



*2010 Spring and Summer Series*

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the PHRF Minimum Safety Equipment Recommendations of the YRA of Long Island Sound: Category C, except as may be modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Specific attention is directed to RRS Fundamental Rules 1.1 and 4, which state:

- 1.1 A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
4. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

### **2. RACE MANAGEMENT**

- 2.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Breakwater Irregulars.
- 2.2 The Race Committee shall use VHF Channel 05.
- 2.3 The US Coast Guard can be reached on VHF Channel 16 and by phone at: 631-261-6868

### **3. RATINGS**

- 3.1 The current PHRF of the YRA of LIS ratings will be used; weight limits will not be in effect, except that any boat sailing with a 'light crew' rating shall sail as rated.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The series is open to boats owned or chartered by members of the Breakwater Irregulars;
- 4.2 Boats enter by completing the process found at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com), which may be accessed via the Breakwater's website ([www.breakwaters.org](http://www.breakwaters.org))
- 4.3 Entries must be received by 1800, Sunday, May 16, 2010 in order to sail in the first race. Sailing instructions will be available on the website.
- 4.4 A valid PHRF Rating Certificate shall be on file with the YRA of LIS. Rating Certificate revisions may be accepted after submission of the Entry Form at the discretion of the OA.

### **5. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

- 5.1 All boats shall comply with Minimum Equipment & Safety Recommendations of the YRA of Long Island Sound: Category C.
- 5.2 The Boat Owner or a designated Owner's Representative is responsible for the safety of the yacht and its crew as well as the conduct of the crew before and during the race, and compliance with the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

### **6. FEES**

- 6.1 The fee shall be \$225.00 per boat for USSailing Members; \$245.00 per boat for non-Members.

### **7. SERIES QUALIFICATION**

- 7.1 In order to qualify for the Spring or Summer Series, a boat shall have sailed and finished the next whole number more than half of the races held.
- 7.2 With respect to scoring, the two series are independent.

**8. SCHEDULE**

8.1 The first warning is scheduled for 1900 on each Tuesday evening starting May 18<sup>th</sup> and ending August 31<sup>st</sup>. The RC Signal Boat will be in the vicinity of Red Bell “32” (The Cows).

**9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available via the Breakwater website, or at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

**10. COURSES**

10.1 Courses and mark designations will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**11. SCORING**

11.1 Each boat shall be scored using PHRF time-on-distance ratings.

**12. WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS**

12.1 While racing, except in the course of a roll call or emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive wireless communications not simultaneously available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12.2 During the race, contestants may not receive weather, current or navigational information except by broadcast from a publicized source available to all competitors at no fee.

**12. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY**

12.1 As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Breakwater Irregulars, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Organizing Authority and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant. Neither the Breakwater Irregulars nor Stamford Yacht Club bear any responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their personnel arising from any cause during the race.

**13. FURTHER INFORMATION**

13.1 It is intended that most questions can be answered by referring to the Breakwater Irregulars Web page at [www.breakwaters.org](http://www.breakwaters.org) . If additional information is required, please contact one of the officers listed on the site.