



2017 Spring and Summer Series

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the current PHRF Regulations as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound, except as either are modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Specific attention is directed to RRS Fundamental Rules 1.1 and 4, which state:

- 1.1 A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
- 4. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

2. RACE MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Breakwater Irregulars.
- 2.2 The Race Committee shall use VHF Channel 05A.
- 2.3 The US Coast Guard can be hailed on VHF Channel 16 and by phone at: 631-261-6868

3. RATINGS & SCORING

- 3.1 The current PHRF of the YRA of LIS ratings will be used; weight limits will not be in effect, except that any boat sailing with a 'light crew' rating shall sail as rated.
- 3.2 Scoring will be done using Time-On-Time computation.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The series is open to boats owned or chartered by members of the Breakwater Irregulars, and members of Halloween Yacht Club (HYC) who are not already members of the Breakwater Irregulars (BI);
- 4.2 BI Boats shall have a current YRALIS PHRF certificate. Ratings for HYC boats may be assigned.

5. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 All boats shall comply with Minimum Equipment & Safety Recommendations of the YRA of Long Island Sound: Category C.
- 5.2 The Boat Owner or a designated Owner's Representative is responsible for the safety of the yacht and its crew as well as the conduct of the crew before and during the race, and compliance with the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

6. ENTRY PROCESS

- 6.1 Boats enter by completing the process on the Yacht Scoring website found at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/Breakwaters-2017>, which may be accessed via the Breakwater's website www.breakwaters.org
- 6.2 Entries must be made by 1800, Friday, May 5, 2015 in order to sail in the first race. Sailing instructions will be available on the website
- 6.3 A valid PHRF Rating Certificate shall be on file with the YRA of LIS. At the discretion of the OA, rating certificate revisions may be accepted after submission of the Entry Form.

7. FEES

The entry fee for BI members is \$250.00 per boat. The entry fee for HYC members is \$150.00 for 2017 only, but does not include a burgee or Awards Party credits. Fees are payable by credit card through PayPal as part of the entry process.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available via the Breakwater and YachtScoring websites. It is the intent to email the Sailing Instructions to all entries.

9. COMMUNICATION

While racing, except in the course of a roll call or emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive wireless communications not simultaneously available to all boats and at no cost. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

10. SCHEDULE

The first signal is scheduled for 1900 on each Tuesday evening starting May 9th and ending August 29th, with the exception of July 4th. The RC Signal Boat will be in the vicinity of Red Bell "32" (The Cows).

11. INSPECTIONS

Before the start of the race or after its finish, the OA shall reserve the right to inspect any and all boats for full compliance with eligibility and equipment requirements. The inspection is a courtesy and it remains the Boat Owner's, or Owner's Representative's, responsibility to comply with all requirements.

12. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Breakwater Irregulars, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Organizing Authority and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant. Neither the Breakwater Irregulars nor Stamford Yacht Club bear any responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their personnel arising from any cause during the race.