



Block Island Thursday Night Sailing Series
June 23 – September 8, 2015
BI Thursday Night Sailing YRA
Sponsored By
US Sailing
The Block Island Club



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

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 sailing vessels with a PHRF Rating, a Portsmouth Yardstick Rating (PYR), or to sailing dinghys. Boats with a PYR who register in the PHRF class will have their PYR listed in the US Sailing Web Site converted to a PHRF Rating and will sail with the PHRF boats in the PRHF Class. Boats registered in the dinghy class will be raced and scored in a dinghy class.

2.2 Entry requirements

This is an invitational sailing event with invitations sent each year to BITNS fleet members in good standing. Invited boats may register to enter online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/12466 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. New boat owners wishing to be considered for BITNS fleet membership should send an email of introduction to the Regatta Chair at the address below.

- 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, and if that is not available, an average of the fleet PHRF ratings for that boat, listed in the US Sailing PHRF handbook.

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

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 23: First race of the series, of 13 evenings scheduled

Thursday, September 8: Last race of the series.

Saturday, September 10: Awards presentation dinner at (Location TBD).

6. ADVANCE REGISTRATION – Invited Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/12466 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/12466

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. For every 4 races, each boat's worst score shall be discarded. For this series, US Sailing RRS Appendix A9 (Race scores in a series longer than a regatta) will not be in effect.

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

Final series scores and appropriate prizes will be awarded at the Series Award Dinner on Saturday September 10th.

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

Contact the Block Island PRHF Class and/or check the event web site for further information. (www.regattanetwork.com/event/12466)

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