



NOTICE OF RACE

August 31 - September 2, 2012

The Officers and Members of the Stamford Yacht Club invite you to participate in the 78th Vineyard Race starting Friday, August 31, 2012, at Flashing Red Bell "32" (the "Cows") off Stamford Harbor. The First Signal is scheduled for 1200. The Stamford Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for this event.

1. RULES and OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* ("RRS") except as modified below and the NEMA RACE RULES 2012 (available at www.nemasail.org).

(a) RRS 41 is hereby 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.

(c) RRS Part 2 will be replaced by Part B the Steering and Sailing Rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

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 or Seaflower Reef courses - 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 current IRC Rules, Parts A, B & C. Boats equipped **and rated** with water ballast and/or canting keel may use same. This modifies RRS 51.

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

(c) For ORR classes: the current Offshore Racing Rules.

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.

1.5 **Transponders** - Each boat will be required to carry a transponder. They must be picked up during the hours posted for each boat to pick up Sailing Instructions and must be returned to Vineyard Race headquarters at the Stamford Yacht Club within 4 hours of finishing the Race. Each boat will be required to enter into a transponder security agreement which will require a credit card deposit. The transponders are provided to the participants at no additional cost. There will be a link on the Vineyard Race section of the Stamford Yacht Club web page (www.stamfordyc.com) which will allow anyone with web access the ability to track the progress of the race.

1.6 In accordance with IRC Rule 21.6.1(b), 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.

1.7 The number of crew allowed shall be the number stated on the certificate plus one.

2. ADVERTISING:

2.1 In accordance with Rule 80, this is a Category A event.

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY:

3.1 This event 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.
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/or the Gulf Stream Series Trophy must have Endorsed certificates. ORR ratings for Double-Handed entries shall be based on a default crew weight of 375 lbs (170 kg). Actual crew weight variations from the default limit shall be ignored and not subject to protest.
- (b) Boats may race PHRF for the Vineyard Race course if their PHRF rating (YRA of LIS distance rating) is 123 seconds/mile or faster. The New England Lighthouse Series (NELS) is dedicated to PHRF boats rating 90 and higher (slower).
- (c) Boat may race ORR if there are adequate entries to form a class or classes.
- (d) Boats electing the Seaflower Reef Course must either an IRC rating between 0.900 and 1.045 or a PHRF rating from 69 to 135 (YRA of LIS distance rating).
- (e) Boats electing the Cornfield Point Course must have a PHRF rating from 99 to 189 (YRA of LIS distance rating).
- (f) Cruising Boats - Boats rated PHRF 99 seconds/mile or faster may sail on the Vineyard Course, with spinnaker, provided it is tacked at the stem with no longer than a 3' line. Spinnaker poles and bow sprits of any kind are NOT permitted. Such boats will race at their YRA-LIS Spinnaker Rating.
- (g) Classic Boats - Boats entering the Classic Boat Division must have a PHRF rating (YRA of LIS distance rating) 189 seconds/mile or faster. For Classic Boats with a PHRF rating higher than 123, the boat must have a minimum overall length of 35 feet. A Classic Boat is defined to be a boat having a hull built prior to 1986.

3.3 Boats may be multihull sailing vessels with a minimum length of 26' LOA, not including bowsprit, and must have a 2012 NEMA Rating Certificate.

3.3 Youth and Collegiate Challenge Entries: TBA

3.4 All entries are to be made on-line via the link on the Stamford Yacht Club website <http://www.Stamfordyc.com>, by selecting the link to Sailing, the Vineyard Race and then "On-line entry Forms" or directly on YachtScoring at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=483. To avoid late entry fees, entries must be completed *no later than Friday, August 17th*. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to exclude any yacht from the race due to inadequacies in design or preparation which could impair the seaworthiness of the vessel and/or safe passage of the crew.

3.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

4. ENTRY FEES:

4.1 The Entry Fee will be as follows:

<u>LOA</u>	<u>FEE</u>
DH, CP	\$175
All other entries:	
29'-35' & MH	\$250
36'-49'	\$300
50'and over	\$350

To determine the applicable Entry Fee, a boat's LOA is to be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number. (e.g.: 39.71' = 39')

4.2 Fees for non - US SAILING members, add \$25 to each of the above.

4.3 No refunds will be given after August 25th.

4.4 Late fees: after August 17th = 1.5X the above. After August 24th = 2X the above.

4.6 Overall entries are limited to 150.

5. CLASSES: There will be IRC and PHRF Spinnaker Divisions, Multihull, and an IRC Double-handed Division, for the Vineyard Course. There will be PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions for the Cornfield Point and Seaflower Reef courses. 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. Based upon the number of entries, Classes will be formed under the Divisions.

6. 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 30th, or between 0900 and 1100 on Friday, August 31st, to receive Sailing Instructions, scratch sheets, transponder (if utilized) and any other final instructions. Sailing Instructions will also be available at www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=483. The Sailing Instructions shall incorporate and supersede this Notice of Race.

7. COURSES:

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.

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: In extreme heavy weather and at the discretion of the Race Committee, a short course may be signaled by displaying Code Flag "S" prior to the warning signal for the start of any class. The short course will be the Seaflower Reef 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.

The Seaflower Reef Course: From the Start to 'Seaflower Reef' leaving the reef to starboard, then leaving R/W "PI" 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 143 NM.

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

9. SCORING

- 9.1 PHRF classes will use YRA of LIS distance ratings and will be scored using Time on Distance.
- 9.2 The IRC classes will be scored by using the IRC Time Correction Factor using time on time.
- 9.3 Multihulls will be scored using NEMA ratings Time on Time.
- 9.4 Teams will be scored by using the average of each team member's percentage placement in its respective class.

10. 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 1400 on Sunday, September 2, 2012. Special arrangements will be made for boats finishing later than that time.

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

- 11.1 The Race Committee may make announcements via VHF Channel 05.
- 11.2 Except in an emergency, a competitor shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not simultaneously available to all boats. Except as specifically requested by the Race Committee, this restriction also applies to mobile phone.

12. PRIZES:

- 12.1 **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 Sunday, September 2, 2012 at 1800 at the Stamford Yacht Club. All participants in the Race as well as their families are invited.
- 12.2 The Vineyard Race is a qualifier for the Caper, Kings Point, Mertz and Sagola season trophies awarded by the YRA of Long Island Sound, and the IRC Gulf Stream Series. The Vineyard Race is also a qualifier for the Stamford Trophy Series awarded at the SYC Annual Awards Dinner.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. 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, sponsors, and agents against any claims arising in any way out of the participation in the Vineyard Race (including all courses) and related activities of such boat, her Skipper/Owner and crew.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information please email vineyardinfo@stamfordyc.com or call the Stamford Yacht Club at 203 323 3161.

15. WELCOME: The privileges of the Stamford Yacht Club, including the use of guest moorings (if available), will be extended to all participants from August 29th through September 4th.

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