apply for all classes:
 - (a) The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3 will be used.
 - (b) From sunset to sunrise the following shall be substituted for rule 17:
When two boats are on the same tack within three overall lengths (of the larger boat) of each other, the boat being overtaken shall maintain her proper course. The overtaking boat shall keep clear, and neither boat shall bear away toward, nor luff, the other.
- 2 **Changes in Sailing Instructions:** Any changes and/or additions to the Sailing Instructions shall be available in writing at the office of the Storm Trysail Club in the Stamford Yacht Club on the day of the race. They shall be incorporated into the Sailing Instructions and shall be considered as having been delivered to each Captain. In the event such changes and/or additions have been made, International Code Flag "L" will be hoisted on the main flagpole of the Stamford Yacht Club at least four hours prior to the warning signal.
3. **Safety Requirements:** 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.* The Organizing Authority may make random inspections of boats at any time prior to the awarding of prizes.
4. **Radio Use:** VHF Channel 01 shall be used by the Race Committee. All boats are urged to keep their radios ON.
5. **Classes:** (a) Classes shall be established and signified by numeral pennants and EACH BOAT SHALL CARRY FROM HER BACKSTAY THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL NUMERAL PENNANT FOR HER CLASS FROM THE TIME OF HER WARNING GUN UNTIL SHE HAS FINISHED THE RACE.
(b) Class assignments will be made by the Race Committee.
6. **Starting Area:** (a) The Starting Line shall be between Fl Red BELL "32" (The Cows) off Stamford Harbor, and an orange flag displayed from a staff on the Committee Boat.
(b) The Starting Area shall extend along the Starting Line and 100 yards westerly thereof.
(c) An Auxiliary Committee Boat may be On Station on an extension northerly of the Starting Line.
(d) Boats not starting shall keep clear of the Starting Area.
7. **Starting Procedures:** (a) Starting Signals shall be in accordance with RRS 26 with classes

starting at ten-minute intervals after the first start, with smaller boats starting first.

TIME	SIGNAL	SHAPE/FLAG
1655	Warning	Class Flag
1656	Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z over I, or Black Flag
1659		Preparatory removed
1700	Start	Class Flag Removed
1705	Warning	Class Flag
1706	Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z over I, or Black Flag
1709		Preparatory removed
1710	Start	Class Flag removed

-This pattern shall continue until all classes have started

(b) A boat starting more than one minute before her starting time and not restarting shall be disqualified. A boat starting within one minute of her starting time and not restarting shall have thirty minutes added to her elapsed time.

8. Postponements: (a) Postponements shall be in accordance with rule 27.3 and Race Signals.

(b) In the event weather conditions are such that the race cannot be started at a reasonable hour on Friday, May 23, 2008, the Start will be postponed until Saturday, May 24, 2008 by the display of International Code Pennant "AP" over International Code Flag "A" and two guns. The Warning for the first class will be at 0855 and the Start at 0900.

9. Individual Recalls: Individuals Recalls shall be in accordance with rule 29.2.

10. General Recalls: General recalls shall be in accordance with rule 29.3 (General Recalls).

11. Courses:

11.1 The course for the Block Island Race shall be from the starting line out to and around Block Island in a CLOCKWISE direction, thence to the Finish:

(1) The following Government Marks shall be considered marks of the course and left to Starboard:

- (a) "1 BI" off North Reef, Block Island
- (b) Green Can "7" approx. 0.7 mile NNE of Clay Head, Block Island.
- (c) Green Can "3" approx. 0.5 mile E of Southeast Light, Block Island.
- (d) Green Can "1" approx. 0.4 mile SE of Southeast Light, Block Island.
- (e) Red Nun "2" approx. 0.4 mile SSW of Black Rock Point, Block Island.
- (f) Red Whistle Buoy "4" approx. 1.0 mile SW of Southwest Point, Block Island.
- (g) Fl Red BELL "32" (The Cows)
- (h) Red Nun "2"

(2) At the discretion of the Race Committee, a **REVERSE COURSE (code flag "R") may be signaled.** Course "R" shall be from the Start out to and around Block Island in an ANTI-CLOCKWISE direction, thence to the Finish: (f), (e), (d), (c), (b), and (a) as described in 11.1 shall be left to Port, thence (g) and (h) left to Starboard.

(3) All other Government Marks may be disregarded at the discretion of the Captain.

11.2 At the discretion of the Race Committee, a **SHORT COURSE (code flag "C") may be signaled.** Course "C" shall be from the Start out to and around Red & White Whistle "Pi" (Plum Island) in a CLOCKWISE direction, thence to the Finish:

(1) The following Government Marks shall be considered marks of the course and left to Starboard:

- (a) Fl Red BELL "32" (The Cows)
- (b) Red Nun "2"

(2) All other Government Marks may be disregarded at the discretion of the Captain.

12. The Finish:

12.1 The Finish Line will be at the Stamford Harbor entrance *between the flashing green beacon on the West breakwater and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat* anchored northerly of the East breakwater. If no Committee Boat is on station at the Finish, each boat shall record the time after she crosses a line between the beacons on the East and West breakwaters at the entrance to Stamford Harbor and when the flashing green beacon on the West breakwater bears 260° magnetic. This time, together with her best estimate of the finish times and sail numbers of the boats immediately preceding and following, must be reported to the STC office at 914-834-8857.

12.2 Finishing boats are requested to notify the Race Committee boat on VHF Channel 01 after rounding Flashing Red Bell "32" (The Cows). If finishing in darkness, to be sure identity has been properly established, each boat shall illuminate her sail numbers and notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 01.

13. **Time Limit:** None.

14. **Withdrawals:** Any boat withdrawing from the race shall break out her ensign and lower her class flag. At the first opportunity she **SHALL** report her withdrawal to the Race Committee on VHF Channel 01 or by telephoning 914-834-8857.

15. **Protests:** (a) In addition to the provisions of rule 61.1, a boat protesting another shall prominently display a RED FLAG FROM HER BACKSTAY, above her class flag, and notice of intention to file a protest shall, immediately after finishing, be given to the Race Committee via VHF Channel 01.

(a) Protests shall be filed in writing with the Race Committee of the Storm Trysail Club aboard the Committee Boat at the finish line or at the Stamford Yacht Club within four hours time of the protestor's finish time or by 0900 hours finishing between 1800 hours and 0500 hours.

(b) The Protest Committee may, at its discretion, award a penalty of less than disqualification for certain infringements of the Rules. This modifies rule 64. 1.

(c) Protest hearings will be held at the Larchmont Yacht Club at a time to be determined and mutually acceptable to the parties involved.

**PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:
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The Storm Trysail Club thanks the Flag officers and the members of the Stamford Yacht Club for the use of their facilities and their cooperation and hospitality.