



75th ANNUAL BLOCK ISLAND RACE

Friday, May 28, 2021

Sailing Instructions

The Block Island Race is a qualifying race for the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy, the Double Handed Ocean Racing Trophy, the New England Lighthouse Series, the Gulf Stream Series, and a qualifier for the YRA of LIS Spring Series, DeCoursey Fales and Windigo Trophies, and “The Tuna Trophy.”

The Storm Trysail Club is the Organizing Authority for the Block Island Race. The Storm Trysail Club thanks the Flag officers and the members of the Stamford Yacht Club for the use of their facilities and their cooperation and hospitality.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[NP] The notation “[NP]” in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

[DP] The notation “[DP]” in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. Rules:

The Block Island Race shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”), including the US SAILING Prescriptions to the rules. The following rules are changed:

- 61.1 see SI 14 Protests & Requests for Redress
- 60.1(a) see SI 9 Recalls (also changes rules 63.1, and A5)

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Changes and/or additions to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Notice Board on the YachtScoring website by 1000 on the day of the race. Changes to the scheduled start time will be posted by 0800 on the day of the race.

3. Communications with Competitors:

- 3.1 All notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring (www.yachtscoring.com) and emailed to all entrants.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 05A.

4. Signals Made Ashore:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Shore Station (main flagpole) of the Stamford Yacht.
- 4.2 In the event weather conditions are such that the race cannot be started at a reasonable hour, the Start will be postponed, by the display flags "AP over A" and two sound signals. The Warning for the first class will be Saturday at 0855.

5. Class Flags

- 5.1 Class flags shall correspond to start positions indicated on the Scratch Sheet and are identified by numeral pennants.

- 5.2 Class assignments will be made by the race committee and shall appear on the Scratch Sheets.
- 5.3 Class flags shall be flown from the backstay from the time a boat enters the general starting area until she has finished. If a boat has no backstay, the class flag shall be flown from a starboard shroud.

6. Courses and Marks:

6.1 The courses are as follows:

(1) Boats will sail from the Start; leave Block Island to starboard, to the Finish. Course distance is 186 NM. The following Government Marks shall be considered marks of the course and left to Starboard:

- (a) "1 BI" off North Reef, Block Island
- (b) Flashing Red BELL "32" (The Cows)
- (c) Red Nun "2"

(2) Short Course:

Boats shall sail from the Start; leave the Red & White Whistle "PI" (Plum Island) to starboard, and to the Finish. Course distance is 125 NM. The following Government Marks shall be considered marks of the course and left to Starboard:

- (a) Flashing Red BELL "32" (The Cows)
- (b) Red Nun "2"

(3) Reverse Course:

A Reverse Course (code flag "R") shall be from the Start out to and around Block Island in an ANTI-CLOCKWISE direction, thence to the Finish: Block Island and "1BI" shall be left to Port, Flashing Red BELL "32" (The Cows) and Red Nun "2" shall be left to starboard. Should Course "R" be signaled, it will be announced before each Warning Signal.

(4) All other Government Marks may be disregarded at the discretion of the Captain or Navigator.

6.2 At the discretion of the Race Committee, a **SHORT COURSE (code flag "C") may be signaled**. Should Course "C" be signaled, it will also be announced before each Warning Signal.

7. Check-in:

Without interfering with a sequence in process and before its class warning, boats are requested to check-in by sailing in the vicinity of the signal vessel and declaring their intention to start. Boats shall NOT check-in by radio.

8. The Start:

8.1 Classes will be started at ten-minute intervals and in the order indicated on the top of the Scratch Sheet. This changes RRS 26.

8.2 The Starting Line shall be between the course side of Flashing Red BELL "32" (The Cows) off Stamford Harbor, and a staff flying an orange Flag displayed from the Signal Vessel.

8.3 [NP] The Starting Area shall extend along the Starting Line and 100 yards westerly thereof.

8.4 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

8.5 Boats starting after their class's starting signal shall do so between the start of a class and the warning for the subsequent class.

9. Recalls:

9.1 In the event of an Individual Recall, the race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats by name or sail number over VHF Ch. 05A. The timing and order of such hails and/or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

9.2 A boat that is OCS and does not restart shall, without a hearing, have thirty minutes added to her elapsed time. For the purposes of rule A5, a boat so penalized shall be considered to have started properly. This changes RRS 63.1, and A5.

10. The Finish:

10.1 The Finish Line will be at the Stamford Harbor entrance between the flashing green beacon on the West breakwater and a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee vessel anchored northerly of the East

breakwater. If no Committee Boat is on station at the Finish, each boat shall record the time after she crosses a line between the beacons on the East and West breakwaters at the entrance to Stamford Harbor and when the flashing green beacon on the West breakwater bears 260° magnetic. This time, together with her best estimate of the finish times and sail numbers of the boats immediately preceding and following, must be reported to the RC by telephoning 203-912-8858.

10.2 Boats approaching the Finish are requested to notify the race committee on VHF Channel 05A upon rounding Flashing Red Bell “32” (The Cows). When finishing in darkness, to be sure identity has been properly established, each boat shall illuminate her sail numbers and verify identity with the race committee.

11. Penalty System:

11.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies.

11.2 In the case of a protest involving the rules of Part 2, 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% or more. This modifies RRS 64.1, but does not affect SI 9.1

12. Protests & Requests for Redress:

12.1 In addition to all other requirements of RRS 61.1(a), a boat intending to protest shall, promptly after finishing, notify the race committee over VHF Ch 05A of her intent.

12.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed online via the Owner’s Page on YachtScoring within four hours of the protestor’s finish time or by 0900 for boats finishing between 2200 and 0500.

12.3 The protest committee will attempt to notify the parties by telephone, text, or email.

12.4 Protest hearings will be held at a time and place to be determined and mutually acceptable to the parties involved.

13. Safety Regulation:

[DP] Any boat withdrawing from the race shall break out her ensign and lower her class flag, and at the first opportunity, she **SHALL** report her withdrawal to the race committee on VHF Channel 05A or by telephoning 203-912-8858.

14. Prizes and Reception: A reception and awards gathering is scheduled for 1700 on Sunday, May 30th at the Stamford Yacht Club. All skippers, crew and guests are invited. Dress is nice casual, there is no fee. Skippers are requested to advise Stamford YC (203-323-3161) by 1200, of the number of people they intend to include.

15. Risk Statement:

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race, and are reminded of the Disclaimer of Liability to which they agreed as stated in the Notice of Race.

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