



2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS_{v6}

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

a. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The following rules are changed:

- rule 29.1 see SI 11.2
- rule 60.1(b) see SI 11.2
- rule 52 is changed to allow the use of stored power or electric winches.
- race signal AP see SI 4.5
- rule 35, A4.1 and A4.2 see SI 15
- rule 64.1 see SI 14.2
- rule A2.1 see SI 18

b. The current US SAILING Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) Nearshore Category and associated appendices. In addition, all boats are required to carry an orange smoke flare. 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; IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d) and (e) are replaced with: During the regatta, 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. Random crew weigh-ins may be required.

d. The current ORC Rules.

e. The current 2017 PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS).

1.2 The US SAILING prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.

1.3 The Block Island Race Week Safety Recommendations and Emergency Procedures, which will be available on the event website. A paper copy of these must be aboard while racing.

1.4 All boats are requested to follow the STC Safety Guideline for Rendering Assistance. These are available on the Storm Trysail Club website:

<https://www.stormtrysail.org/safety-at-sea/safety-assistance-guidelines>

1.5 No crew shall be aboard a boat while racing unless he/she has executed a Participant Waiver and Release Form ("Participant Waiver"). Participant Waiver Forms will be available on the regatta website and at the registration desk at Race Week Headquarters on Block Island. Registration will not be complete without receipt of a complete Participant Waiver Form.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be the yachtscoring.com website for the event:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2954>

Any Notices to Competitors posted on the ONB will also be emailed to the competitor's email address provided on their entry form.

2.2 Jury Notices, including the schedule of protest hearings and requests for redress, will be posted on the Official Notice Board and on the Jury Notice Board located outside the Jury Room located at the Narragansett Inn.

2.3 The race committee may make broadcasts ashore, on the designated VHF channels, before or during racing, for safety and race committee communications to competitors. The timing, order of the broadcast, or the failure of competitors to hear the broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1 (b).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any Amendment to the Sailing Instructions will be posted prior to 0900 on the day it will take effect except that any change in the scheduled time of racing will be posted by 2000 on the day before. Any SI Amendments will also be emailed to the competitor's email address provided on their entry form.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the flagpole at the Block Island Boat Basin and broadcast over designated VHF Fleet channels.

4.2 At approximately 0900, the Race Committee will broadcast on each of the Fleet channels, their intentions for the day.

4.3 At 0930, the Race Committee may signal, with one sound, a Harbor Start for all classes.

4.4 Postponement or abandonment for some or all classes may be signaled instead of the Harbor Start. If the Fleet Flags are displayed over Class Flags, the signals made shall apply only to the classes whose Class Flags are displayed.

4.5 During a postponement ashore, the Race Committee will broadcast status messages on the respective Fleet channels. The Warning Signal for the first class will be no earlier than 1 hour and 30 minutes after the AP is lowered. (This changes Race Signal AP).

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Races are scheduled each day from Monday June 19th to Friday June 23rd.

5.2 The Warning Signal for the first race each day is scheduled for 1100.

5.3 A maximum of 12 races are scheduled. The Race Committee plans to run as many as three races each day, except the day of a Round The Island Race ("RTIR"). Performance Cruising and Multihull Classes will race one race per day.

5.4 There may be more than one RTIR.

6. CLASS FLAGS/BOW & BOOM STICKERS/BOW NUMBERS

6.1 At the sole discretion of the Regatta Committee, boats will be assigned to Fleets (Red, White, and Blue) and Classes (1, 2, 3, etc.) within those Fleets at the sole discretion of the Regatta Committee.

6.2 Boats shall fly from their backstay the numeral pennant corresponding to their class assignment. Boats without back-stays shall fly the numeral pennant from their starboard standing rigging.

6.3 For all classes, event bow stickers shall be affixed to both port and starboard sides of the hull, approximately 3 inches below the sheer line and 12 inches aft of the stem.

6.4 For the one design classes, bow numbers will be issued. Bow numbers shall be affixed to port and starboard sides of the hull, approximately 3 inches below the sheer line. The leading edge of the forward number shall be 12 inches aft of the stem. Event bow stickers shall be affixed approximately 3 inches below the sheer line and approximately 12 inches aft of the bow numbers.

6.5 All competitors shall apply regatta boom stickers, available at registration, to each side of the boom.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1 There will be three racing circles in Block Island Sound, designated Red, White and Blue Fleets. The Performance Cruising and Multihull Classes will be part of the Blue Fleet.

7.2 Except for The Round The Island Race start, rendezvous locations are as follows for each day of racing:

Red Fleet: approximately 041° 13.8N / 071° 39.5W

White Fleet: approximately 041° 11.9N / 071° 37.9W

Blue Fleet: approximately 041° 10.0N / 071° 39.0W

7.3 The Round The Island Race start and finish area will be located between Approximately 0.5 and 1.0nm West of Bell R "2" at the entrance to The Great Salt Pond.

8. COURSES

8.1 Red, White and Blue Fleet windward/leeward courses are attached as Appendix 1.

8.2 Blue Fleet Performance Cruising and Multihull Class courses are attached as Appendix 2. Blue Fleet Performance Cruising and Multihull Classes may sail a Pursuit Race as described in Appendix 4.

8.3 Round The Island Race courses are attached as Appendix 3.

9. MARKS

9.1 For windward/leeward racing, marks will be inflatable marks. For the RTIR and for Performance Cruising and Multihull Classes racing, marks will be a combination of government marks and inflatable marks.

9.2 In the event of a windward mark change during a race, the new windward mark will be a different color.

9.3 In the event the gate or leeward mark is changed, the original marks will be moved.

10. CHECK-IN

Prior to the first scheduled Warning Signal each day, boats shall sail or motor by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and check in by hailing their sail or bow number. To allow official announcements to proceed on schedule, checking-in by VHF is discouraged.

11. THE START

11.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat, or the course side of an inflatable mark, at the port end.

11.2 In the event of an individual recall, the bow numbers, sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on VHF. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. (This changes rules 29.1 and 60.1 (b))

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 See SI 9.2 and 9.3

12.2 The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast any course changes over the designated Fleet VHF channel.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark. For windward/leeward downwind finishes, the finish line will be on the opposite side of the Signal Boat from the starting line. For windward/leeward upwind finishes, the finish line will be approximately 0.2nm upwind of the furthest windward mark.

13.2 Code Flag "A" displayed while boats are finishing means "No more racing today".

14. PENALTY SYSTEMS

14.1 Rule Appendices V1 & V2 will apply.

14.2 Penalties for breaches of non-Part 2 rules may be less than DSQ if the jury so decides. This changes rule 64.1.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit for all windward / leeward races, will be two (2) hours from the start of each class. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF (This changes rule 35, A4.1 and A4.2).

15.2 The time limit for the Round The Island Race, and for Performance Cruising and Multihull Class races, will be six (6) hours. Boats failing to finish within 1.5 hours after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF (This changes rule 35, A4.1 and A4.2).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 As soon as possible after finishing, a boat intending to protest is requested to notify the Race Committee Signal Boat on the designated VHF channel and identify the protested boat(s).

16.2 Protest Forms will be available at the Protest Desk at the Narragansett Inn. Completed Protest Forms shall be submitted to the Protest Desk as soon as possible but not later than one

hour after the protesting boat's Race Committee Signal Boat docks. The protest time limit for each fleet will be posted on the Jury Notice Board and the Official Notice Board.

16.3 Notice of protest hearings will be posted on the Jury Notice Board and the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after the conclusion of the protest time limit. Protest hearings will be scheduled to start as soon as possible after the notices are posted. Representatives of boats that are parties, and their witnesses, shall remain on call near the Protest Desk.

16.4 It is each boat's responsibility to determine if she is a party to a protest by checking the Jury Notice Board or the Official Notice Board or the protest desk at the end of the protest filing time.

16.5 An International Jury may be appointed in accordance with rule 91 (b) and Appendix N. The Jury may be split into panels as envisioned by N1.4 (b). The time limit for filing a written request for a hearing under N1.4 (b) is one hour after the decision is announced. The decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with rule 70.5.

17. ARBITRATION

17.1 Arbitration will be held in accordance with Appendix T.

17.2 One representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn.

17.3 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given to the jury and offer testimony. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

18. SCORING

18.1 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes A2.1

18.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus one. This changes rule A4.2.

18.3 One race will constitute a series.

18.4 IRC, ORC and PHRF will be scored time on time, except that any pursuit races will be scored time on distance.

18.5 The overall winner of the Round The Island Race will be determined by the best corrected speed of each class winner. One Design class winners will have their corrected speed determined using their one design rating as issued by YRALIS PHRF.

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

18.7 The Vintage Yacht Trophy will be scored by using the average of each Vintage boat's percentage placement within its respective class.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

See Sailing Instruction 1. The Regatta Committee may randomly inspect selected boats to check for compliance with safety equipment requirements.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

20.1 Fleet VHF Channels are as follows:

Red Fleet VHF Channel 71

White Fleet VHF Channel 72

Blue Fleet VHF Channel 74 For Pursuit Races only VHF Channel 78

20.2 The Round The Island Race VHF Channel will be Channel 72.

20.3 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not simultaneously available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. PRIZES

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

21.2 Class prizes for the series, Championship Awards and BIRW Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the final Awards Ceremony on Friday June 23.

21.3 The Perpetual Trophies and other trophies may be found on the regatta website.

21.4 A Rolex time piece will be awarded to the overall winner of the Round The Island Race. If there is more than one RTIR, the first one will count for this award.

APPENDIX 1

WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES for RED, WHITE & BLUE FLEETS

A1.1 Shall be windward/ leeward courses leaving all marks in sequence to port.

A1.2 The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the approximate bearing (magnetic) and range (in nautical miles) to the windward mark. It will also display the class numeral and course for each class. The Race Committee will broadcast this information on VHF.

A1.3 When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, code flag "C" will be displayed by the starting line Signal Boat at or before the warning signal, accompanied by repetitive sound signals and broadcast on VHF.

A1.4 With the windward mark there may also be an offset mark. The windward mark and the accompanying offset mark shall be left to port. A single windward mark shall be left to port. A changed windward mark may not have an offset.

A1.5 A gate may be used in place of a leeward mark. If a gate is not in place, boats shall leave the leeward mark to port.

A1.6 For a windward finish, the finish line will be located approximately 0.2nm to windward of the most distant windward mark.

A1.7 For a leeward finish, the finish line will be located approximately 0.2nm to leeward of the leeward mark or gate.

A1.8

Course "2" consisting of 2 legs: Start; windward mark; finish to leeward.

Course "3" consisting of 3 legs: Start; windward mark; leeward mark/gate; finish to windward.

Course "4" consisting of 4 legs: Start; windward mark; leeward mark/gate; windward mark; finish to leeward.

Course "5" consisting of 5 legs: Start, windward mark, leeward mark/gate, windward mark, leeward mark/gate, finish to windward

A1.9 A HARRY ANDERSON COURSE may be sailed for the last race of the day by signaling course "H" on the course board. The "H" course is as follows: 5 legs: windward mark to port; reach to a reach mark set approximately 090° to the course axis, approximately 0.5nm from the start line, to be left to port; reach to the starting line pin mark which will be left to starboard; downwind to a new leeward mark approximately 0.5nm to leeward of the start/finish line to be left to port; then windward to the finish line.

APPENDIX 2

BLUE FLEET

PERFORMANCE CRUISING and MULTIHULL CLASS COURSES

A2.1 Will be designated by letters corresponding with the list below and will be posted on a course board displayed on the Blue Fleet Race Committee Signal Boat. Except as described in A2.3, or in the case of a Pursuit Race, the first leg will be from the Start to a weather mark as described in Appendix 1, A1.2. All classes shall then proceed to marks to be left in the order shown and are to be left to port or starboard as indicated by the letter "P" or "S" next to each letter designation. The finish line for all classes will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and a nearby mark, located South West of the entrance to The Great Salt Pond at approximately 41°11.7N / 71° 35.9W.

A2.2 Marks

"E" Green Bell "1BI" off North Reef.

"F" Red Bell R "2" off the entrance to Great Salt Pond.

"G" Red Bell R "6" approx. 0.3 miles W of Southwest Point.

"H" Red Whistle "4" approx. 1.0 mile SW of Southwest Point.

"I" Red Bell R "2" FI R 2.5s Whis at Southwest Ledge

"L" GR "BIS" FI (2+1) G west of Southwest Ledge

"M" G "1" FI G Gong at the Eastern End of Endeavor Shoals

"X" Inflatable drop mark, type, color and position will be announced before the course is posted.

A2.3 If numeral pennant "0" (zero) is displayed on or before the warning signal, the first leg will be from the start to the first mark displayed on the course board.

A2.4 The Race Committee may use the Round The Island Race (see Appendix 3) Course for the Performance Cruising and Multihull Classes. This will be signaled by the letter "A" or "C" displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat.

A2.5 The Race Committee may have a pursuit race on one or more days. This will be announced at the 0900 announcements on the day it is scheduled.

PURSUIT RACE COURSES FOR PERFORMANCE CRUISING and MULTIHULL CLASSES ONLY:

A2.6 If a Pursuit Race is scheduled at the 0900 morning announcement, the Start will be at the Finish Line location described in Appendix 2.1

A2.7 There will be pre-determined courses set and posted by Sunday, June 18 at 2000, using the Marks described in A2.2.

Each course will have the starting times in the form of a spread sheet. Starting times will be based on PHRF time on distance.

A2.8 The Signal Boat will announce on **VHF 78**, the next boat(s) to start and the time of their start. Times will be by GPS.

A2.9 Only the Orange Starting line flag will be displayed. No other flags will be displayed. OCS boats will be called by **VHF 78**.

BLUE FLEET

WINDWARD / LEEWARD COURSES

Will be in accordance with APPENDIX 1

APPENDIX 3 ROUND THE ISLAND RACE

A3.1 The Race Committee will announce the Round The Island Race over the designated fleet VHF channels at 0900 (Harbor Signals) and by flying Flag "A" or "C" from the Official Flagpole.

A3.2 VHF Channel 72 will be the designated channel for the Round the Island Race. After their fleet announcements at 0900 all fleets shall switch and monitor VHF 72 for future announcements.

A3.3 All fleets will Rendezvous approximately 0.5 -1.0 nm West of Bell "R-2".

A3.4 The Start will be between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee Boats at each end of the Starting Line.

A3.5 Classes will be combined for starts. The starting sequence will be posted on the official Notice Board by 1400 Sunday June 18 and announced on each Fleet Channel at 0900. Course designation will be posted on the Race Committee Signal Boat.

A3.6 Course "A" Counter Clockwise Round The Island Race: The Race Committee may set inflatable windward marks for different classes, to be left to port. The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the approximate bearing (magnetic) and range (in nautical miles) to each of the windward marks.

After the first mark, if used, the following are the marks of the course that must be left to port:

- a. Red Bell "6" approx. 0.3 miles W of Southwest Point.
- b. Red Whistle "4" approx. 1.0 mile SW of Southwest Point.
- c. Red Nun "2" approx. 0.4 miles SSW of Black Rock Point.
- d. Special Mark "A", an orange inflatable positioned at approximately:
41° 8.50N / 071° 34.00W
- e. Special mark "B", a yellow inflatable positioned at approximately
41° 09.10N / 071° 32.50W
- f. Special Mark "C", an orange inflatable positioned at approximately:
41° 10.00'N / 071° 32.00W
- g. Green Bell "1" N off Old Harbor.
- h. Green Can "7" N off Old Britton Rock.
- i. Green Bell "1B" off North Reef.

The Finish will be in the vicinity of The Start and will be between staffs displaying blue flags on Race Committee Boats at each end of the Finish Line or between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Boat and a nearby mark.

A3.7 Course "C" Clockwise Round The Island Race: The Race Committee may set inflatable windward marks for different classes, to be left to starboard. The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the approximate bearing (magnetic) and range (in nautical miles) to each of the windward marks.

After the first mark, if used, marks of the course shall be left to starboard in the reverse order designated in Course "A".

A3.8 The Finish will be in the vicinity of The Start and will be between staffs displaying blue flags on Race Committee Boats at each end of the Finish Line or between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Boat and a nearby mark.