

**Block Island Thursday Night Sailing Series**  
**The Great Salt Pond, Block Island RI**  
**June 29 - September 7, 2017**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2021)*. The rules of the PRHF Narragansett Bay Class will apply to the PRHF class. The rules for each class of dinghy sailed will apply to that dingy in the Dinghy Class.

**2 ENTRIES**

Competitors must preregister before racing. They may enter by completing an entry form on the event web site ([www.regattanetwork.com/event/14753](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14753)) and by mailing the appropriate entry fee to the Regatta Chair before they compete in the series. Fees: PRHF Class: \$40, Dingy Class: \$20, Block Island Club Fleet Dingys: No Fee.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the event web site above.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Block Island Club.

**5 SCHEDULE**

The warning signal for the first race will be at 1800 as follows: Each Thursday evening, starting June 23<sup>rd</sup> and running through the summer with the last evening of racing in the series being September 7th. Subsequent races each evening will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

**6 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be west of the Block Island Club in the northern area of the Great Salt Pond.

**7 COURSES and MARKS**

The course will be a windward-leeward course with the start-finish line being approximately 100 yards upwind of the leeward mark. The Course will be sailed one or more times for each race. All marks will be red or orange balls unless other marks are designated by the race committee. All marks will be rounded to port. The attached diagram shows the course.

**8 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM**

The starting and finishing lines will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and an orange pin buoy. The Sound Signal Starting System in Appendix S (3 minute small boat starting) of the racing rules will be used.

**9 STARTING SEQUENCE**

If more than 6 boats show up to participate, the racing fleet will be divided into two divisions each with its own start, three minutes apart. The first division to start will be the "Classic Division" boats including the BI Club dinghys. The second division to start will be the "Performance Division" boats. The break between divisions will be at approximately PHRF 230.

**10 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for each race will be 30 minutes for the first boat to sail the course in accordance with rule 28.1.

**10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

For all races inside the Great Salt Pond, rule 44.1 is changed to that: the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

**11 PROTESTS**

Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee or their designee at the after-race-cookout within one hour after the Race Committee finish boat docks. A list of protests received and their hearing status will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after each evening of racing.

**12 SCORING**

Low Point Scoring System will be used. 13 evenings of races are scheduled. If at least 4 races are completed, each boat's worst race score will be excluded from her series score. One additional worst race score will be discarded for each 4 races sailed in the series. Points Awarded: DNC = Boats Checked in +2, DNS, DSQ, OCS, RET = Finish Boats +1,

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Thursday Night Sailing Series Course Layout. Windward – Leeward Course. All marks to be left to Port.

