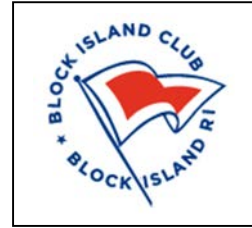




Block Island Thursday Night Sailing Series
June 18 – September 10, 2015
BI Thursday Night Sailing
Sponsored By
US Sailing
The Block Island Club



The Organizing Authority (OA) is Block Island Thursday Night Sailing.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 Block Island Thursday Night Sailing Series (BITNS) 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. For the Dingy Class, class rules which pertain to each one design class of dingy sailed, shall prevail.
- 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. Boats with a PRHF rating will be sailed and scored together in a PRHF Class. Boats without a PRHF rating will be sailed and scored in a dingy class.

2.2 Entry requirements

Eligible boats may register to enter online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/9976 or by filling out and mailing an entry form available from the Regatta Chair by email and sending it by mail with the required entry fee.

- 2.3 Late entries will be accepted from new boats to the series but the entry form and payment must be received before the boat can be scored as part of the series.

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: \$40.00

Dingy Class: \$20.00
Block Island Club Fleet Dingys: No fee

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.

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

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 18: First race of the series, of 13 evenings scheduled

Thursday, September 10: Last race of the series.

Saturday, September 12: Awards presentation dinner at (Location TBD).

6. ADVANCE REGISTRATION - Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/9976 or by completing the Event Registration Form available by email from the Race Chair and submitting it with payment by mail. Visiting Boats to Block Island may participate in the racing as our guests but will not be scored in the overall series unless they become registered participants.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration and on the web at: www.regattanetwork.com/event/9976

8. 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.

9. SCORING - A maximum of 13 evenings of races are scheduled, of which 4 shall be completed to constitute a series. If 4 or more evenings of races are sailed, a boat's worst evening score shall be discarded. For each 4 evenings of racing in the series, each boat will have one additional evening worst score discarded.

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 after race cookout behind Smugglers Cove, on Ocean Avenue.

12. PRIZES

Final series scores and appropriate prizes will be awarded at the Series Award Dinner on Saturday September 12th.

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

Contact the Block Island PRHF Class and/or check the event web site for further information. (www.regattanetwork.com/event/9976)

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