



NOTICE OF RACE

September 1st- 3rd, 2017

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The Officers and Members of the Stamford Yacht Club invite you to participate in the 83rd Vineyard Race starting Friday, September 1, 2017, at Flashing Red Bell "32" (the "Cows") off Stamford Harbor. The First Signal is scheduled for 1200. The Stamford Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for this event.

1. RULES and OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS") except as modified below and the NEMA RACE RULES 2017 (available at www.nemasail.org).
- (a) RRS 41 is hereby modified to allow Double-handed entrants to communicate amongst themselves by VHF radio.
 - (b) The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS do not apply, except the prescriptions to RRS 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1 and Appendix R.
 - (c) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the following shall be substituted for rule 17:
When two boats are on the same tack within three overall lengths (of the larger boat) of each other, the boat being overtaken shall maintain her proper course. The overtaking boat shall keep clear, and neither boat shall bear away toward, nor luff, the other.
- 1.2 (a) For classes sailing the Vineyard Race course – The current YRA-LIS Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations for Category A races.
- (b) For PHRF classes sailing the Cornfield Point or Seaflower Reef courses - Minimum Equipment & Safety Recommendations of the YRA of Long Island Sound for *Category B* races.
 - (c) A copy of these regulations is available on the YRA web site at www.yralis.org and shall be kept aboard while racing.
- 1.3 (a) For IRC classes: the current IRC Rules, Parts A, B & C. Boats equipped and rated with water ballast and/or canting keel may use same. This modifies RRS 51.
- (b) For PHRF classes: the current PHRF Regulations of the YRA of Long Island Sound. ***Boats equipped and rated with power winches may use same. This modifies RRS 51.***
 - (c) For ORR classes: the current Offshore Racing Rules.
 - (d) For HPR Classes: the current High Performance Racing Rules.
- 1.4 Each boat shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 05 and a cell phone, the number of which shall be on file with the Race Committee.
- 1.5 **Tracking-** Each boat shall be required to carry a device (Spot or InReach) or download an application to be run on a smartphone. There will be a link on the Vineyard Race section of the Stamford Yacht Club web page (www.stamfordyc.com) which will allow anyone with web access the ability to track the progress of the race.
- 1.6 In accordance with IRC Rule 11.2, without an increase in rating, a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current certificate, if of area not greater than rated SPA.

1.7 The number of crew allowed shall be the number stated on the certificate plus one.

2. ADVERTISING:

2.1 In accordance with Rule 80, this is a Category A event.

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising if supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY:

3.1 This event is open to single and multi-hulled boats owned by or chartered to members of yacht clubs or organizations affiliated directly or through regional associations with US SAILING. The provision for US Sailing affiliation is waived for boats of foreign registry.

3.2 Boats that meet the following additional requirements may enter this race:

- (a) With the exception of those described in 3.2.f, g, i and 3.5, boats must have a minimum LOA of 29 feet.
- (b) Boats may race IRC if they have a current IRC certificate. Boats racing for the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy (NORT), the Double-handed Ocean Racing Trophy (DH-ORT) must have Endorsed certificates.
- (c) Boats may race PHRF, including Double-Handed, on the Vineyard Race course if their YRA of LIS distance rating is 129 seconds/mile or faster. The New England Lighthouse Series (NELS) is dedicated to PHRF boats rating 81 and higher (slower).
- (d) Boats may race ORR if there are adequate entries to form a class or classes.
- (e) Boats may race HPR if they have a current HPR certificate.
- (f) Boats electing the Seaflower Reef Course must have either an IRC rating between 0.880 and 1.045 or a PHRF rating from 69 to 147 (YRA of LIS distance rating) and have a minimum LOA of 27 feet.
- (g) Boats electing the Cornfield Point Course must have a PHRF rating from 90 to 198 (YRA of LIS distance rating) and have a minimum LOA of 24 feet.
- (h) Cruising Boats – Boats rated PHRF 129 seconds/mile or faster may sail on the Vineyard Course, with spinnaker, provided it is tacked at the stem with no longer than a 3' line. Spinnaker poles and bow sprits of any kind are NOT permitted. Such boats will race at their YRA-LIS Spinnaker Rating.
- (i) Mini-650 or Mini Transat Class boats with a minimum crew of two (2) are permitted.

3.3 Corinthian Challenge Entries (CC):

3.3.1. Each boat shall have aboard at least one advisor (“Advisor”), who shall be at least 25 years old and experienced in overnight distance racing, shall be the Boat Owner or a designated Owner’s Representative, and be capable of taking command in emergency conditions.

3.3.2. At least two-thirds of the crew shall be between the ages of 14 and 23 as of the day of the Start.

3.3.3. For boats over 45 feet, it is recommended that there be at least two advisors.

3.3.4. OWNER, OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE AND ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

For the purposes of this section, the Boat Owner shall include the Owner’s Representative.

3.3.5. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: By entering, each owner is certifying that at least 80% of the crew has participated in each of the following:

- 3.3.5.a. Man Overboard upwind recovery
- 3.3.5.b. Man Overboard downwind recovery (w/spinnaker);
- 3.3.5.c. Reefing Mainsail;
- 3.3.5.d. Night Practice (after dark) including 3.3.6.a & 3.3.6.b.

3.4 The Vineyard Race is a qualifier for the YRA Youth Challenge Cup.

3.5 Boats may be multihull sailing vessels with a minimum length of 26' LOA, not including bowsprit, and must have a current NEMA Rating Certificate.

3.6 All entries are to be made on-line via YachtScoring: www.yachtscoring.com. The link will also be available via www.stamfordyc.com

3.7 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee. To avoid late entry fees, entries must be completed *no later than Friday, August 25th*.

3.8 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to exclude any yacht from the race due to inadequacies in design or preparation which could impair the seaworthiness of the vessel and/or safe passage of the crew.

4. ENTRY FEES:

4.1 The entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee to be paid by credit card or PayPal. The entry fees are based on Length Overall (LOA) which may be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number. (e.g: 39.71' = 39').

4.2 Entry Fees are:

4.2.1 Vineyard Course -\$9.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before **2000 August 25, 2017**. For entries paid after **2000 August 25, 2017**, the entry fee will be \$12.00 per foot LOA.

4.2.2 Seaflower Reef and Cornfield Point Courses- \$7.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before **2000 August 25, 2017**. For entries paid after **2000 August 25, 2017**, the entry fee will be \$9.00 per foot LOA.

4.3 No refunds will be given after August 25th.

5. CLASSES: There will be IRC, HPR and PHRF Spinnaker Divisions, Multihull, and an IRC Double-handed and a PHRF Double-handed Division (with sufficient entries) for the Vineyard Course. There will be PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions for the Cornfield Point and Seaflower Reef courses, and may include PHRF-DH for the Seaflower Reef Course. Special Classes may be formed at the discretion of the Race Committee. There will be special PHRF Classic Boat scoring (Vineyard Course) for the Bounding Home Trophy. Based upon the number of entries, Classes may be formed under the Divisions.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Sailing Instructions, scratch sheets, tracking and any other final instructions will be available at the Stamford Yacht Club between 1700 and 2100 on Thursday, August 31st and on www.yachtscoring.com

7. COURSES:

START: Flashing Red Bell "32" (The Cows) off Stamford Harbor.

FINISH: Immediately northerly of the entrance to Stamford Harbor, between the Signal Boat and Green Beacon "3" on the easterly end of the westerly breakwater.

The Vineyard Race course: From the Start to the Buzzards Bay Light Tower, leaving the Tower to starboard, then leaving Block Island to starboard, then leaving Flashing Red Bell "32" (The Cows) to starboard, then to the Finish, leaving Nun "2" to starboard for a total of 238 NM.

Note: In extreme heavy weather and at the discretion of the Race Committee, a short course may be signaled by displaying Code Flag "S" prior to the warning signal for the start of any class. The short course will be the Seaflower Reef Course.

The Cornfield Point Course: From the Start to Cornfield Point Shoal leaving Red Bell "2" to starboard, then leaving Flashing Red Bell "8" (at the easterly end of Long Sand Shoal) to starboard, then leaving RG "TE" buoy to starboard, then leaving Flashing Red Bell "32" (The Cows) to starboard, then to the Finish, leaving Nun "2" to starboard for a total of 116 NM.

The Seaflower Reef Course: From the Start to 'Seaflower Reef' leaving Seaflower Reef Light to starboard, then leaving Flashing Red Bell "32" (The Cows) to starboard, then to the Finish, leaving Nun "2" to starboard for a total of 143 NM.

8. PENALTIES: The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 will apply. In the case of a protest involving the right of way Rules and OCS, the boat at fault, instead of being disqualified as a result of a hearing, may, at the option of the Protest Committee, have her corrected time increased by 2%. This modifies RRS 64.1

9. SCORING

9.1 Scoring will be conducted using the 2017 rules for IRC, HPR, NEMA, and ORR. PHRF classes will use YRA of LIS distance ratings and will be scored using Time on Time.

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

10. PROTESTS: A Protest Committee appointed by the Organizing Authority will decide protests. Protests involving potential trophy winners will be heard at Stamford Yacht Club as soon as practicable after the boats involved have finished. Protests for other boats will be heard beginning at 1400 on Sunday, September 4th. Special arrangements will be made for boats finishing later than that time.

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

11.1 The Race Committee may make announcements via VHF Channel 05.

11.2 Except in an emergency (and as noted in 1.1.a), a competitor shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not simultaneously available to all boats at no cost. Except as specifically requested by the Race Committee, this restriction also applies to mobile phones.

12. PRIZES:

12.1 **The Vineyard Race is a mandatory qualifying race for the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy, the Double-handed Ocean Racing Trophy and the New England Lighthouse Series.** Awards within each class, as well as perpetual trophies, will be presented at the Awards Presentation and Reception, which will be held on Sunday, September 3rd at 1800 at the Stamford Yacht Club. All participants and their families are invited.

12.2 The Vineyard Race is a qualifier for the Capar, Kings Point, Mertz and Sagola season trophies, as well as the **YRA Youth Challenge Cup each to be** awarded by the YRA of Long Island Sound. The Vineyard Race is also a qualifier for the Stamford Trophy Series awarded at the SYC Annual Awards Dinner.

12.3 There will be a Corinthian Challenge (CC) award made to the boat with the best performance of CC qualified finishers on the Vineyard Course. The method of scoring used for determining that award will be based on entries and specified in the Sailing Instructions.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. It is the sole responsibility of the Skipper/Owner of each boat to see that she is seaworthy in all respects and that she is manned by a competent crew. The Skipper/Owner and all the members of the crew of each boat, by participating in this Race, agree to do so at their own risk, and waive any claim against and hold harmless the Stamford Yacht Club, its officers, directors, committees, members, employees, sponsors, and agents against any claims arising in any way out of the participation in the Vineyard Race (including all courses) and related activities of such boat, her Skipper/Owner and crew.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information please email VineyardRace@stamfordyc.com or call the Stamford Yacht Club at 203 323 3161 and ask for the Chairman of the Vineyard Race.

15. WELCOME: The privileges of the Stamford Yacht Club, including the use of guest moorings (if available) will be extended to all participants from Thursday, August 31st through Monday, September 4th. For mooring reservations please contact the SYC Dockmaster at dockmaster@stamfordyc.com.

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