



BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB

Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Regatta

September 15, 2018
Black Rock Yacht Club
Bridgeport, CT USA

NOTICE OF RACE

- 1 RULES
 - 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2017 – 2020).
 - 1.2 Non-spinnaker class boats shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay.
 - 1.3 YRALIS PHRF weight limits are waived for this regatta.
 - 1.4 Racing rule(s) may be changed and will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
 - 2.1 The regatta is open to all single-hull sailing boats 24' LOA or over, holding a valid YRALIS PHRF certificate effective as of the regatta date. The organizing authority reserves the right to reject any entry.
- 3 FEES
 - 3.1 The entry fee for this event is \$85.00. An additional late fee of \$15 will be assessed to competitors that register after September 8, 2018. Online registration and payment must be completed by 1900 hrs on Friday, September 14th. Registrations can be made at the following website: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17455>
- 4 DIVISION AND CLASSES
 - 4.1 Boats will be divided into two divisions:
 - Division 1: Spinnaker
 - Division 2: Non-spinnaker
 - 4.2 A division is only valid if there are at least 3 competitors registered.
 - 4.3 Competitors shall be required to display from the permanent backstay, the code flage corresponding to her class respective class assignment
- 5 RACING AREA AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
 - 5.1 The Racing Area will be located in the waters of Long Island Sound in the vicinity of Black Rock Harbor in Bridgeport CT and the surrounding waters to the east and west.
 - 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 1000 hrs
 - 5.3 After racing there will be a reception and awards ceremony held at Black Rock Yacht Club, 80 Grovers Ave, Bridgeport, CT.
- 6 RATING
 - 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid YRALIS rating certificate. If a boat does not have a valid YRALIS certificate, the OA shall full discretion to assign a rating to such competitor, with an explanation for basis of rating.
- 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
 - 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available on or before August 31, 2018 on <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17455>.

- 8 VENUE
 - 8.1 The organizing authority will be based out of Black Rock Yacht Club at 80 Grovers Ave, Bridgeport, CT.
 - 8.2 The starting area shall be located in the waters off of Black Rock Harbor in Bridgeport, CT in the vicinity of RN "2A"
- 9 THE COURSES
 - 9.1 The course shall be distance race in Long Island Sound with an approximate course length of 20 – 25 miles.
- 10 PENALTY SYSTEM
 - 10.1 For the all class, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
 - 10.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 11 SCORING
 - 11.1 A boat's finishing place will be determined by calculating her corrected time based on her YRALIS PHRF handicap rating using Time-on-Time scoring.
- 12 BERTHING
 - 12.1 Competitors are invited to keep their boats at Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport CT during the regatta, subject to availability. Please send an email to yachting@blackrockyc.org and waterfront@blackrockyc.org to make your reservation.
- 13 EQUIPMENT AND RADIO COMMUNICATION
 - 13.1 All boats must comply with the minimum equipment and safety recommendations of the YRALIS Category C and carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting on Channel 68.
 - 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. The Race Committee shall monitor VHF Channel 68 during the regatta.
- 14 AWARDS
 - 14.1 Awards will be given to up to 3 boats per division at Black Rock Yacht Club, shortly after racing. To the extent that less than five competitors in a division, only the top 2 boats shall receive an award.
 - 14.2 First, 2nd and 3rd place trophies shall be awarded for each division started. The Brent C. Donahue Memorial Cross Sound Race Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing in 1st place in the spinnaker division. The 1st place finisher in the non-spinnaker division shall be awarded the Commodore Lever Perpetual Trophy. Perpetual trophies shall be kept at Black Rock Yacht Club.
 - 14.3 Combined Series Award. The Commodore's Combined Spinnaker Division Award will be presented to the combined top scoring boat that competed in the 2018 Pequot YC Falkner's Island Race and the 2018 Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Regatta.
- 15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
 - 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.
- 16 INSURANCE
 - 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$50,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 17 FURTHER INFORMATION
 - 17.1 For further information please contact yachting@blackrockyc.org.