



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS_{v4}

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

a. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. Rule 52 is changed to allow the use of stored power or electric winches.

b. The 2015 IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C; IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d), (e) and (f) are changed as follows: During the regatta, the sails carried (including mainsails and spinnakers) may vary from day to day, but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races even in the case of damage to sails. Competitors may change mainsails or substitute spinnakers on consecutive days as long as all such sails are within the dimensions declared on their IRC certificate. The race day begins when the boat leaves the dock or its mooring for the race course. Random crew weigh-ins may be required for compliance with IRC Rule 22.4.2 (NOR 4.6 accepted).

c. The 2015 PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS);

d. The US SAILING Safety Equipment Requirements Nearshore Category (USSER) as applied for this event. These will be available on the regatta website.

1.2 The US SAILING prescriptions to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* will not apply except the following: rule 61.4 and the prescriptions to rules 67, 76.1 and 88.2. These prescriptions are posted on the regatta website.

1.3 All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Recommendations and Emergency procedures. These are available on the regatta website. A copy of these should be kept aboard while racing.

1.4 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 Official Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta website and on the Notice Board located at Race Week Headquarters, located near The Oar Restaurant, on Block Island.

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

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

4.2 At approximately 0900, the Race Committee will broadcast their intentions for the day on all fleet VHF channels.

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 who's Class Flags are displayed.

4.5 During a postponement ashore, the Race Committee will broadcast status messages on the hour and half-hour 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 22nd to Friday June 26th.

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

5.3 A maximum of 12 races is scheduled. The Race Committee plans to run as many as three races each day, except the day of a Round The Island Race ("RTIR"). Cruising, Double Handed and Classic 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 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 except those Classes issued bow numbers, event bow stickers shall be affixed to both port and starboard sides of the hull, approximately 6 inches below the sheer line and 12 inches aft of the stem.

6.4 For the J/105 and J/109 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 are requested to 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 Cruising, Double Handed and Classic Classes will be part of the Blue Fleet. Some Classes may be allocated to the Blue Fleet for windward/leeward racing.

7.2 Except for The Round The Island Race, 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° 40.0W

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 Cruising, Double Handed and Classic Class courses are attached as Appendix 2. Blue Fleet windward/leeward courses, will be per Appendix 1. Blue Fleet Cruising, Double Handed and Classic Classes may sail a Pursuit Race as described in Appendix 4 to be posted.

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 Cruising, Double Handed and Classic Class 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 of a subsequent windward mark change, the new windward mark will be an original mark.

9.4 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 announcing their sail or bow number.

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 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 a nearby mark. For windward/leeward racing downwind finishes, the finish line will be on the opposite side of the Signal Boat from the starting line.

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

14. PENALTY SYSTEMS

14.1 Except as changed by instruction 14.2 a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a one turn penalty at the time of the incident in compliance with rule 44.2, or by taking a 20% Scoring Penalty in compliance with rule 44.3. The 20% penalty shall not be less than two (2) places. All boats that have taken a Scoring Penalty in accordance with rule 44.3 shall submit a written declaration on a form at the jury desk prior to the end of Protest Time. Submitting a written declaration shall satisfy the requirement of rule 44.3(b) to inform the race committee at the finishing line. This changes rule 44.3(b), Scoring Penalty.

14.2 If a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of any rounding or passing mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty in compliance with rule 44.2.

14.3 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has not taken a penalty in compliance with sailing instruction 14.1 or 14.2 to take a Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 prior to the protest hearing. This Scoring Penalty shall be 40% of the number of boats entered (rounding 0.5 upward), but shall not be less than 4 places, added to her actual finish position. However, she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

14.4 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 races, except the Round The Island Race, Cruising, Double Handed and Classic Class races will be three (3) hours from the start of each class.

15.2 The time limit for the Round The Island Race, Cruising, Double Handed and Classic Classes races, will be six (6) hours.

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

16.2 Protest Forms will be available at the Protest Desk at the Narragansett Inn Annex. 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 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 in the vicinity of 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 and 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.

16.6 On the last day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- a. Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
- b. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day. This changes rule 66.

17. ARBITRATION

17.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing.

17.2 One representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the jury.

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.

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 will be scored time on time.

18.5 PHRF will be scored time on time.

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

20.2 The Round The Island Race VHF Channel will be Channel 74.

20.3 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not 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 26th.

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

CRUISING and DOUBLE HANDED 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, 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

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

Course for the Cruising, Double Handed or Classic 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 and the pursuit race will be in accordance with Appendix 4 (to be posted).

PURSUIT RACE COURSES FOR CRUISING and DOUBLE HANDED 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

A2.7 There will be pre-determined courses set and posted by Sunday, June 21st at 2000. 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 the next boat(s) to start and the time of their start. Times will be by GPS.

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

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 21st 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 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 "1BI" 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 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.