



BLOCK ISLAND RACE WEEK 2018

Race. Relax. Repeat.

JUNE 17-22, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

Duck Island Yacht Club and Block Island Yacht Club are the Co-Organizing Authorities for this regatta.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

Amendments and updates to this document will be posted on the Official Notice Board located online at the Block Island Race Week 2018 area of the YachtScoring website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4509>.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.5 shall not apply.
- 1.3 Personal flotation shall be worn as required by class rules. Competitors should be aware that the race committee may display Flag "Y" in accordance with RRS 40.
- 1.4 Rules 1.1 and 1.3 of J/70 Class Rules Part III-Section I shall apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event. [DP]
- 2.2 At the discretion of the OA, boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., bow stickers, boom stickers, and/or flags.
- 2.3 At the discretion of the OA, bow numbers may also be required for some classes. If required, they will be provided and shall be placed on both sides of the boat's hull forward of the bow sticker.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. The regatta is open to any boat that is either: a) a member of a recognized class association for entry in this regatta's One-Design classes, or; b) a boat that meets the criteria established for this regatta by the class coordinator for entry in a level class or handicap class and provided that each class has a minimum entry of five (5) boats. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to invite additional classes that do not meet all the requirements.

3.2 Potential classes include but are not limited to:

- PHRF - Classes to be determined by number and distribution of entries
- IRC - Classes to be determined by number and distribution of entries
- ORC - Classes to be determined by number and distribution of entries
- One Design Classes with 5 or more entries
- Classic Yachts
- One Race a Day Class
- "Plus One" class for short handed sailing teams
- Coaching Class – with pre race / in race and post race coaching for newer racers.
- Non Spinnaker Class(s)
- Multihull class

3.3 Block Island Race Week is open to those boats whose Owner and/or Skipper is a current member of their National Governing Body (US SAILING for USA members; to join call 1-800-877-2451, or use website, www.ussailing.org). [DP]

3.4 Entries shall be submitted online at the Block Island Race Week 2018 area of the Yacht Scoring website <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4509>.

3.5 The entry fee will be based on the boat size as follows:

All Classes	\$20.00	Paid on or before January 15	
Base Fee / foot	\$22.00	Paid before April 15	
	\$24.00	Paid after April 15	
	\$30.00	Paid after June 1	
Cancellation Fee	\$200.00	Before June 1th	
LATE Cancellation	No Refund	After June 10th	
Party Bracelett over 21	\$75.00		
Party Bracelett under 21	no fee		
Daily party Bracelett	\$30.00		

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 Each boat owner or his representative must report to the Regatta Headquarters at a location to be determined and announced in a future amendment to this NOR.

4.2 Crew lists and waivers of liability shall be completed and submitted by the close of registration. To utilize the online waiver form, skippers shall complete the Crew List in the Owner's Corner" during the entry process. Subsequently, individual crew members will be notified by email of their boat's entry and those crew members may complete the waiver online.

4.3 A boat's registration will not be complete until the waiver of liability has been signed by all crew. In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability to the OA prior to racing on that boat. [DP].

5. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of USD 300,000 per event or the equivalent.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 It is the intent of the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee to run as many races as practical on each race day.

6.2 Racing is scheduled each day from Monday June 18th thru Friday June 22nd.

6.3 The first warning signal is scheduled for no earlier than 1100hrs on each race day. Different classes may have different first warning times as posted in the Sailing Instructions.

6.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1430hrs on Friday, June 22.

7. MEASUREMENT/WEIGH-IN

7.1 Measurement is not required, but each boat shall submit proof of holding a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by the class. [DP]

7.2 Neither the OA nor the race committee shall be responsible for conducting or administering weigh-ins should they are required by individual class rules. Local or national class associations shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins if needed.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at Registration, on the official notice board and on the regatta website (<http://www.birw2018.com>) immediately prior to the event.

8.2 Amendments to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board located online at the Block Island Race Week 2018 area of the Yacht Scoring website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4509>.

8.3 Courtesy copies of amendments may also be posted on the on the supplementary notice board located at the regatta headquarters and on the race website www.birw2018.com. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or other notice

9. VENUE

Racing will take place in Block Island Sound.

10 COURSES

10.1 The assignment of classes to racing areas, specific locations of the race areas, and courses to be sailed will be provided in the sailing instructions.

10.2 Depending on the class, courses will be windward/leeward and/or around government and set marks in Block Island Sound. A pursuit start may be used for some classes.

10.3 For all classes, one or more races may be an Around Block Island Race or a distance race around government and set marks in Block Island Sound.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will be in effect.

11.2 RRS 44.1 may be changed for some classes so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty for some incidents. Additional details will be specified in the sailing instructions.

12. SCORING

12.1 One (1) race will constitute a series.

12.2 Each boats series score will be the sum of her scores for all races.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 The race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on Marine VHF radio. The specific channels for each racing area will be stated in the sailing instructions.

13.2 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. [DP]

13.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule. [DP]

14. PRIZES

14.1 Series prizes will be awarded for each class.

14.2 An award will be presented to the entry which, in the opinion of the Organizing Authority, has the best overall performance during the 2018 Block Island Race Week.

15. BERTHING

Boats from out of town will need to arrange for a mooring or dockage and one of several local marinas.

Moorings for the regatta may be arranged by calling the Block Island Harbor.

16 PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and host clubs 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.

17.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the 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 Organizing Authority, Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

18. REGATTA CONTACT

For further information please contact:

info@birw2018.com

In addition to the yacht racing, there are numerous activities for the skippers, crews, and their families for this event. You can find a description of these as well as logistical information about Block Island at :

www.BIRW2018.com