

Block Island Race Week

JUNE 17-22, 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Duck Island Yacht Club and Block Island Yacht Club are the Co-Organizing Authorities for this regatta.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this Sailing Instruction means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 63.2, and 63.4.
- 1.3 Class rules prohibiting the use of marine band radios and cellular telephones will not apply. All boats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio while sailing in these events
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=4509>. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or other notices.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RC Signal Boat, SYNERGY, a Beneteau 461, white hull, green boot with a green bimini and dodger, docked at the Boat Basin.
- 4.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 It is the intent of the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee to run as many races as practical on each race day.
- 5.2 Racing is scheduled each day from Monday June 18th thru Friday June 22nd.
- 5.3 The first warning signal is scheduled for no earlier than 1100hrs on each race day.
- 5.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1430hrs on Friday, June 22.

6 DIVISIONS, CLASS FLAGS, STARTING SIGNALS, AND MARKS

There will be 2 divisions, PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF Non-Spinnaker. Class flags for use by the signal boat for starting signal will be PHRF Spinnaker – numeral pennant 1 and PHRF Non-Spinnaker – numeral pennant 2.

7 RACING AREAS

Racing will be in Block Island Sound approximately 0.5 nm West of Bell "R-2".

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Addendum A explains the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Course information may be announced by courtesy broadcasts on the VHF channel 72.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

- 9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 9.4 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to identify her on VHF 72. Failure to transmit information, receive such notification, or the order in which recalled boats are broadcast - will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 10 CHANGE OF COURSE BETWEEN STARTS:**
If there is a significant wind shift during a series of starting sequences, the Race Committee may signal a change of course for a class as follows: At the preparatory signal, flag C will be displayed with numerous sound signals, and remain displayed until the starting signal. The signaled fleet will sail to the change mark. This changes RRS 33.
- 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will set a new mark, as described in Addendum B (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12 THE FINISH**
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 13.1 Penalties while racing:
RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for breaches of Part 2 that occur within three boat lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 13.2 Penalties after racing: RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 14 TIME LIMITS**
The time limit will be two and one-half hours for all classes.
- 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 15.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the protest desk on the RC Signal Boat (see SI 4.1 for description) within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit on the official notice board.
- 15.3 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes rules 62.2 and 66.
- 15.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16 SCORING**
- 16.1 A boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rule A2.
- 16.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 16.3 PHRF scoring shall be Time-on-Time (TOT) in accordance with the appropriate handicap certificate in effect on June 7, 2018.
- 16.4 A boat scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus two points. This changes rules A4.2 and A5.
- 17 SAFETY**
A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW**
A completed waiver form shall be submitted for any substitute competitor.

- 19 SUPPORT BOATS**
Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the course areas where boats are racing. [DP]
- 20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**
Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to communication technologies. [DP]
- 21 COURTESY BROADCASTS**
21.1 The courtesy VHF broadcast channels will 72.
21.2 A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 22 PRIZES**
Prizes will be awarded by class.
- 23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 24 INSURANCE**
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent. [DP]
- 25 COMPETITORS' CONDUCT**
The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew before, during and after racing. In case of conduct that the Race Committee considers to be a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with a reasonable request by the Race Committee, the boat whose crew was at fault may be disqualified and/or subject to protest by the Protest Committee under RRS 69. It is the Protest Committee's intention to invoke this Instruction and RRS 69 in appropriate cases.