



# **Block Island Race Week XXIV**

**presented by Rolex**  
**June 19-24, 2011**



## **NOTICE OF RACE v3**

### **1. MANAGEMENT**

The Storm Trysail Club will hold its XXIV Biennial Block Island Race Week, June 19-24, 2011. The Storm Trysail Club (STC) is the Organizing Authority for this event.

### **2. RULES**

2.1 Racing will be governed by:

the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS);

the 2011 IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C.

the 2011 PHRF Regulations as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS);

the Regatta Regulations. These Regulations will be available at [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com).

Crew limitations are in the Regatta Regulations;

the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 5. These regulations are available on the ISAF web site: [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org). A copy of these regulations shall be kept aboard while racing. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply. The US SAILING Prescriptions to these regulations do not apply.

2.2 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS do not apply, except the prescriptions to RRS 68 (Damages), 76.1 and 76.3 (Exclusion of boats or competitors). Those prescriptions will be available on the Block Island Race Week website: [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com)

2.3 All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guidelines and Guidelines for Rendering Assistance. These guidelines are available on the website: [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com). A copy of these guidelines shall be kept aboard while racing.

### **3. ADVERTISING**

3.1 Advertising is permitted, unless class rules do not permit, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3.2 Boats displaying advertising shall indicate the advertising and the sponsor on their entry form.

3.3 Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of our Official Sponsors; their participation enhances the event for all competitors.

3.4 All boats shall display the event bow stickers on their bow, the event boom stickers on their booms, and display Rolex flags as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions, for the duration of the regatta.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 Boats may compete in IRC, PHRF, and One-Design classes as follows:

(a) Boats must be Monohulls of 24ft LOA or larger.

(b) Racing will be conducted in PHRF classes for boats with PHRF handicaps from approximately 90 to a maximum of 175.

(c) Racing will be conducted in IRC classes for boats with IRC TCCs of 1.000 or faster.

4.2 All boats racing in IRC classes shall have a 2011 IRC certificate on file at US Sailing prior to registration. Boats with IRC TCC's faster than 1.080 shall have Endorsed IRC Certificates.



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4.3 Racing using IRC ratings will be offered for boats with PHRF handicaps between 90 and 175 if there is sufficient interest.

4.4 Boats racing in one-design or PHRF classes may also compete for the overall Around the Island Race trophies by indicating their intention to do so on the Entry Form and having the appropriate IRC certificate on file at US Sailing prior to Registration.

4.5 One-Design boats that race in handicap classes may provide their own one-design trophies, which STC will award if requested.

4.6 Racing will be conducted in Cruising Classes, with spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions, for boats with PHRF handicaps faster than 175 if sufficient entries are received by June 1, 2011.

4.7 Racing will be conducted for Double Handed Classes using IRC Certificates, if sufficient entries are received by June 1, 2011.

4.8 Other Classes may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4.9 Owners or Skippers shall be current members of US SAILING or their National Authority.

4.10 For all classes, except the Double Handed Classes, the minimum crew and maximum crew weights are set forth in the Regatta Regulations.

4.11 Teams of three boats (two of which must be in separate classes) from the same Yacht Club, may compete for the Shelter Island Yacht Club Team Trophy.

4.12 Eligible boats may enter via the Block Island Race Week link on the Storm Trysail Club website: [www.stormtrysail.org](http://www.stormtrysail.org) or [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com) or [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and pay the applicable Entry Fee no later than June 1, 2011. Also see NOR 5.1.

4.13 Late entries received on or before June 16, 2011 may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Regatta Committee.

4.14 As part of the registration process, each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember in the Regatta shall sign a media release/crew waiver. The media release/crew waiver is available on line at [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com). The media release/crew waiver shall be completed and delivered to the Regatta registration desk in Block Island June 19th 2011.

## **5. ENTRY FEES**

5.1 The Entry Fee will be \$26.00 per foot of LOA. Entries received before March 31, 2011 will receive a 10% discount. To determine the Entry Fee, a boat's LOA may be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number. (e.g: 39.71' = 39')

5.2 There will be a late fee of \$200 for entries received after June 1, 2011. An administrative fee of \$100 will be applied to any cancellations.

5.3 A Race Week Identification Fee will be required for each person participating in any of the Race Week shore-side activities. The Identification Fee provides access to the Race Week daily parties and trophy presentations. The Identification Fee for the week is \$70 for those over 21 years of age and \$30 for those under 21, which includes an Official Mt. Gay Rum Block Island Race Week hat (while supplies last). A single day's access may be obtained by paying an Identification Fee of \$25 at Race Week headquarters.



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## **6. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>:** Bow and Event sticker pick up at Race Headquarters. Weigh-In for One Design Classes begins.

**Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>:** Registration, Bow and Event sticker pick up at Race Headquarters. Weigh-In for One Design Classes. Race Committee practice starts. Welcome Party at Race Week Tent.

**Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>-Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Racing, with the first warning signal at 1030. Awards Presentation and evening party at Race Week Tent.

A Final Schedule of Events will be available at Registration and posted on the Official Notice Board and the event web site.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available on the web site [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com) on or about June 1, 2011. Sailing Instructions will also be available at Registration and posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **8. VENUE and COURSES**

8.1 The Venue is Block Island, Rhode Island, USA

8.2 Except as provided in 8.2 and 8.3 races will be windward/leeward courses set in Block Island Sound.

8.3 For Cruising and Double Handed Classes, courses will be around government and set marks.

8.4 For all Classes, one or more races may be an Around Block Island Race.

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEMS**

RRS 44.2 or RRS 44.3 will apply at the option of the boat electing to take the penalty. If class rules provide for a different penalty, then that class rule applies.

## **10. SCORING**

10.1 One race will need to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, unless Class Rules require otherwise.

10.2 A maximum of ten races is scheduled. Classes may race up to three races per day.

10.3 PHRF classes will be scored using time on distance.

10.4 PHRF and One Design boats with valid IRC Certificates will be eligible for the IRC East Coast Championship and the Round The Island Race overall trophies.

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

10.6 In the event the Regatta Committee elects to include a one-design class or group of boats racing level, the one-design or level-rating group may be started with other boats, but may be scored separately, at the discretion of the Regatta Committee.

10.7 When an International Jury is properly constituted in accordance with RRS 70.5 and Appendix N, its decisions will be final.

## **11. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**

Any amendments to the Notice of Race will be posted on the website [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com) and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.



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## **12. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of receiving weather bulletins and transmissions from the Race Committee as well as communicating any emergency on board.

## **13. PRIZES**

13.1 Class prizes for each day's racing will be presented daily.

13.2 Around Block Island Race overall trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be awarded for boats with IRC Certificates.

13.3 The IRC East Coast Championship will be presented to the best performance of the Class winners with IRC certificates.

13.4 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at Friday's Awards party. A list of the perpetual trophies is available on the regatta web site.

## **14. LIABILITY**

14.1 As a condition of entry, all crew are required to execute a waiver of liability. The Waiver is posted on the website: [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com) and will be available at Registration.

14.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Block Island Race Week Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

## **15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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