

BLOCK ISLAND RACE WEEK XXII

Notice of Race^{v11}

1. MANAGEMENT

The Storm Trysail Club will hold its Twenty Second Biennial Block Island Race Week, June 17-22, 2007. The Storm Trysail Club (STC) is the Organizing Authority for this event.

2. RULES

2.1 Racing will be governed by:

the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008* (RRS);

the 2007 IRC Rules, Part 3;

the 2007 PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS);

the Regatta Regulations. These regulations will be available on the Block Island Race Week website: www.blockislandraceweek.com. Crew limitations are in the Regatta Regulations;

the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 5. These regulations are available on the ISAF web site: www.sailing.org. A copy of these regulations shall be kept aboard while racing. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply. The US SAILING Prescriptions to these regulations do not apply.

2.2 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS do not apply, except the prescriptions to RRS 68 (Damages) and RRS 76.1, 76.3. Those prescriptions will be available on the Block Island Race Week website: www.blockislandraceweek.com

2.3 All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guidelines and Guidelines for Rendering Assistance. These guidelines are available on the website: www.blockislandraceweek.com. A copy of these guidelines shall be kept aboard while racing.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Boats may compete in IRC, PHRF, and One-Design classes as follows:

(a) Boats must be Monohulls of no less than 24ft LOA.

(b) Racing will be conducted in PHRF classes for boats with PHRF handicaps from 90 to 175.

(c) Racing will be conducted in IRC classes for boats with PHRF handicaps 90 or faster.

3.2 The Rolex US-IRC National Championship for 2007 will be held in conjunction with this regatta.

3.3 All boats racing in IRC classes must provide a 2007 IRC certificate, no later than Registration. Certificates should be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Storm Trysail Club office at the address below. Boats with IRC TCC's faster than 1.080 and boats competing for the Rolex US-IRC National Championship, must have Endorsed IRC Certificates.

3.4 Racing using IRC ratings will be offered for boats with PHRF handicaps between 90 and 175 if there is sufficient interest.

3.5 Boats racing in one-design or PHRF classes may also compete for the overall Around the Island Race trophies by indicating their intention to do so on the Entry Form and providing the appropriate IRC certificate no later than Registration.

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- 3.6 One-Design boats that race in handicap classes may provide their own one-design trophies, which STC will award each afternoon if requested.
- 3.7 Racing will be conducted in Navigator Classes, with spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions, for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175 if sufficient entries are received by June 1, 2007.
- 3.8 Racing will be conducted for Double Handed Classes using IRC Certificates, for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175 if sufficient entries are received by June 1, 2007.
- 3.9 Owners or Skippers must be current members of US SAILING or their National Authority.
- 3.10 For all classes, except the Double Handed Classes, the minimum crew and maximum crew weights are set forth in the Regatta Regulations.
- 3.11 Teams of three boats (two of which must be in separate classes) from the same Yacht Club, may compete for the Team Championship of BIRW XXII.
- 3.12 Eligible boats may enter via the Block Island Race Week link on the Storm Trysail Club website: www.stormtrysail.org or www.blockislandraceweek.com and pay the applicable Entry Fee no later than June 1, 2007.
- 3.13 Late entries received on or before June 11, 2007 may be accepted in the sole discretion of the Regatta Committee.
- 3.14 As part of the registration process, each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a media release/crew waiver.

4. ENTRY FEES

4.1 The Entry Fee will be as follows:

LOA	FEE
24'-29'	\$575
30'-34'	\$635
35'-39'	\$685
40'-44'	\$745
45'-49'	\$800
50'-54'	\$855
55' +	\$900

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 Owners of boats loaned for the Storm Trysail Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta in October 2006, will receive a 20% discount on their Entry Fee.
- 4.3 There will be a late fee of \$250.00 for entries received after June 1, 2007.
- 4.4 A Race Week Identification Fee will be required for each person participating in any of the Race Week shore-side activities.
- 4.5 The Identification Fee provides access to the Race Week daily parties and trophy presentations. The Identification Fee for the week is \$60 for those over 21 years of age and \$30 for those under 21, which includes an Official Mt. Gay Rum Block Island Race Week hat (while supplies last). A single day's access may be obtained by paying Identification Fee of \$25 at Race Week headquarters.

5. ADVERTISING

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5.1 See ISAF Regulation 20

5.2 Boats displaying advertising shall indicate this election when entering. Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of the Official Sponsors of this event. Their participation enhances the event for all competitors.

5.3 All boats shall display the event bow stickers on their bow while racing.

6. SCORING

6.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series. Where class rules apply, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. For all other classes, when at least seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

6.2 A maximum of ten races is scheduled. Classes may race up to three races per day.

6.3 PHRF classes will be scored using time on distance.

6.4 Teams will be scored by using the average of each team member's percentage placement within its respective class.

6.5 In the event the Regatta Committee 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 will be scored separately.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the web site www.blockislandraceweek.com on or about June 1, 2007. Sailing Instructions will also be available at Registration.

8. COURSES & VENUE

8.1 Except as provided in 8.2 and 8.3 races will be windward/leeward courses set in Block Island Sound.

8.2 For Non-Spinnaker, Double Handed and Navigator Classes, courses may be windward/leeward or around government marks.

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

9. PENALTY SYSTEMS

RRS 44.2 or RRS 44.3 will apply at the option of the boat electing to take the penalty. If class rules provide for a different penalty, then that class rule applies.

10. PROTESTS

When an International Jury is properly constituted in accordance with RRS 70.4 and Appendix N, its decisions will be final.

11. ARBITRATION

For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B, of the RRS.

12. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

Any amendments to the Notice of Race will be posted on the website www.blockislandraceweek.com and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

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13. PRIZES

13.1 Class prizes for each day's racing will be presented daily.

13.2 Class prizes for the series, the Rolex US-IRC National Championship and BIRW Perpetual Trophy winners will be awarded at the final Awards Ceremony on Friday June 22, 2007.

13.3 Around Block Island Race overall trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded for boats with IRC Certificates.

14. LIABILITY

14.1 As a condition of entry, all crew are required to execute a waiver of liability. The Waiver is posted on the website: www.blockislandraceweek.com and will be available at Registration.

14.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Block Island Race Week Regatta 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.

15. INQUIRIES

Please address all inquiries concerning Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week XXII to:

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