



## **BICS Offshore Regatta**

**August 12, 2023**

**BI Community Sailing**

**Sponsored By**

**US Sailing**

**New Harbor Boat Basin**

**The Beachhead Restaurant**

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

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. RULES**

**1.1 The 2023 BI Community Sailing Offshore Regatta** will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021-2024).

**1.2** For the purposes of the definition of rule, the class rules shall be the rules of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA) as modified by the Sailing Instructions. See: [www.ecsa.net](http://www.ecsa.net)

**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 with a PHRF Rating. ECSA PHRF Certificates are preferred. The boats will be scored in two classes, a Spinnaker Class, and a Cruising Class.

#### **2.2 Entry requirements**

Eligible boats may register to enter online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25932>. All entries must register and pay online

**2.3** Late entries, after 0900 EDT on Race Day will not be accepted.

## **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

**3.2** All proceeds in excess of expenses will support community sailing benefit programs on Block Island.

## **4. BOATS / MEASUREMENT**

**4.1** Boats in the PHRF Class will use their currently published ECSA PHRF certificate for that boat. If this is not available, the ECSA base list handicap rating will be used. If this is not available a PHRF rating from our region will assigned by the Race Committee. For custom boats, an ECSA PHRF Rating Certificate is required.

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

## **5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Saturday, August 12 1200, First Gun, outside of the New Harbor entrance channel.  
Saturday, August 12 1830, Awards presentation party, Beachhead Restaurant, BI

**6. ADVANCE REGISTRATION** - Competitors shall register in advance online at the event web site: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25932>

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available, three days before the event at event web site: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25932>

**8. PENALTY SYSTEM** – RRS rule 44.1 (Two Turns Penalty) applies.

**9. SCORING** – Low point scoring will be used with ranking by class for each day's race.

**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 New Harbor Boat Basin, immediately after their arrival ashore.

## **11. PRIZES**

Trophies for top three finishers in each class for each race.

## **12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4,

“Decision to Race”. The Organizing Authority, the host clubs, 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. Running and participating in a sailing event is a club, skipper, and crew decision. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Practice sailing only with those who have been Covid 19 Vaccinated, follow the event's health rules, and the current State guidelines at the time of the event.

### **13. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Review the Event web site: (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25932>) or contact the Race Chair as listed below:

**Host Club: Block Island Community Sailing**  
PO Box 457  
Block Island, RI 02807  
[www.sailbi.org](http://www.sailbi.org)

**Contact:** Henry duPont  
Race Chairman  
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**Sponsors: Location Sponsor: New Harbor Boat Basin**  
**After Race Party Sponsor: The Beachhead Restaurant**