



**Block Island Thursday Night Sailing Series
June 29– September 7, 2023**

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 2023 PHRF Regulations, as administered by the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association ("ECSA"). (www.ecsa.net)
- 1.3 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 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/26717 . It is 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 executed online 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 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. The ECSA PHRF Master List is found at: [ECSA PHRF Handicap Lookup Site](#)

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

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 29: First race of the series, of 11 evenings scheduled
Thursday, September 7: Last race of the series.
Saturday, September 9: Awards presentation picnic at the NH Boat Basin

6. ADVANCE REGISTRATION – Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/26717

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration and on the web at: www.regattanetwork.com/event/26717

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 11 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.

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/26717

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