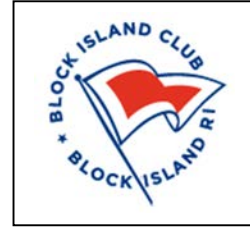




32nd Annual Hal Madison Yacht Race
August 15 2015
Block Island Club
Sponsored By
US Sailing
Thursday Night Sailing



The Organizing Authority (OA) is The Block Island Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The 32nd Annual Hal Madison Yacht Race** will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2012-2016).
- 1.2** For the purposes of the definition of rule, the class rules shall be the rules of the PRHF Narragansett Bay class.
- 1.3** Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 ELIGIBLE CLASSES

The Regatta is open to all sailing vessels with a PHRF Rating. The boats will be scored in two classes, a Spinnaker Class and a Cruising Class.

2.2 Entry requirements

Eligible boats may register to enter online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/10783 or by filling out an entry form available at the Skippers Meeting on Race Day. Early entries are encouraged.

2.3 Late entries, after 1015 EDT on Race Day will not be accepted.

2.4 US SAILING MEMBERSHIP

Membership in US Sailing is encouraged but not required. Sailors can join online at <http://membership.ussailing.org/>

3. FEES

- 3.1 PRHF Class:** Preregistrations with check mailed or delivered by hand, to the Block Island Club, arriving on or before Aug 14th at 1700: \$35.00
Registration at Skippers meeting, before 1015 EDT on Race Day: \$40.00

4. BOATS/MEASUREMENT

4.1 Boats in the PRHF Class will use the currently published PRHF Narragansett Bay Class handicap rating for that boat. If this is not available, the PRHF New England Class handicap rating will be used. For custom boats a PRHF Rating Certificate is required.

4.2 Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 15 1000, Skippers Meeting, Block Island Club

Saturday, August 15 1300, First Gun

Saturday, August 15 1800, Awards Party, Block Island Club

6. ADVANCE REGISTRATION - Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at the event web site: www.regattanetwork.com/event/10783

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at the Skippers Meeting and on the web at: www.regattanetwork.com/event/10783

8. PENALTY SYSTEM – RRS rule 44.1 (Two Turns Penalty) applies.

9. SCORING – Low point scoring will be used with a ranking by class. An overall ranking to determine the Hal Madison Perpetual Trophy winner will be determined by using the PHRF Narragansett Bay cruising class handicap adjustment for the boats in the Cruising Class.

10. SAFETY - All boats must carry the required State and Federal US Coast Guard approved safety equipment including personal flotation devices for a vessel of that size. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, notify the Race Committee at the Block Island Club, immediately after their arrival ashore.

11. CONDUCT

11.1 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation, or a report received from any source, believes that a competitor may have committed a breach of a rule, good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. After a proper hearing the penalty may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.

11.2 Hearings will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M5 of the RRS and will be held at the Block Island Club immediately after the race.

12. PRIZES

Perpetual Harold Madison Trophy for best overall corrected time and trophies for top three finishers in each class.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, "Decision to Race". The organizing Authority, our sponsors, and the Race Committee volunteers, will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

Review the Event web site: (www.regattanetwork.com/event/10783) or contact the Race Chair as listed below:

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