

Block Island Thursday Night Sailing Series

The Great Salt Pond, Block Island RI

July 9 - September 10, 2020

The Organizing Authority for this Event is Block Island Community Sailing, Inc.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020)*. The rules of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA) will apply to the PRHF class. The Class Rules for each of dinghy sailed will apply to that dinghy in the Dinghy Class.

2 ENTRIES

Competitors must preregister before racing. They may enter by completing an entry form on the event web site (www.regattanetwork.com/event/20939) and by paying by credit card or mailing the appropriate entry fee to the Regatta Chair before they compete in the series. Fees: PRHF Class: \$40, Dingy Class: \$20.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the event web site above.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the virtual flagpole located at the regatta web site listed above.

5 SCHEDULE

The warning signal for the first race will be at 1800 as follows: Each Thursday evening, starting July 9th and running through the summer with the last evening of racing in the series being September 10th. Subsequent races each evening will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be west of the Block Island Club in the Recreation Area of the Great Salt Pond.

7 COURSES and MARKS

The course will be a windward-leeward course with the start-finish line being approximately 100 yards upwind of the leeward mark. The Course will be sailed one or more times for each race. All marks will be red/black and orange balls unless other marks are designated by the race committee. All marks will be rounded to port. The attached diagram shows the course.

8 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM

The starting and finishing lines will be between an orange flag on the R/C boat and a red flag on the red and white pin buoy. The Sound Signal Starting System in Appendix S (3 minute small boat starting) of the Racing Rules will be used.

9 STARTING SEQUENCE

The racing fleets will be divided into two divisions each with its own start, three minutes apart. The first division to start will be the dinghy division. The second division to start will be the PHRF Division.

10 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 30 minutes for the first boat to sail the course in accordance with rule 28.1.

10 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.

11 PROTESTS

If a boat is fouled by another boat, they will notify the offending boat with the word "PROTEST!" clearly so the offending boat knows that the protesting boat alleges a foul. A protest flag need not be displayed. The protested boat may choose to exonerate itself by taking a one turn penalty or by withdrawing from the race. Notice of intent to protest shall be provided to the Race Committee after that race. Written Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee by hand or by email before midnight on the day of the race. A list of protests received, and their hearing status, will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible by video conference call, by the Protest Committee.

12 SCORING

Dinghy Class Scoring will be performed by the Block Island Club Sailing Staff and posted at the Block Island Club. PHRF Class Scoring will be performed by the BICS Scorer and posted to the event web site. Low Point Scoring System will be used. 10 evenings of races are scheduled. If at least 4 races are completed, each boat's worst race score will be excluded from her series score. One additional worst race score will be discarded for each 4 races sailed in the series. Points Awarded: DNC = Boats Checked in +2, DNS, DSQ, OCS, RET = Finish Boats +1,

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Thursday Night Sailing Series Course Layout. Windward – Leeward Course. All marks to be left to Port.

