



Brent C. Donahue Memorial Cross Sound Race

September 19, 2009
Start Time 1000 hrs

Sailing Instructions

1-Rules

- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, as adopted by U.S. Sailing, shall govern, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Before the warning signal for her division, each yacht shall approach the stern of the committee boat with mainsail raised, on starboard tack, and declare her intention to sail by calling out her sail number, division and PHRF rating. A yacht arriving late shall not approach the committee boat during a starting sequence.
- 1.3 A yacht withdrawing from the race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible (via Ch 68) but not later than the expiration of the time limit, which will be 1700 hours.
- 1.4 Sufficient fuel shall be carried aboard all yachts to provide for a minimum of 10 miles of propulsion in the event of an emergency.
- 1.5 Monohull yachts, 24 feet and larger with current YRA of LIS ratings and sufficient auxiliary power are eligible.

2-Schedule of Race

- 2.1 Harbor Gun at 0900 hrs.
- 2.2 Rendezvous with the committee boat in the vicinity of Flasher "2A" at the entrance to Black Rock Harbor, at approximately 0930 hrs.
- 2.3 First warning signal at 1000 hrs.
- 2.4 Time limit for the race is 1700 hrs.

3-Divisions

- 3.1 There will be three divisions.

Division I -PHRF-Spinnaker, rating less than 100
Division II-PHRF-Spinnaker, rating 100 or greater
Division III-PHRF-Non-Spinnaker

- 3.2 *The Race Committee may adjust the ratings break prior to the start. Changes to the scratch sheet will be posted in accordance with Section 11.*
- 3.3 Class Flags will be the numeral Pennant corresponding to the division number.

4-Courses & Signals

- 4.1 Courses will be signaled by letters posted on the committee boat. Marks are to be rounded in the order in which they are posted on the course board. Course marks are designated on the attached BRYC Course Mark sheet. Roman numerals will be used to designate divisions.
- 4.2 The spinnaker divisions will sail the same course. The non-spinnaker division(s) may, or may not, sail the same course as the other divisions.
- 4.4 All Rounding marks of the course are to be left on the same side as the starting mark “B”.
- 4.5 Postponement will be signaled by the Answering Pennant “AP” and two (2) audible sounds. “AP” will be lowered with one (1) audible sound. The warning signal for the next division to start will be given one (1) minute after “AP” is lowered and the starting sequence will resume.
- 4.6 Individual recalls will be signaled by displaying Code Flag “X” and one (1) audible sound. An infringing boat will be recalled by her name or sail number and an attempt will be made to notify her over VHF Channel 68. This modifies RRS 29.1. Failure to notify such boat does not relieve her of the responsibility for making a proper start.
- 4.7 General recalls will be signaled with Code Flag First Substitute “FS” and two (2) audible sounds. A new preparatory signal will be made for the recalled division one (1) minute after lowering “FS” and one (1) audible sound. Succeeding divisions shall follow the order of the new start. In the event of a General Recall, RRS 30.1 I Flag Rule shall be in effect for the restarted Division.
- 4.8 The signal to abandon all races in progress will be Code Flag “N” and three (3) audible sounds. An attempt will be made to inform all boats of the abandonment over **VHF Channel 68**.
- 4.9 The Race Committee may shorten the race by displaying Code Flag “S” once the committee boat is on-station at the new finish line.

5-Signal Made Ashore

- 5.1 Postponements, cancellations or other information may be signaled from ashore. Signal flags, if required, will be flown from the main flagpole at BRYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP.

6-Starts and Finishes

- 6.1 The starting line will be between a white flag on the committee boat and the starting mark "B".
- 6.2 Races will be started using RRS rule 26 with no changes:

Warning- 5 Minutes before Start: Division Pennant Up, One (1) sound.
Preparatory-4 Minutes before Start: "P" Flag Up, One (1) sound.
One Minute before Start: "P" Flag removed, One (1) long sound.
Start: Division Pennant Removed, One (1) sound.
- 6.3 The Race Committee, at their discretion, may start the Divisions in any order or together.
- 6.4 Yachts sailing in a Division not yet starting, *must keep clear* of the starting area once the Preparatory Signal has been made for a starting division.
- 6.5 The Finish line will be between a white flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark "B".

7-Protests

- 7.1 Protests will be accepted only if in accordance with the U.S. Sailing Rules, 2009-2012, RRS Part 5.
- 7.2 If a yacht skipper intends to file a protest, that skipper shall verbally inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing or withdrawing.
- 7.3 The protest form, which is available on the Committee Boat, shall be submitted to a member of the Race Committee, or a BRYC launch operator, no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 7.4 All parties to a protest will be notified of the time and place of the protest hearing.

8-Radio Communication

- 8.1 While racing, no yacht shall make radio transmissions, except when necessary for the safety of a yacht & her crew, or advising of withdrawal.
- 8.2 It is the intention of the RC to monitor **VHF Channel 68** during the race, but primarily for safety purposes and for acknowledging withdrawals, etc.
- 8.3 [intentionally left blank].

9-Scoring

- 9.1 The PHRF time on time scoring system will be used. $TCF=650/(550+PHRF)$

- 9.2 A Standard YRA of LIS (Western Region) PHRF rating will be assigned to any participant who did not provide a YRA of LIS(Western Region) Rating Certificate. The RC shall have the authority to amend or assign ratings to boats not providing a valid PHRF Certificate.

10-Prizes

- 10.1 Trophies will be awarded to all divisions started, as follows: First Place, Second Place, and Third Place.
- 10.2 The Brent C. Donahue Memorial Cross Sound perpetual trophy will be awarded to the yacht finishing with the best overall corrected time for Spinnaker Divisions. The perpetual trophy will be held at Black Rock Yacht Club.
- 10.3 The Commodore Lever & Family “C-Revel” perpetual trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the best overall corrected time for Non-Spinnaker Divisions. The perpetual trophy will be held at Black Rock Yacht Club.
- 10.4 There will be an awards ceremony at Black Rock Yacht Club immediately following the completion of the race.
- 10.5 The Commodore’s Combined Spinnaker Division award will be awarded to the boats placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the combined scoring of the spinnaker divisions for the PYC Faulkner Island Race and the BRYC Cross Sound races. The fleet finish for all spinnaker divisions for both races will be aggregated and the lowest fleet scores will be awarded 1, 2, and 3. Boats must fly spinnakers in both races to be eligible.

11- Amendments/Notice to Competitors/

- 11.1 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and other notices to competitors will be posted on the outdoor bulletin board located on the BRYC Clubhouse prior to 0830, and it will be the responsibility of the skippers to check for any pertinent information, changes, etc., affecting the race.
- 11.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day of the race
- 11.3 Any changes to the scratch sheet and Division assignments will be posted before 0830 on the day of the race.
- 11.4 For the benefit of skippers and crew, 15 minutes prior to the start of the race, the Race Committee will advise the fleet on VHF Channel #68 if there have been any amendments. Skippers that have not obtained copies of the amendment, scratch sheet or other notices at BRYC may collect a copy from the Race Committee boat prior to the Warning Signal.

12-Yacht Safety

- 12.1 Each competitor is solely responsible for his\her own safety, the safety of his\her crew, and the seaworthiness of his\her yacht and equipment. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. Each skipper is responsible for determining if his\her vessel and crew are capable of sailing in the prevailing conditions or adverse conditions, which may arise. Black Rock Yacht Club and its representatives are in no way responsible for accidents or injuries to yachts or personnel suffered from any cause during or related to this event.

- 12.2 It is required that all yachts shall meet all applicable Coast Guard requirements and any state or local requirements, as appropriate, including, but not limited to: lights, PFD's, fire extinguishers, signaling devices, etc.
- 12.3 Strict adherence to the "Rules of the Road" and COLREGS will be expected and any infraction thereof will be grounds for disqualification from the event. It must be understood that by participating in this event, yachts do not become the "privileged" or "stand-on" vessel and that proper right-of-way must always be given.

End
September 14, 2009



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Cross Sound Race-Course Marks

- A** Flasher “2A” Black Rock Harbor (Not a turning mark)
- B** BRYC Starting/Finish Mark. Either an Orange Inflatable or a “Pin”.
- C** Bridgeport Outer Channel Buoy RW “BH” WHIS
- E** FL R Bell “2” at Middleground
- H** Port Jefferson Outer Channel Buoy RW “PJ” WHIS
- M** Gong “11A” ½ nm North of Old Field Point, L.I.
- R** Fl G “1” Stony Brook (Smithtown Bay) L.I.
- T** RW “NR” Smithtown Bay, L.I.
- W** Bridgeport Channel Marker G 3
- X** Bridgeport Channel Marker G 9
- Z** Special Mark 1 mile Windward of the Committee Boat