WHITEBREAD 32 NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday September 27, 2025 (Foul Weather date Sept 28th)

1. RACE DESCRIPTION AND ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. Whitebread 32 is a thrilling handicapped distance race that challenges sailors to circumnavigate Shelter Island, rounding government marks along this iconic East End course. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each division, as well as for standout overall performance. More than just a race, the WB32 proudly supports the future of sailing a portion of the proceeds goes directly to youth sailing programs on Long Island's East End, helping inspire the next generation of sailors.
- 1.2. Organizing Authority is the Peconic Bay Sailing Association.

1.3. Contact Information

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2. COURSES, RENDEZVOUS & START TIMES

- 2.1. **Rendezvous** with an RC Vessel displaying code flag L in the vicinity of R18 in Little Peconic Bay. Code flag L means "Come within hail" and also "Follow Me". The location of the starting line may be adjusted according to the weather conditions.
- 2.2. Courses: The course for each subdivision will be selected from the list of courses contained in the sailing instructions. Courses will vary in length up to 30 miles. Depending on the conditions, courses may not circumnavigate Shelter Island and may include government marks in Great Peconic Bay. Different divisions may sail different courses. All courses, unless shortened, will start and finish in the vicinity of R18 in Little Peconic Bay.
- 2.3. **Start Times:** The starting order and start times for each division and subdivision will be published in the SI's. The Race Committee intends to start the slowest yachts first prior to 0900.
- 2.4. **Postponements on Race Day:** The RC will hoist flags as required by RRS 27.3 and make efforts to inform competitors of its intentions on VHF. The failure of any competitor to receive such VHF messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 6.
- 2.5. Postponement Prior to Race Day Due to Foul Weather: the Race Committee will post on the official notice board Flags AP over A to announce the Race Committee's intent to postpone until 29 September or N over H to announce that racing on both days will be abandoned. The Race Committee will communicate with entrants by email and/or via the PBSA website https://pbsa.us/

3. RULES

3.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 – 2028 except as modified here or by the Sailing Instructions.

- 3.2. **Decision to Race**: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone as stated in RRS 3 and 4. RRS 81 shall not apply.
- 3.3. **Scoring**: Scoring for each division will be PHRF/Time on Time using PHRF ratings from <u>Eastern Long</u> Island Yacht Racing Association or Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association.
- 3.4. Division Flags: Division Flags should be displayed on the backstay or stern of competing sailing vessels. Division Flags will be used as class flags in the RRS 26 Starting Sequence. The purpose of this rule is to avoid confusion in the starting area and to allow competitors in each division to identify each other more easily on the racecourse.
- 3.5. **Conflicts:** In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the SIs, the SIs shall govern. This modifies Rule 63.5 (c).
- 3.6. **Protests and Redress:** The intention to protest shall be reported by hail or VHF to the Race Committee and shall include the sail numbers of the protested yacht or yachts. This modifies RRS 60.2 and 61.2. Protests and requests for redress must be submitted in writing within the time limit. Protests and requests for redress shall be submitted to the Race Committee by email on the US Sailing Hearing Request Form. The protest time limit is two hours after the last boat finishes.
- 3.7. **Penalties**: In the spirit of Corinthian sailing, competitors are encouraged to take "turns" penalties at the time of the incident as specified in RRS 44.1 and 44.2. Failure to take turns does not preclude a competitor from taking a Scoring Penalty by displaying a yellow flag from the time of the incident until finishing and informing the Race Committee after finishing as required in RRS 44.3
- 3.8. **Protest and Redress Hearings**: Valid protests or redress requests as defined by RRS 60 and RRS 61 will be heard as soon as practical after the boats involved have finished.
- 3.9. Official Notice Board: Changes and amendments to the NOR and the SIs and hearing notices will be posted online. Reasonable efforts will be made to inform competitors via email of new postings to the Official Notice Board on the event web site. Failure to receive such alerts shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1. Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be given by the Race Committee on the water as permitted by RRS 90.2 (c). Competitors will be informed of such changes by VHF. Failure to receive such instructions shall not be grounds for redress.

4. AWARDS

First five places in each division and special awards as listed on the PBSA website.

5. SCHEDULE

September 25th 1800 Email Distribution of Sis with Scratch Sheets and Courses

September 26th 1900 Skippers Meeting at Greenport American Legion Hall

September 27th 0700 Attention Signal broadcast on VHF and via email

1800 Party and Awards Ceremony at Greenport American Legion Hall

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

6.1. Mono hull keel boats with a valid 2025 PHRF of Eastern Connecticut rating of 300 or less. The Whitebread race entry form must be completed online. Payment must be made online. The link to the entry form will be available on www.pbsa.us. Entry shall be made to either the spinnaker, non-spinnaker, or one design Fleet/Class. Division splits will be made by the race committee based on

- ratings and other criteria to improve competition and assign start times. One design classes will be assigned to PHRF divisions as appropriate for the purpose of determining overall awards.
- One design classes with at least three entries will also be scored in their own sub division. The results of these Race Committee decisions will be published as an addendum to the SIs.
- 6.2. A valid 2025 rating from PHRF of Eastern Connecticut must be submitted in order for a yacht to be scored. Entry shall not be complete until a valid PHRF rating has been received.

7. ENTRY DEADLINES

September 6 (2400)	\$85.00 early bird entry and first timer \$55.00 entry end. All entries after midnight will be \$115.00.
September 22 (2400)	Late entry deadline. Changes between divisions will not be accepted.
September 23 (2400)	Entries of boats without ratings will be cancelled and entry fees refunded.

- 8. **ENTRY FEES**: The entry fee is \$85.00. *If you are entering the Whitebread for the first time, the entry fee is \$55.00.* The fee for all entries after September 6 is \$115.00. Entry fees are due by September 22.
- 8.1. **Refund of Entry Fee**: Race entry fees of yachts submitting written notice of withdrawal to the Regatta Chair prior to midnight on September 22 may be refunded on a case-by-case basis. After midnight on September 22rd, abandonment of racing by the race committee due to weather conditions shall not be sufficient reason to refund entry fees.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND RACE PACKETS

- 9.1. **General Sailing Instructions:** Sailing instructions will be posted on the event website in September.
- 9.2. **Division Splits and Start Sequence Times:** Following **the September 22nd** deadline for late entries and division changes, division splits and start times will be published on the event web site and in the SIs.

SOCIAL - Additional Information Not Part of the Notice of Race

Fees for social events are not included in the race entry fee. A skippers meeting-will be held on September 26th at the Greenport American Legion https://greenportamericanlegion.org/. The after party will be held at the Greenport American Legion on September 27th, 6-10pm. Tickets will be sold in advance and will include a catered dinner, open bar, dancing and the awards ceremony. Awards will be presented at 1900 hours. After party entrance is not included in the race entry fee. Family, friends and sailing community members are welcome and encouraged so long as they are ticketed. Entrance to the Awards Ceremony will be by ticket only. Tickets will be sold in advance and will include a Catered Dinner, Open Bar, and Dancing from 6-10pm.