



BIYC Around the Island Pursuit Race
September 4 2016
Block Island Yacht Club
Sponsored By
US Sailing
Thursday Night Sailing YRA



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

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The BIYC Around the Island Pursuit 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 PHRF 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 <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13348> 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** All Classes: Preregistrations on-line before 0900 EDT Race Day: \$25.00
Registration at Skippers meeting, before 1015 EDT on Race Day: \$30.00
Fees for all entries can be paid at the Skippers Meeting.

4. BOATS/MEASUREMENT

- 4.1** Boats 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

Sunday, September 4 1000, Skippers Meeting, Block Island Boat Basin
Sunday, September 4 1200, First Start
Sunday, September 4 1800, Awards Party, TBA

- 6. ADVANCE REGISTRATION** – Competitors are encouraged to register in advance by registering online at the event web site: www.regattanetwork.com/event/13348

- 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at the Skippers Meeting and on the web at: www.regattanetwork.com/event/13348

- 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 overall winner will be determined by using the following method. Yachts sailing in the Spinnaker Class will use their PHRF NB base PHRF rating. Yachts sailing in the non-spinnaker class will have their base PHRF handicap increased by the following allowances as per the PHRF NE Cruising class rating system.

3/4 Fractional rig: PHRF + 6 sec/nm,
15/16th rig (Spin Halyard not at masthead): PHRF + 9 sec/nm,
Full rig: PHRF + 12 sec/nm

- 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 Boat Basin, immediately after their arrival ashore.

11. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class.

12. 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.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Review the Event web site: www.regattanetwork.com/event/13348 or contact the Race Chair as listed below:

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