



NOTICE OF RACE
The Vineyard Race
(Including the Cornfield Point Course)

August 29, 2008

The Officers and Members of the Stamford Yacht Club invite you to participate in the 74th Vineyard Race starting Friday, August 29, 2008, at Flashing Red Bell "32" (the "Cows") off Stamford Harbor. The First Signal for the first start will be at 1500 hours. The Stamford Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for this event.

1. RULES and OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

1.1 The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing(RRS) 2005-2008, except as may be modified by this Notice of Race or by the Sailing Instructions.

(a) RRS 41 is modified to allow Double-handed entrants to communicate amongst themselves by VHF radio while racing.

(b) The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: prescriptions to [RRS 61.4, 68, 76.1, 76.3](#) and Appendix F.

1.2 (a) For IRC and PHRF classes sailing the Vineyard Race course - Minimum Equipment & Safety Recommendations of the YRA of Long Island Sound for *Category A*.

(b) For PHRF classes sailing the Cornfield Point course - Minimum Equipment & Safety Recommendations of the YRA of Long Island Sound for *Category B*.

(c) A copy of these regulations is available on the YRA web site at www.yralis.org.

1.3 (a) For IRC classes: the 2008 IRC Rules.

(b) For PHRF classes: the PHRF Regulations of the YRA of Long Island Sound

1.4 Each boat shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05 and a cell phone, the number of which shall be on file with the Race Committee.

2. ADVERTISING: This is a Category A event in accordance with Rule 79 and the ISAF Advertising Code contained in Appendix 1, Regulation 20 of the RRS.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

3.1 The Vineyard Race is open to single-hulled boats owned by or chartered to members of yacht clubs or organizations affiliated directly or through regional associations with US SAILING. The provision for US Sailing affiliation is waived for boats of foreign registry.

3.2 Boats that meet the following additional requirements may enter this race:

- (a) All boats must have a length overall of 29 feet or longer.
- (b) Boats may race IRC if they have a valid IRC certificate. IRC boats rating 1.080 or higher (faster) must have an Endorsed certificate. Boats racing for the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy (NORT), the Double-handed Ocean Racing Trophy (DH-ORT) and the Gulf Stream Series Trophy must have Endorsed certificates.
- (c) Boats may race PHRF for the Vineyard Race course if their PHRF rating (YRA of LIS distance rating) is from 90 to 123. The New England Lighthouse Series (NELS) is dedicated to PHRF boats rating 90 and higher (slower).
- (d) Boats electing the Cornfield Point course must have a PHRF rating from 90 to 180 (YRA of LIS distance rating).
- (e) Classic Boats - Boats entering the Classic Boat Division must have a PHRF rating (YRA of LIS distance rating) 189 or lower (faster). For Classic Boats with a PHRF rating higher than 123, the boat must have a length overall of 35 feet or longer. A Classic Boat is defined to be a boat having a hull built substantially 25 years ago or earlier.

4. ENTRY: All entries are to be made on-line on the Stamford Yacht Club website: [www. Stamfordyc.com](http://www.Stamfordyc.com) by selecting the link to Sailing, the Vineyard Race and then "On-line entry Forms".

The Entry Form must be completed *no later than Friday, August 22nd*. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry.

5. ENTRY FEES: The entry fee of \$250 for US SAILING members, \$265 for non-members for the Vineyard course and \$150 for the Cornfield Point course for US SAILING members and \$165 for non-members. No refunds will be given after August 22 2008.

6. CLASSES: There will be IRC and PHRF Spinnaker Divisions, and an IRC Double-handed Division, for the Vineyard Course. There will be PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions for the Cornfield Point course. Special Classes may be formed at the discretion of the Race Committee. There will be a special PHRF Classic Boat Division (Vineyard Course) competing for the Bounding Home Trophy which may overlap with the PHRF Division. Classes will be formed under the Divisions based upon the number of entries.

7. COURSES:

Both courses:

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

FINISH: Immediately northerly of the entrance to Stamford Harbor, between the Signal Boat and Green Beacon "3" on the easterly end of the westerly breakwater.

The Vineyard Race course: From the Start to the Buzzards Bay Light Tower, leaving the Tower to starboard, then leaving Block Island to starboard, then leaving Flashing Red Bell "32" (The Cows) to starboard, then to the Finish, leaving Nun "2" to starboard for a total of 238 NM.

Note: At the discretion of the Race Committee, a short course may be signaled prior to the warning signal for the start of any class by displaying Code Flag "C". The short course will be the Cornfield Point course.

The Cornfield Point course: From the Start to Cornfield Point Shoal leaving Red Bell "2" to starboard, then leaving Flashing Red Bell "8" (at the easterly end of Long Sand Shoal) to starboard, then leaving "CF" MO(A) buoy to starboard, then leaving Flashing Red Bell "32" (The Cows) to starboard, then to the Finish, leaving Nun "2" to starboard for a total of 116 NM.

8. SCORING

8.1 PHRF classes will use YRA of Long Island Sound distance ratings and will be scored using time on distance.

8.2 The IRC classes will be scored by using the IRC Time Correction Factor using time on time.

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

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: A representative from each boat shall report to the Race Committee room at the Stamford Yacht Club between 1800 and 2200 on Thursday, August 28 or between 0900 and 1300 on Friday, August 29, to receive Sailing Instructions, scratch sheets and any other final instructions. Sailing Instructions may also be available at www.stamfordyc.com. The Sailing Instructions shall supersede this Notice of Race.

10. PENALTIES: The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 will apply.

11. 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. Protests for other boats will be heard beginning at 1900 on Sunday, August 31, 2008. Special arrangements will be made for boats finishing later than that time.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

12.1 It is the sole responsibility of the Skipper/Owner of each boat to see that she is seaworthy in all respects and that she is manned by a competent crew. The Skipper/Owner and all the members of the crew of each boat, by participating in this Race, agree to do so at their own risk, and waive any claim against and hold harmless the Stamford Yacht Club, its officers, directors, committees, members, employees and agents against any claims arising in any way out of the participation in the Vineyard Race (including the Cornfield Point Course) and related activities of such boat, her Skipper/Owner and crew.

13. AWARDS:

13.1 **The Vineyard Race is a mandatory qualifying race for the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy (IRC), the Double-handed Ocean Racing Trophy (IRC) and the New England Lighthouse Series (PHRF).** Awards within each class as well as perpetual trophies, including the Vineyard Trophy, Northern Ocean Racing Trophy, New England Lighthouse Series Trophy, Nirvana Trophy, and the Bounding Home Trophy for best classic yacht will be presented at the Awards Presentation and Reception, which will be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2008 at 1200 at the Stamford Yacht Club. All participants in the Race as well as their families are invited at no charge.

13.2 The Vineyard Race is a qualifier for the Caper, Kings Point, Mertz, Windigo and Sagola season trophies awarded by the YRA of Long Island Sound. The Vineyard Race is also a qualifier for the Stamford Trophy Series awarded by the Stamford Yacht Club at its annual Awards Dinner.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information please call the Stamford Yacht Club at 203 323 3161.

15. WELCOME: The privileges of the Stamford Yacht Club, including the use of guest moorings, will be extended to all participants from August 28 through September 1.

Vineyard Race Committee

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