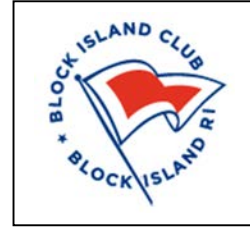




34th Annual Hal Madison Yacht Race  
August 12 2017  
Block Island Club  
Sponsored By  
US Sailing  
Thursday Night Sailing YRA



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

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Hal Madison Yacht Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-2020).
- 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/15316](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15316) 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 on line at the event web site: \$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 12 1000, Skippers Meeting, Block Island Club

Saturday, August 12 1300, First Gun

Saturday, August 12 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/15316](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15316)

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at the Skippers Meeting and on the web at: [www.regattanetwork.com/event/15316](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15316)

**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 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 Club, immediately after their arrival ashore.

#### **11. PRIZES**

Perpetual Harold Madison Trophy for best overall corrected time and trophies for 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/15316](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15316)) or contact the Race Chair as listed below:

### **Host Club:**

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### **For Regatta Specific Information:**

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