

Black Rock Yacht Club
Junior Big Boat Regatta
July 29, 2022



NOTICE OF RACE
(Rev. July 19, 2022)

1. RULES

1.1. The race will be governed by the following, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions:

1. Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024,
2. Prescriptions of US SAILING,
3. PHRF Minimum Safety Equipment Recommendations of YRA of Long Island Sound: Category C
4. Rules for JSA Events as prescribed by JSALIS (www.jsalis.org) shall apply except where amended.

1.2. Specific attention is directed to RRS Fundamental Rules 1.1 and 4, which state:

A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

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 Black Rock Yacht Club.

2.2. The Race Committee shall use VHF Channel 68. BRYC monitors VHF 14.

3. RATINGS

3.1. The current PHRF of the YRA of LIS ratings will be used. Weight limits and credits will not be in effect.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. YACHT ELIGIBILITY

The race is open to yachts owned by:

- 4.1.a. a member of a YRA member club or
- 4.1.b. a member of an association that is a member of JSA or
- 4.1.c. a community sailing program that is a member of JSA.

1. Yachts shall be no less than 27 feet LOA and no more than 45 feet LOA

2. Yachts shall have permanently installed and functioning: head, navigation lights, and VHF radio.
3. Sport boats are not permitted. A vessel will be considered a sport boat, for the purposes of this regatta, if it meets any of these criteria:
 - a. Displacement-Length Ratio of less than 100
 - b. Downwind Sail Area-Displacement Ratio of greater than 75
4. Notwithstanding above, the committee reserves the right to identify or not to identify any boat that it feels is or is not a sport boat, regardless of whether it meets any of the above criteria
5. The Organizing Authority shall have the right to reject any entry for any reason.

4.2. ADVISOR/CREW ELIGIBILITY

1. Each Yacht shall have aboard at least two senior advisors (“Advisors”), one of whom shall be the Boat Owner or a designated Owner’s Representative, who shall be at least 25 years old, and be capable of taking command of the yacht in emergency conditions; and the other(s) of whom shall be at least 18 years old. **Advisors and Sailing Instructors are NOT crewmembers and shall not act as such. This is a Corinthian and junior regatta wherein the juniors sail the boat without coaching. For example, racing tactics and strategy must not be provided to the juniors by the Advisors or Sailing Instructors. Advisors must not trim sails or assist in routine racing tasks. Advisors are only on-board for safety reasons and to avoid damage to the yacht, i.e., they are basically “observers” only.**
2. Instructors may serve as Advisors; however, an instructor may *never* serve as an Owner’s Representative.
3. All junior sailors (“Juniors”) and their instructor advisors shall be members of JSALIS and members of a member’s club program.
4. Each Yacht shall be crewed by at least five Juniors who are at least 14 years old and at most 18 years old by the end of the current calendar year.
5. Juniors shall constitute at least 60% of the total number of persons aboard.
6. For boats over 35 feet, it is recommended that there be at least two advisors.

5. OWNER, OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE AND ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

- 5.1. For the purposes of this section, the Boat Owner shall include the Owner’s Representative.
- 5.2. The Boat Owner 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.
- 5.3. The Boat Owner has the final say in matters pertaining to the safety of the crew and the boat. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4)

- 5.4. The Advisors/Owners shall refrain from assisting the junior sailors with racing strategies, steering, trimming and boat handling except when a safety issue is involved. **Advisors and Sailing Instructors are NOT crewmembers and shall not act as such. This is a Corinthian and junior regatta wherein the juniors sail the boat without coaching. For example, racing tactics and strategy must not be provided to the junior by the Advisors or Sailing Instructors. Advisors must not trim sails or assist in routine racing tasks. Advisors are only on-board for safety reasons and to avoid damage to the yacht.**
- 5.5. If safety is a factor, the Owner or Advisor may take the helm, issue orders, use the engine, or take any appropriate action. Any such intervention should be recorded, in detail, in the log. Such detail shall be reported including time for both the start and finish of the period in which the adult advisor intervenes under this section. Immediately upon finishing, the yacht shall inform the race committee that an owner/advisor intervention has occurred and that there will be a written submission. The Race Committee will evaluate the situation to determine if a time adjustment or other penalty is required. Such action will not be grounds for automatic disqualification.

6. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1. The OA shall reserve the right to inspect any and all yachts for compliance with eligibility and equipment requirements before the start of the race or after its finish. The inspection is a courtesy and it remains the responsibility of the Boat Owner or Owner's Representative Advisor to comply with all requirements. Failure to be in compliance subjects the yacht to protest and time penalties or disqualification in accordance with RRS.
- 6.2. The Race Committee may make spot inspections before or after the race to assure compliance with the rules and reserves the right to disqualify or assess a penalty based on its findings.

7. ENTRY PROCESS

- 7.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the required entry forms.

The entry will not be complete until the entry form is received with all required fields completed and all required documents have been provided and all fees paid.

Required entry documents include:

- Entry Form
 - 2022 PHRF Certificate
 - Big Boat Self Inspection Report
 - At the time of entry, each yacht shall certify on the entry form that 80% of the crew has participated in both a man overboard upwind and a downwind recovery with spinnaker
 - Completed 2022 JSA Waiver form for each of the Junior crew members
- **7.2. Entries must be received at Black Rock Yacht Club by Sunday, July 24, 2022 at 2100.**
Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
Entry forms should be emailed to the Event Coordinator, Catherine Cunningham at cbcunningham@sbcglobal.net and to the BRYC Junior Sailing Director, Emery Wallace at jsailingdirector@blackrockyc.org.

Payment should be made via ClubSpot.

8. FEES

8.1. The entry fee for timely entries shall be \$50 per boat. Late entries shall be \$75 per boat.

9. COMMUNICATION

Outside assistance to a yacht for racing purposes is prohibited. While racing, except in the course of an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive communications not simultaneously available to all boats. Each boat shall monitor VHF 68 and have an on board cell phone the number of which is provided on the entry form.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/2iQf6w4YNc> prior to the event.

11. INTENDED SCHEDULE

- 11.1 Crew Meeting 0900 on BRYC Deck
- 11.2 Harbor Gun at 0930
- 11.3 Rendezvous with committee boat SE of the entrance to Black Rock Harbor, approximately 1000
- 11.4 First Warning Signal at 1030

12. LIABILITY RELEASE

12.1 As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Black Rock Yacht Club, 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 Black Rock Yacht Club and the JSA of LIS 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. Black Rock Yacht Club bears no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to yachts or their personnel arising from any cause during the race.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Awards will be presented and refreshments provided on the main deck of BRYC immediately following racing.

14. MOORINGS

Complimentary moorings (as available) will be provided. Reservations are suggested and can be made by contacting the Shore Staff on VHF 14 or PH 203 335 0587.

15. DISCIPLINE

All junior sailors and instructors are expected to behave in accordance with recognized principles of sportsmanship, good manners, and fair play. A junior sailor or instructor may be disciplined as per RULES FOR JSA EVENTS RULE 11.2 for actions that include but are not limited to:

- a) Swearing at, intimidating or harassing anyone, including teammates, on or off the water
- b) Possessing or consuming, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal controlled substances
- c) Failure to wear a properly fastened PFD
- d) Failure to comply with any conditions or requirements of the regatta

For any questions please feel free to contact:

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