



THE STONINGTON HARBOR YACHT CLUB

Twelfth Annual Big Jack Block-Island Pursuit Race Saturday, September 6th, 2025, at 1030 hrs. Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

1 Organizing Authority

1.1 This regatta is organized by the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club

2 Eligibility and Entry

2.1 All sailboats 20 ft. or more LOA are eligible.

2.2 Boats with a PHRF Rating Certificate shall attach it to the entry form specifying their rating for spinnaker and non-spinnaker. Boats without a Certificate will be assigned a Rating by the Race Committee. These ratings may not be protested. Boats will need to advise the race committee by September 6th at 12 noon if they plan to fly a spinnaker or not fly a spinnaker.

2.3 Entry. SHYC Racing is now paperless! Entry is made by completing an online entry/waiver form along with an online payment using credit/debit card, waivers are available on the SHYC Public Racing page, www.shyc.us/public-racing, or on the SHYC Member Racing Page, www.shyc.us/racing-private. Competitors are asked to complete the Entry/Waiver Form and payment by September 4th.

2.4 Entry fee is \$35 which will be donated to the Special Olympics Sailing Program.

2.5 Register by clicking [HERE](#).

3 Classes

3.1 There will be one class. This is a Pursuit Race: each, individual boats will be assigned a different starting time based on her PHRF rating. Slower rated boats will start earlier than faster rated boats. The assigned starting time for each boat will be listed on the scratch sheet available at the Clubhouse after 1800 hrs. Sept. 5th, or by calling Race Committee on VHF 79 between 0930 and 1015 hrs. Sept. 6th.

4 Rules

4.1 This race will be governed by *The International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea* (COLREGS) and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict between the NOR and these SI's, the SI's will govern.

4.2 All boats intending to race must pass under the Committee Boat's stern and check in prior to 1015 hrs.

4.3 Spinnakers or loose luff reachers may be used only if the boat has a valid PHRF certificate for such sails. Otherwise, cruising canvas must be used.

5 Courses

5.1 The selected course will be specified on the course board mounted on top

of the Committee boat.

Course 'A' - Start, to Bell "R2" (Block Island)

Course 'B' - Start, to Bell "R4" (Block Island), thence to Bell "R2".

5.2 There will be no Committee boat at the Finish Line. Each boat will take her own time (GPS) as she comes abreast Bell "R2" and report it to the Scorer on shore. The first boat passing abreast "R2" will be the winner, the second the runner up, etc.

6 The Start

6.1 The Committee Boat will anchor approximately 1 nm east of Watch Hill Passage. The Starting Line will be between an orange flag displayed on its port side and an orange inflated tetrahedron anchored approximately 50 yards to port.

6.2 The initial starting sequence will begin at 1025 hrs. and will be a standard 5-minute start, i.e., 1025 hrs – Class Flag (Pennant 'One') up, one horn; 1026 hrs – 'P' flag up, one horn; 1029 hrs. – 'P' flag down, one long horn; 1030 hrs. – Class Flag down, one horn, Start. (For the first boat.)

6.3 Remaining boats will start in the order and at the time shown on the scratch sheet. They will get one horn at their start time.

6.4 Boats OCS at their start time must return to the start side by passing around either end of the starting line.

6.5 Boats may start after their start time by up to 15 minutes but must stay clear of other boats starting on time.

7 The Finish

7.1 Because each boat's handicap is taken into account through differing starting times, the winner, runner-up, etc. will be determined by the actual sequence in which boats pass abreast "R2". See also 5.2, above.

7.2 Each boat will note the GPS time at which she passed abreast "R2" in case there is a dispute over the order of passage.

7.3 Any boat failing to finish by 1600 hrs. will be scored DNF.

8 Protests

8.1 Competitors are encouraged to settle their protests on the water.

9 Liability Waiver

9.1 Each skipper must sign the waiver of liability form that is part of the Entry Form. Each crewmember must sign, or have signed within the past year, the separate waiver of liability form is available in hard copy at the Clubhouse or on the Club website [HERE](#).

10 Shore Party and Awards

10.1 A shore party will be held after the race. Awards for first, second and third places will be announced at the party. The party will be held at Dead Eye Dicks on Block Island from 4pm to 6 pm.