



NOTICE OF RACE

Incorporating Amendment Nos. 1–3

Rev. April 11, 2017

The Storm Trysail Club is the Organizing Authority (“OA”) of the 27th Block Island Race Week to be held June 18–23, 2017 (“Race Week”). The Race Week Headquarters and Tent will be located near The Oar at the Block Island Boat Basin. The Official Notice Board and 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 Rating Rules.
- e) The current 2017 Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (“PHRF”) Regulations, as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (“YRALIS”).

- f) The current Classic Racing Formula (“CRF”).
 - g) The current Rating System of the New England Multihull Association (“NEMA”).
- 1.2 The “current” version of any rule listed herein shall be as of June 11, 2017.
 - 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.
 - 1.4 C&C30 Class Rules PART III EVENT RULES J.3 (Support Boats) will be in effect.
- 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 will 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 and which are compatible with at least one of the classes in which racing will be conducted.
 - 3.2 Racing will be conducted in the following classes:
 - 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) PHRF classes for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175; and
 - c) other classes, including but not limited to One Design classes, as may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
 - 3.3 If sufficient and appropriate entries are received by June 1, 2017, racing will be conducted in one or more of the following additional classes:
 - a) Performance Cruising classes with PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions;
 - b) Double Handed classes for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175;
 - c) Classics classes for boats with CRF handicaps faster than 24;
 - d) Multihull classes for boats with NEMA ratings;

- e) "Plus One" (PHRF) classes for boats with limited number of crew based on LOA (see NoR 3.7); and
 - f) ORC classes.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 Eligible boats may enter via the Race Week website and shall pay the applicable Entry Fee not later than June 1, 2017. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. Boats shall also register at Race Week Headquarters on Sunday, June 18, 2016.
- 3.6 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, 2017**.
- 3.7 **Plus One Sailing.** For the Plus One classes only, if any, the maximum number of crew is equal to the tens digit of the boat's LOA plus one, e.g., boats between 30 and 39.99 feet may have up to four (4) total crew, while boats between 40 and 49.99 feet may have up to five (5) total crew.
- 3.8 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, 2017 and is identified on the boat's online entry forms. This paragraph does not apply to the J/109 class.
- 3.9 There will be no upper crew number/weight limit in the Performance Cruising classes under the YRALIS PHRF Regulations, except as set by available safety equipment and good seamanship.
- 4. ENTRY FEES**
- 4.1 The Entry Fee is \$29.00 per foot of LOA for entries paid on or before March 1, 2017. After March 1, 2017, the Entry Fee will be \$31.00 per foot LOA. Any Entry Fee paid after June 1, 2017 will be \$33.00 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, Multihull Classes and Plus One classes only, the Entry Fee will be \$18.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before March 1, 2017. After March 1, 2017, the Entry Fee will be \$20.00 per foot LOA. After June 1, 2017, 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, 2017, after which no refunds will be made.

4.4 An 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 \$30 at Race Week Headquarters.

5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 17: 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 18: 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 19 - Friday, June 23: Racing; first warning signal scheduled for 1100 each day. Daily Awards Presentation and evening party at the Race Week Tent at 1800, except 1730 on Friday.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Race Week website on or about June 12, 2017.

7. VENUE and COURSES

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

7.2 Except as provided in 7.3 and 7.4, races will be windward/leeward courses set in Block Island Sound.

7.3 For the Performance Cruising, Double Handed, Multihull, and Plus One classes, if any, courses will be around government and set marks in Block Island Sound. A pursuit start may be used.

7.4 For all classes, one or more races may be an Around Block Island Race or a distance race around government and set marks in Block Island Sound.

8. PENALTY SYSTEMS

8.1 Rule 44.1 will be changed so that a boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the *zone* of any rounding or finishing marks, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty in compliance with

rule 44.2. This instruction does not supersede Rule 44.1(b) or class rules that provide for a different penalty.

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

8.3 Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.

9. SCORING

9.1 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.

9.2 Classes may race up to three races per day.

9.3 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.

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

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

9.6 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.

10. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

Any amendments to the Notice of Race will be posted on the Race Week website.

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. This radio should, but need not, have DSC/GPS capability. This changes SER 3.8.2.

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, 2017.

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 3.6.
- 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 is one of the world's most respected sailing organizations. Founded in 1938 and consisting of ten stations, The Storm Trysail Club boasts an international, merit-based membership consisting of sailors who have demonstrated expert leadership offshore or in the management of the sport. The Storm Trysail Club encourages safe offshore racing and cruising by its members' example in sailing under its burgee, organizing regattas, developing and sharing safety standards, and promoting good fellowship among sailors. As a result, its members influence the highest levels of yachting as competitors, organizers, race committee, and supporters. The

Storm Trysail Club hosts popular race weeks at Block Island and Key West, and organizes iconic offshore races such as the annual Block Island Race, the biennial Pineapple Cup race to Montego Bay, the Transatlantic Race with partner clubs, and a fresh list of events near- and offshore. The Storm Trysail Club also has a strong commitment to sharing its wealth of experience with others, youth sailors in particular, through its affiliated charitable organization, The Storm Trysail Foundation, which hosts safety seminars and the Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta for college sailors in big boats. For more information, visit www.stormtrysail.org.