



**Block Island Thursday Night Sailing Series
July 9 – September 10, 2020**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Block Island Community Sailing, Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The current 2020 PHRF Regulations, as administered by the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association ("ECSA"). (www.ecsa.net)
- 1.3 For Dinghy Classes racing one-design, class rules shall prevail.
- 1.4 For this series, US Sailing RRS Appendix A9 (Race scores in a series longer than a regatta) will not be in effect.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 ELIGIBLE CLASSES

- 2.1.1 **PHRF Class:** The Regatta is open to sailing vessels with a published PHRF Rating by ECSA, or a member of a recognized class association.
- 2.1.2 **Dinghy Class:** Sailing dinghies are eligible to enter and will sail in their own fleet with a separate start and own series scoring provided by the BIC.
- 2.1.3 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to invite additional classes that do not meet all the requirements.

2.2 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible boat skippers may register to enter online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/20939. After a boat's entry application is received, they will be sent a regatta event waiver and Covid 19 Skipper/Crew Contact List Form. These forms must be returned to the Organizing Authority or Race Committee before any boat can sail in this event. It is also recommended that all

PHRF Class participants join the ECSA and get a valid PHRF Certificate for each boat sailed in the series. Sailing Clubs with more than a single one design class boat entered in the PHRF series are encouraged to get a ECSA PHRF Certificate for at least one of their PHRF Class boats.

2.3 LATE ENTRIES

Late entries will be accepted during the series for new boats. The entry form, waiver 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** PHRF Class: \$40.00 for each boat entered.
- 3.2** Dinghy Class: \$20.00 for each boat entered.

4. BOATS/MEASUREMENT

- 4.1** PHRF Boats in this event will use the currently published ECSA PHRF handicap rating for that boat. If this is not available, the ECSA Master List will be used.
- 4.2** Sailing Dinghys will be scored by the Block Island Club in their own series.
- 4.3** Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Thursday, July 9: First race of the series, of 10 evenings scheduled
- Thursday, September 10: Last race of the series.
- Saturday, September 12: Awards presentation picnic at (Location TBD).

6. ADVANCE REGISTRATION – Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/20939.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration and on the web at: www.regattanetwork.com/event/20939

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 10 evenings of races are scheduled, of which 1 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, immediately after their arrival ashore.

11. PRIZES

Final series scores will be used to award appropriate prizes for the PHRF Class at the PHRF Series Award Picnic. Dinghy Class Series Awards will be awarded by the BIC.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

By registering for this event, the person-in-charge of each boat agrees with the following:

1) All skippers and crews recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID19) associated with it. Skippers must read rule 4, Decision to Race, and acknowledge and agree that they are participating in this event entirely at their own risk.

2) Skippers and crews acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority, host club nor the race committee, nor their members will be responsible for: a) any damage to the entered boat or other property, or b) any injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as COVID-19) to skippers and crews, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.

3) Skippers and crews release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Block Island Community Sailing, Inc, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to their participation in the BICS Thursday Night Sailing Series. Skippers and crews understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or gross negligence of Block Island Community Sailing, Inc. its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any activities associated with Block Island Community Sailing, Inc.

4) Skippers and crews have taken all necessary steps to ensure that they, and their entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the Block Island Community Sailing, Inc. and/or check the event web site for further information. (www.regattanetwork.com/event/20939)

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