

Notice of Race (v1)

The Storm Trysail Club will hold its Seventy Third Annual Block Island Race, May 25, 2018.
The Storm Trysail Club is the Organizing Authority for this event.

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by:

- 1.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as may be modified herein and/or by the Sailing Instructions. If there is one-design racing and there is a conflict between Class Rules and the RRS, Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.2 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS will apply.
- 1.3 The current PHRF Regulations as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound (YRA-LIS).
- 1.4 The current YRA-LIS Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations (**also see Paragraph 15.**) These recommendations are available on the YRA-LIS web site: (www.yralis.org). A copy of these recommendations should be kept aboard while racing. In the event of a conflict between these recommendations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
- 1.5 The current IRC Regulations Parts A, B & C. (www.ircrating.org) IRC boats equipped and rated with water ballast and/or canting keel may use same. This modifies RRS 51.
 - 1.5.1 In accordance with IRC Rule 11.2, 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.
 - 1.5.2 The number of crew allowed shall be the number stated on the certificate plus one.
- 1.6 The New England Multihull Association (NEMA) RACE RULES 2018 (www.nemasail.org)
- 1.7 The Offshore Multihull Association MultiRule (www.offshoremultihull.org)

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This event is open to mono-hull boats of no less than 29 feet LOA (except as described in 2.2.3, 2.2.4 & 2.3).
- 2.2 Boats sailing the Block Island Course shall have self-righting hulls (except multihulls), shall be properly rigged and ballasted, shall be fully seaworthy and shall meet the recommendations set forth in the current YRA-LIS Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations for Category A races, with the following additions: (1) Each boat shall have an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05A; (2) Each boat shall carry at least one cell phone the number of which is on file with the Race Committee and which is kept on and fully charged while racing.
 - 2.2.1 Racing will be conducted in IRC classes, including Double-handed, for boats rating 0.930 and faster.
 - 2.2.2 Racing will be conducted in PHRF classes, **including Double-handed**, for boats rating 135 seconds/mile or faster. PHRF ratings shall be those of YRA-LIS (available at www.yralis.org)
 - 2.2.3 Mini-650 or Mini Transat Class boats with a minimum crew of two (2) are permitted.
 - 2.2.4 Boats may be multihull sailing vessels with a minimum length of 26' LOA, not including bowsprit, and must have a 2018 NEMA Rating Certificate.
- 2.3 Boats sailing the Plum Island Course shall be no less than 26 feet LOA, have self-righting hulls (except multihulls), shall be properly rigged and ballasted, shall be fully seaworthy and shall meet the current YRA-LIS Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations for Category B races, with the following additions: (1) Each boat shall have an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05A; (2) Each boat shall carry at least one cell phone the number of which is on file with the Race Committee and which is kept on and fully charged while racing.

2.3.1 Racing will be conducted in PHRF classes, including Double-handed, for boats rated 81 to 174. Minimum number of crew shall be 2.

2.4 All entries are to be made on-line at (www.yachtscoring.com) or via www.stormtrysail.org by pressing the link "On-Line Entry." **Please note: A completed entry shall include the names, emails, emergency contact information, and Safety at Sea certificate record for all onboard.**

3. ENTRY FEES

The entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee to be paid by credit card or PayPal. The entry fees are based on Length Overall (LOA) which may be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number (e.g: 39.71' = 39'). Entry Fees are: \$6.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before May 11th. For entries paid after May 11th, the entry fee will be \$8.00 per foot LOA. **Absolutely no entry will be accepted after 1800 Thursday, May 24th.**

4. QUALIFYING SERIES

The Block Island Race is a qualifier for the **Northern Ocean Racing Trophy**, the **Double Handed Ocean Racing Trophy (IRC)**, and the **New England Lighthouse Series (PHRF.)** For more details, consult the YRA Handbook or www.stamfordyc.com. The Block Island Race is also a qualifier for the **De Coursey Fales, Sagola & Windigo Trophies, the duMoulin Cup for Double Handed Racing and the Youth Challenge Cup** awarded by the YRA-LIS, as well as the STC "Tuna Trophy" for the best IRC combined scores in the EDLU (40%) and the Block Island Race (60%)

5. SCHEDULE

First signal will be at 1400 Friday, May 25th, 2018 in the vicinity of Red Bell "32" (The Cows) southerly of Stamford Harbor.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on or about May 4th on www.yachtscoring.com.

7. THE COURSES

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

START: Flashing 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.

7.1 The Block Island Course

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.

7.2 The Plum Island Course

Boats will sail from the Start; leave the Red & White Whistle "PI" (Plum Island) to starboard, and to the Finish as described above. Course distance is 125 NM.

7.3 At the discretion of the race committee, for the Block Island Course a short course may be signaled by displaying code flag "C" prior to the Preparatory Signal for the first Block Island Course start. The short course shall be the Plum Island Course.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. In the case of a protest involving the rules of Part 2 and OCS, the boat at fault, instead of being disqualified as a result of a hearing, may, at the option of the Protest Committee, have her elapsed time increased by 2%. This modifies RRS 64.1

9. SCORING

9.1 PHRF classes will use YRA-LIS PHRF Distance Ratings scored using time-on-time.

9.2 The IRC classes will be scored time-on-time using the IRC Time Correction Factor.

9.3 Multihulls will be scored using NEMA Ratings and/or OMA MultiRule ratings.

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

9.5 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.

9.6 Boats sailing double-handed may submit both IRC and PHRF certificates and be dual scored.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 The Race Committee may make announcements via VHF Channel 05A.

10.2 Except in an emergency (and as noted in 1.1.a), a competitor shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not simultaneously available to all boats at no cost. Except as specifically requested by the Race Committee, this restriction also applies to mobile phones.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at a reception at 1700 on Sunday May 27th at Stamford Yacht Club. A Team Race Trophy will be awarded to the club whose team compiles the best score. 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 Club office prior to 1800 Thursday, May 24th.

The STC Perpetual prizes will be described in the Sailing Instructions and will also be awarded.

12. 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. 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 its exclusion from the regatta.

13. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

14. 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.

15 SAFETY

For all classes, at least 30% of those aboard the boat, but not fewer than two members of the crew, including the person in charge, *shall* have attended an International Offshore Safety at Sea Course with Hands-on Training or a US Sailing sanctioned In-person Offshore Safety at Sea Seminar within five years prior to the start of the race. This changes YRA-LIS Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations paragraph 5.2. The remainder of the crew *should* complete the US Sailing Safety At Sea Online course (www.safetyatseacourse.com). **This recommendation for online training for the remainder of the crew is expected to become a requirement beginning in 2019.** All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guideline for Rendering Assistance. The Guidelines and information on available Safety At Sea courses, are available on the Storm Trysail Club website: (www.stormtrysail.org).

16.INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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