

STORM TRYSAIL CLUB

60th BLOCK ISLAND RACE

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2005

Notice of Race

RULES: The race will be governed by the rules as defined by the 2005-2008 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. RRS 41 is modified to allow Double Handed entrants to communicate amongst themselves by VHF while racing.

ELIGIBILITY: (a) The Block Island Race is open to mono-hull boats of no less than 29 feet LOA owned by or under charter to members of yacht clubs or organizations affiliated directly or through regional associations with the United States Sailing Association. The provision for US Sailing affiliation is waived for boats of foreign registry; (b) All boats entering the Block Island Race shall have self-righting hulls, shall be properly rigged and ballasted, shall be fully seaworthy and shall meet the standards set forth in the current Offshore Racing Council Special Regulations, as modified by US Sailing for Category 3 races, with the following changes and additions:

(1) Each boat shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 72; (2) A life raft shall be carried while racing but need not have a canopy; (3) All crew shall comply with the enclosed Storm Trysail Club Recommended Guidelines adopted in January 2004. They are also available on the STC website www.stormtrysail.org.

(c) Racing will be conducted in PHRF classes for boats rating from 21 to 175; and (d) Racing will be conducted in IRC classes for boats rating PHRF 90 or faster.

All boats racing in IRC classes must have an IRC rating certificate. Boats rating PHRF 51 through 90 must provide an IRC rating certificate, except those racing for the New England Lighthouse Series Trophy (PHRF 21 and higher) may compete in PHRF by indicating their intention to do so on the Entry Form. The certificate may be "Endorsed," but endorsement is not required. All other boats racing in IRC classes (PHRF 50 or faster) must provide an "Endorsed" IRC rating certificate.

Racing using IRC ratings will be offered for boats rating between 91 and 175 PHRF if there is sufficient interest.

There may be Double Handed Classes for IRC rated boats if sufficient entries are received.

START: Red Bell "32" (The Cows) off Stamford.

FINISH: Immediately northerly of the entrance to Stamford Harbor.

COURSE: From the Start, around Block Island (leaving it to starboard), then to the Finish, leaving Red Bell "32" (The Cows) to starboard, for a total of 186 NM.

STARTING TIME: First start at 1700 hours. Double Handed and Small boats start first.

ENTRY FEE: \$150.00 for completed entries received by Friday, May 20, 2005. A \$50.00 late fee will apply for entries received after May 20, 2005. **Absolutely no entry will be accepted after 1200 hours Wednesday, May 25, 2005.** Entries must be on the official Storm Trysail Club entry form. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry.

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each division. A Team Race Trophy will be awarded to the boat club whose team compiles the best score computed based on the results of the 60th Block Island Race. A team shall consist of three boats whose owners are members of the same yacht club regardless of the class in which each boat sails. In order to be scored for the Team Racing Trophy, each team must submit a Team Application to the Storm Trysail office prior to May 23rd.

DETAILS: The Storm Trysail Club, 1 Woodbine Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538 or call 914-834-8857. Or our Web Site <http://stormtrysail.org>

NOTE: The Block Island Race is a qualifier for the **Northern Ocean Racing Trophy (IRC)** and the **New England Lighthouse Series (PHRF)**. For more details consult the YRA handbook. The Block Island Race is also a qualifier for the **Caper, Sagola and Windigo trophies** awarded by the YRA of Long Island Sound and the NEW **"Tuna Trophy"** for the best IRC combined scores in the EDLU (40%) and the Block Island Race (60%)