



64th BLOCK ISLAND RACE

Notice of Race

1. MANAGEMENT

The Storm Trysail Club will hold its Sixty-fourth Annual Block Island Race, May 22, 2009. The Storm Trysail Club is the Organizing Authority for this event.

2. RULES

Racing will be governed by:

- 2.1 The 2009-2012 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (see NOR 3.2.) 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.
- 2.4 The current IRC Regulations. IRC boats equipped **and rated** with water ballast and/or canting keel, may use same. This modifies RRS 51.
- 2.5 In accordance with IRC Rule 26.6.2.2, 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.
- 2.6 The number of crew allowed shall be the number stated on the certificate plus one.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Block Island Race is open to mono-hull boats of no less than 29 feet LOA (except as described in 3.5) 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.
- 3.2 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 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 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.
- 3.3 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.

- 3.4 The Double-Handed Class will utilize IRC ratings. Boats with IRC ratings 0.975 and faster may enter this class. Boats with IRC ratings 1.080 or faster must have endorsed certificates.
- 3.5 Mini-650 or Mini Transat Class boats with a minimum crew of two (2) are permitted.
- 3.6 Racing will be conducted in PHRF classes for boats rating 90 through 175. Boats competing in the New England Lighthouse Series shall so indicate on the Entry Form. PHRF ratings shall be those of YRA-LIS (available at www.yralis.org)
- 3.7 All entries and payments are to be made on-line at:
www.stormtrysail.org by pressing the link "On-Line Entry."

4. ENTRY FEES

\$175.00 for completed entries received by 1200 Friday, May 15, 2009. A \$50.00 late fee will apply for entries received after 1200 May 15, 2009. **Absolutely no entry will be accepted after 1800 Wednesday, May 20, 2009.** Entries must be made on line and fees paid by credit card or PayPal. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry.

5. THE COURSE

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

- 5.1 The race will START at Red Bell "32" (The Cows) off Stamford.
- 5.2 **The first signal is scheduled for 1400.** Double Handed and Small boats start first
Boats will sail from the Start, leave Block Island to starboard, to the Finish, leaving Red Bell "32" (The Cows) and Red Nun 1 to starboard. Course distance is 186 NM. At the discretion of the Race Committee, a **SHORT COURSE (code flag "C") may be signaled.** Course "C" shall be from the Start, leave the Red & White Whistle "Pi" (Plum Island) to starboard, thence to the Finish as described above. Course distance is 145 NM.
- 5.3 The FINISH is immediately northerly of the entrance to Stamford Harbor, between the Signal Boat and the beacon on the easterly end of the westerly breakwater.

6. SCORING

- 6.1 PHRF classes will be scored using time on distance.
- 6.2 The IRC classes will be scored using the IRC Time Correction Factor using time on time.
- 6.3 Teams will be scored by using the average of each team member's percentage placement in its respective class.
- 6.4 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.

7. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at a cocktail 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 computed based on the results of the 64th Block Island Race. 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 office prior to 1800 May 21st.

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

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 judgment of the Flag Officers and RC has had the best performance.

NOTE: 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%)

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

9. 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.

10. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

All changes to the Notice of Race will be posted on the Storm Trysail website (www.stormtrysail.org) no later than 1200, May 15, 2009.

11. LIABILITY

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 it's exclusion from the regatta.

12. DETAILS

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