

NOTICE OF RACE



Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Regatta Organized by Black Rock Yacht Club Saturday September 19, 2020

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Non-spinnaker class boats shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) may be changed and will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 Appendix VI, PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT, will apply.
- 1.5 Boats shall observe the current US Sailing Special Equipment Requirements for Nearshore races. However, section 2 and 3 shall not apply to boats not designed and equipped with: pulpits, stanchions, lifelines or self-bailing cockpits.
- 1.6 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channel 68.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all single-hull sailing boats 24' LOA or over, holding a valid YRALIS PHRF certificate effective as of the regatta date.
- 2.2 Each boat shall produce a valid YRALIS rating certificate. If a boat does not have a valid YRALIS certificate, the OA shall assign a rating to such competitor, with an explanation for the basis of rating.

3 FEES

The entry fee for this event is \$85.00. Online registration and payment must be completed by 1900 hrs on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Registrations to be made via <https://yachtscoring.com>

4 DIVISION AND CLASSES

- 4.1 Boats will be divided into two divisions:
 - Division 1: Spinnaker
 - Division 2: Non-spinnaker
- 4.2 A division is only valid if there are at least 3 competitors registered.
- 4.3 Competitors shall be required to display from the permanent backstay, the code flag corresponding to her class respective class assignment.

5 RACING AREA AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 The starting area shall be located in the vicinity of RN "2A"

5.2 The Racing Area will be located in the waters of Long Island Sound in the vicinity of Black Rock Harbor to the east and west.

5.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1000 hrs

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by before September 12, 2020 at

<https://yachtscoring.com>

7 THE COURSES

Course will be a distance race around government and club buoys. Distance will be 20 – 25 nm.

8 SCORING

A boat's finishing place will be determined by calculating her corrected time based on her YRALIS PHRF handicap rating using Time-on-Time scoring.

9 BERTHING

9.1 Competitors may be permitted to keep their boats at Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport CT during the regatta, subject to availability. Please send an email to waterfront@blackrockyc.org to inquire about a reservation.

9.2 Black Rock Yacht Club requires masks while on campus or launch

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. The Race Committee shall monitor VHF Channel 68 during the regatta.

11 AWARDS

11.1 Awards will be given to up to 3 boats per division. To the extent that less than five competitors in a division, only the top 2 boats shall receive an award.

11.2 First, 2nd and 3rd place trophies shall be awarded for each division started. The Brent C. Donahue Memorial Cross Sound Race Perpetual Trophy will be award to the boat finishing in 1st place in the spinnaker division. The 1st place finisher in the non-spinnaker division shall be awarded the Commodore Lever Perpetual Trophy. Perpetual trophies shall be kept at Black Rock Yacht Club.

11.3 There will be no gathering or award ceremony following the event due to COVID. Results to be posted to Yachtscoring. Take-away trophies to be mailed to recipients' registered address.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$50,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION please contact yachting@blackrockyc.org.