



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2015 Block Island Race Week FEEDER RACES June 19-20, 2015

**Presented by the Storm Trysail Club, in
conjunction with the American Yacht Club and the
Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Association**

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by:
 - (a) The Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
 - (b) The 2015 IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C. Paragraph 21.1.5(d) of the IRC Rule is amended to allow a boat to carry additional sails.
 - (c) The 2015 High Performance Rule (HPR).
 - (d) The 2015 Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Regulations as administered by Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS).
 - (e) The New England Multihull Association (NEMA) Rules.
 - (f) The US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) US Near Shore and associated Appendices. These regulations are available on the US Sailing website:
<http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements/>.
- 1.2 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS do not apply, except the prescriptions to RRS 68 (Damages), 76.1 and 76.3 (Exclusion of boats or competitors). A copy of these should be kept aboard while racing.
- 1.3 RRS 51 is changed to allow the use of canting keels for boats rated with them.
- 1.4 RRS 52 is changed to allow the use of autopilots, powered winches, and stored power to mechanically move canting keels.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices, including notices that may amend the Notice of Regatta or the Sailing Instructions, will be posted on <http://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1292>.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the race committee notice board and on <http://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1292> no later than 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 No signals shall be made ashore.

5. START AND COURSES

- 5.1 All competitors will record their own start and finish times from a GPS unit, using Eastern Daylight Time “(EDT)”.
- 5.2 **Rye to Block Island:** Start will be when Red Bell “42” off Milton Point bears 0° magnetic from the bow. No boat may start between 1830 and 1930 on June 19. From the Start at Red Bell “42” off Milton Point to the Finish. Course length is approximately 97.8 nm.
- 5.3 **Fishers Island to Block Island:** Start will be when Ram Island Reef lighted Bell Buoy "R 20" bears 0° magnetic from the bow. From the Start at Ram Island Bell R20 to the Finish leaving RW “L” MOA to starboard. Course length is approximately 18.6 nm.
- 5.4 **Newport to Block Island:** Start will be when Green Gong “9” off Conanicut Island bears 315° magnetic from the bow. From the Start at Green Gong “9” off Conanicut Island to the Finish leaving Fl G Bell “1BI” to port. Course length is approximately 20.1 nm.

6. FINISH

- 6.1 Between Fl R 49ft 8M “4” and Green Can “5” at the entrance to Great Salt Pond at which boats will take their own time from a GPS unit. Promptly after finishing, a boat shall email to YachtScoring (support@yachtscoring.com), the following information:

Boat Name
Sail Number
Start Time from GPS unit in EDT
Start Date
Finish Time from GPS unit in EDT
Finish Date

7. TIME LIMIT

- 7.1 The time limit for a boat to finish shall be 1600 EDT on Sunday, June 22, 2015.

8. WITHDRAWAL

- 8.1. A boat withdrawing from the race, after previously reporting her Finish, for any reason shall promptly upon retiring email to YachtScoring (support@yachtscoring.com).

9. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 9.1 The Scoring Penalty, 44.3, will apply.

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1 A Protest Committee appointed by the relevant Organizing Authority will decide protests.
- 10.2 Rule 61.1(a) is changed to require that the red flag must be flown from the backstay, or, in the absence of a backstay, on the stern rail. Rule 61.1(a) is changed to include the following notice and procedures: At any time after the incident, up to and including immediately after finishing, a protesting boat shall notify YachtScoring

(support@yachtscoring.com) by email of its intent to lodge a protest and identify the boat it will protest.

- 10.3 At the first reasonable opportunity during, or immediately after the race, a boat that accepted a Two-Turns Penalty shall notify YachtScoring (support@yachtscoring.com) by email and identify the other boat(s) involved in the incident. This changes Rule 44.2.
- 10.4 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed on standard US SAILING protest forms and are available at http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Race%20Admin/Links%20and%20Docs/2013-2016_protest_form.pdf.
- 10.5 A pdf of the written protests shall be emailed to YachtScoring (support@yachtscoring.com) prior to 1630 on Sunday, June 21, 2015.
- 10.6 Competitors protesting or being protested will be notified through YachtScoring as to the time and place for a protest hearing, which is intended to be held on Sunday, June 21, 2015 on Block Island, Rhode Island.

11. ARBITRATION

- 11.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.
- 11.2 After a written protest form is emailed, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator at an agreed time and place on Block Island, Rhode Island during the 2015 Block Island Race Week. No witnesses will be allowed. Unresolved arbitration will be referred to the Protest Committee.
- 11.3 A boat that accepts fault at the arbitration hearing shall receive a penalty score equal to her finish position plus 40% of the number of boats entered (rounding 0.5 upward), except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.
- 11.4 Decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.
- 11.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the Jury that hears the protest, but may be permitted to observe the testimony given to the Jury and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

12. SCORING

- 12.1 PHRF classes will use YRALIS PHRF Distance Ratings scored using time-on-time. The relevant Race Committee(s) may choose to accept an alternate PHRF certificate if a valid YRA-LIS PHRF certificate is neither valid nor available.
- 12.2 The IRC classes will be scored using the IRC Time Correction Factor.
- 12.3 HPR boats will be scored using HPR Ratings.
- 12.4 Multihulls will be scored using NEMA Ratings.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 16 and 71.
- 13.2 Except in an emergency or unrelated to this race, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 To be awarded at the discretion of the OAs based on the number and type of entries received.

15. 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 it's exclusion from the regatta.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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