



BICS Around the Island Pursuit Race
September 1st, 2024

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Block Island Community Sailing

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.0** The BICS Around the Island Pursuit Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS2021-2024).
- 1.1** For the purposes of the definition of rule, the class rules shall be the PHRF Class rules of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association.
- 1.2** Certain rules may be changed, and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.0 ELIGIBLE CLASSES

The Regatta is open to all sailing vessels with a PHRF Rating. The boats will be scored in two classes, a Spinnaker Class and a Cruising Class.

2.1 Entry requirements

Eligible boats may register to enter online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27811>

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

2.3 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** All Classes: Preregistrations online before 0900 EDT Race Day: \$35.00
- 3.2** In the event the event is cancelled due to weather or other factors the event fee is non-refundable.

4. BOATS/MEASUREMENT

- 4.0** Boats will use the currently published ECSA PHRF handicap rating for that boat. If one is not available, the Race Committee will assign a PHRF Rating at its discretion.
- 4.1** Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 1 1200, First Start. Starting times for each boat will be announced by email to each skipper.

Sunday, September 1 1830, Awards Party, (if conditions permit), Beach Head Restaurant, Corn Neck Rd. Awards will be presented at 1900.

6. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION** – Competitors must register in advance by registering online at the event website: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27811>

7. **SCORING** – An overall ranking to determine overall winner will be determined by using the following method. Yachts sailing in the Spinnaker Class and Cruising Class will use the appropriate ECSA PHRF rating for that class.

8. **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.

9. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class.

10. 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. 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.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

Review the Event website: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27811> or contact the Race Chair as listed below:

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