



NOTICE OF RACE

Rev. September 26, 2018

The Storm Trysail Club is the Organizing Authority (“OA”) of the 28th Block Island Race Week to be held June 23-28, 2019 (“Race Week”). The Race Week Headquarters and Tent will be located near The Oar at the Block Island Boat Basin. The Official Notice Board will be electronic at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=5943> The Race Week website is www.BlockIslandRaceWeek.com.

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the following:

- a) The *rules*, as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including the US Sailing Prescriptions thereto.
- b) US Sailing’s current Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements and associated appendices (“SER”), except as modified by section 11 herein and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
- c) The current IRC Rules, Parts A, B, and C. For IRC classes, the maximum total number of crew shall not exceed the crew number printed on the boat’s IRC certificate. IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) are replaced with: During Race Week, the sails on board (including mainsails) may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including multiple-race days and cases of damage to sails. The “race day” begins when the race boat leaves the dock or mooring each morning.
- d) The current ORC Rules

- e) The current 2019 Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (“PHRF”) Regulations, as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (“YRALIS”).
 - f) Other such rating rules as may be appropriate under NOR 3.2 and 3.3 below.
- 1.2 The “current” version of any rule listed herein shall be as of June 1, 2019.
- 1.3 Rule 51 will be changed to allow the use of canting keels for boats rated with them. Rule 52 will be changed to allow the use of stored power.
- 2. ADVERTISING**
- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, unless prohibited by class rules. Boats that intend to display advertising shall indicate such on their entry forms. Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of Race Week’s Official Sponsors, whose support enhances the event for all competitors.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., bow stickers, boom stickers, and/or flags.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
- 3.1 Race Week is open to boats 22.75 feet LOA or larger.
- 3.2 Boats may compete in classes as follows:
- a) IRC classes for boats with IRC TCCs of 1.000 or faster and a current IRC certificate on file at US Sailing prior to registration;
 - b) ORC classes
 - c) PHRF classes for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175; and
 - d) Performance Cruising Classes, with spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions, and Double Handed Classes, for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175, if sufficient entries are received. Boats entered in these Classes shall sail with no more than one (1) World Sailing Group 3 competitor aboard.
 - d) other classes, including but not limited to One Design classes, Multihull classes, and Classics as may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.3 Teams of three boats (two of which must be in separate classes) entered and skippered by members of the same yacht club or sailing association may compete for the Shelter Island Yacht Club Team Trophy.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter via the Race Week website or on yachtscoring.com for BIRW: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=5943> and shall pay the applicable Entry Fee not later than June 1, 2019

- 3.5 As part of the online entry process, each owner, skipper and individual crewmember participating in Race Week shall sign a media release/crew waiver online by **June 17, 2019**.
- 3.6 The minimum number of crew is two (2). For all classes, boats may carry one additional crewmember that will not be a part of the maximum crew or crew weight calculation, provided such additional crewmember will be less than 14 years of age on June 23, 2019 and is identified on the boat's online entry forms.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 The Entry Fee is \$30.00 per foot of LOA for entries paid on or before March 1, 2019. After March 1, 2019, the Entry Fee will be \$33.00 per foot LOA. Any Entry Fee paid after June 1, 2019 will be \$36.00 per foot LOA. To determine the Entry Fee, a boat's LOA may be rounded down to the nearest lower whole number, e.g., 39.71' = 39'.
- 4.2 For Performance Cruising Classes, Double Handed Classes, and Multihull Classes only, the Entry Fee will be \$18.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before March 1, 2019. After March 1, 2019, the Entry Fee will be \$20.00 per foot LOA. After June 1, 2019, the Entry Fee will be \$22.00 per foot LOA.
- 4.3 An administrative fee of \$200.00 will be applied to any cancellations prior to June 10, 2019, after which no refunds will be made.
- 4.4 A BIRW Access Pass will be required for access to daily parties and trophy presentations. The fee for an Access Pass for the week, which includes an Official Mt. Gay Rum Block Island Race Week hat (while supplies last), is \$75 for those over 21 years of age and \$30 for those under 21. A single day's Access Pass may be obtained by paying an Identification Fee of \$25 at Race Week Headquarters.

5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 22: OA advertising (e.g., bow stickers) available for pick up at Race Week Headquarters. Weigh-In for One Design classes begins for those classes requiring weigh-in.

Sunday, June 23: **Registration** and OA advertising pick up at Race Week Headquarters. Weigh-In for One Design Classes. Race Committee Practice Starts. Welcome Party at Race Week Tent.

Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28: Racing; first warning signal scheduled for 1100 each day. Daily Awards Presentation and evening party at the Race Week Tent from 1700 to 1900 each day.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Race Week website and Yachtscoring.com on or about June 17, 2019.

7. VENUE

7.1 The venue is Block Island, Rhode Island, USA.

8. COURSES

8.1 Racing will be offered to all classes on one of four race areas:

a) The White race area will conduct up to three windward-leeward courses for one-design classes..

b) The Red race area will be for handicap classes. Racing will consist of one or two windward-leeward race followed by a longer "Solent style" race around drop marks and government buoys.

c) The Blue race area will conduct up to three windward-leeward races a day for handicap classes.

d) The Pursuit race area will conduct one pursuit race a day for spinnaker, non-spinnaker and multihull classes, using drop marks and government buoys.

8.2 For all Classes, one or more races may be an Around Block Island Race.

9. PENALTY SYSTEMS

9.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V will apply.

9.2 When an International Jury is constituted in accordance with Rule 70.5 and Appendix N, its decisions will be final.

10. SCORING

10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, unless her class rules require otherwise.

10.2 For the Performance Cruising classes only: Not more than one race will be completed each day. When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4 IRC, ORC and PHRF classes will be scored using time on time.

10.5 Teams will be scored by using the total of the team member's points.

10.6 In the event the OA elects to include a one-design class or group of boats racing level, the one-design or level-rating group may be started with other boats, but may be scored separately, at the discretion of the OA.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1 See Notice of Race paragraph 1.1(b). Particular attention is directed to rule 1.1 (Helping Those in Danger) and SER 4.2 (man overboard practice).
- 11.2 A boat shall have a watertight handheld VHF radio capable of receiving weather bulletins and communications from the race committee on US frequencies, and communicating in emergency situations.
- 11.3 Boats shall keep a paper copy of the "Block Island Race Week Safety Recommendations and Emergency Procedures" aboard while racing. A copy of this document will be available on the Race Week website by June 12, 2019. Skippers shall review these with the entire crew prior to racing
- 11.4 The OA or race committee may inspect boats for compliance with the rules, particularly rules that concern safety.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Class prizes for each day's racing will be presented daily.
- 12.2 Overall trophies for the first Around Block Island Race scored during Race Week will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places based on the corrected speed of the class winners.
- 12.3 Some classes may be competing for regional, national, or North American trophies.
- 12.4 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at Friday's Awards party. A list of perpetual trophies will be available on the Race Week website.

13. LIABILITY

- 13.1 See Notice of Race paragraph 3.5.
- 13.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in Race Week shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat, both while 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, OA committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from Race Week.

14. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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ABOUT THE STORM TRYSAIL CLUB

The Storm Trysail Club, reflecting in its name the sail to which sailors must shorten when facing severe adverse conditions, is one of the world's most respected sailing clubs, with its membership comprised strictly of skilled blue water and ocean racing sailors. Founded in 1938, it is currently celebrating it's 80th Anniversary. The club is involved in organizing or co-organizing various prestigious offshore racing events including the annual Block Island Race, the biennial Block Island Race Week, The Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race, the Pineapple Cup Montego Bay Race, The Down-the-Bay Race in the Chesapeake, The Mills Trophy Race in Lake Erie, and the Wirth Munroe Race from Miami to Palm Beach, Florida. They are also one of the four organizing clubs of the 2019 Transatlantic Race. For more information about the club, visit www.stormtrysail.org.