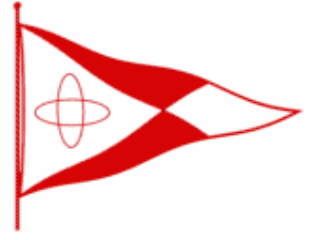


THE TWENTY HUNDRED CLUB BRIDGE FIASCO

Sunday, June 7, 2020

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THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY IS THE TWENTY HUNDRED CLUB



OBJECTIVE -To sail under Narragansett Bay's three bridges in the shortest time.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020* (RRS) and these Sailing Instructions.
- b. Power-driven winches and furlers are permitted.
THIS CHANGES RRS 52 (MANUAL POWER).
- c. The protest committee may impose a penalty other than a DSQ which may include a warning.
THIS CHANGES RRS 64.1.
- d. All participating boats will comply with the US Safety Equipment Requirements published by US Sailing for the "US Nearshore" racing category. The requirements are available here:
https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US_SER_2019.0_Categories.pdf
- e. Cruising Canvas Rules:
 - i. Spinnakers, Mizzen spinnakers, and mizzen Staysails are not allowed.
 - ii. Only one sail at a time may be used forward of the mainmast except where a staysail may be used on a standard double-headed cutter rig. This does NOT prohibit a transient condition during sail changes.

2. ENTRIES

- a. Eligible boats may be entered by submitting the necessary registration and payment to the organizing authority at twentyhundredclub.org.
- b. Eligible competitors shall have a valid PHRF certificate from PHRF-NB.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be available from the committee boat.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the twentyhundredclub.org website no later than two (2) hours before the first scheduled warning signal.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

All signals will be made from the committee boat. No signals will be made ashore.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACE

Sunday, June 7, 2020 – 0900 hours warning signal. There will be only one race.

7. CLASS FLAGS

NA

8. THE START AND STARTING SEQUENCE

- a. The starting line will be between GR C Fiske Rock and RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island. A race committee boat will be "on station" for announcements and timing purposes.
- b. This is a pursuit start. The first warning will be at 0900. The first start will be at 0905. GPS time will be used. Starting time for each boat is as designated in the time schedule for PHRF ratings, as contained in Appendix A. **THIS CHANGES RRS 26.** Appendix A will be available on the twentyhundredclub.org website no later than 1900 on the evening before the race.
- c. The race committee will attempt to alert the fleet of upcoming starts on VHF Ch. 72.
- d. Boats shall keep clear of the starting area until five minutes before their assigned start time and shall keep clear of boats starting earlier and later.



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- e. Boats may cross the starting line **in either direction** at or after their assigned starting time.
- f. Per RRS 42.3(i), a boat may use any means of propulsion until five minutes before its assigned start time.
- g. The start/finish line is open and may be crossed when starting, finishing or during racing but without interfering with boats starting. **THIS CHANGES RRS 63.1.**
- h. RRS 30.1 shall apply to the start. For this race, the “course side” shall be that side of the starting line on which the boat sails away after starting.
- i. Any boat registered after the starting times have been set, and having a PHRF-NB rating higher than the largest rating used for assigning starting times, will start 5 minutes after the General Warning, and will receive no adjustment to her finish time.

- b. There shall be no general recalls. **THIS CHANGES RRS 29.2.**

11. THE COURSE

- a. The course is defined by the center spans of the Three Bridges: Jamestown Verrazano Bridge, Claiborne Pell Newport Bridge, Mt. Hope Bridge.
- b. Boats may sail under these bridges from the starting line in any order and in any direction.
- c. Boats must pass fully under the center span of each bridge before continuing her course. “Pass fully under” means that all of a boat and any attachments sails from completely clear on one side of the center span to completely clear on the opposite side of that center span.
- d. All three bridges must be passed fully under before crossing the finish line.
- e. The course length is 27.8 nm.
- f. There is no short course.

12. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- a. All boats must check in with the Race Committee by sail number at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned starting time **and report if sailing as Single or Double handed.**
- b. **Competitors sailing Single or Double handed are permitted to use autopilots.**
- c. The race committee will monitor Channel 72 and all competitors are expected to continuously monitor this channel.
- d. Aids to navigation need not be passed on their proper sides. The captain is responsible for navigating in a manner to assure the safety of the vessel and her crew.
- e. Competitors are advised that Narragansett Bay is regarded as a Narrow Channel for the purposes of Rule 9(b). International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).
- f. **Competitors are advised that the DEM has issued guidance on how to stay safe while boating during COVID-19. Links to this guidance can be found at the Twenty Hundred Club web site. Skippers are strongly urged to review this information before racing,**

13. THE FINISH

- a. The finish line will be between GR C Fiske Rock and RG N “PI” South of Prudence Island.
- b. Boats will cross the finish line **in the direction required by RRS 28.2.** The required finish direction of a boat may be the same as or opposite to the direction that she crossed the start line.
- c. To assist the Race Committee, all boats shall announce their intent to finish and their sail

Time	Signal	Sound Signal & Flag
09:00:00	General Warning	Horn & Blue Flag
09:01:00	General Prep	Horn & Blue Flag drops
09:04:00	One Minute	Horn & Red Flag
09:04:30	Clear	Red Flag drops
09:05:00	First Start	Horn, Red Flag
09:05:30	Clear	Red Flag drops

With each subsequent start signal the Red Flag will be dropped at least 30 seconds prior to the next start without a sound. That start will indicated by the raising of a Red Flag and Horn.

9. POSTPONEMENTS

- a. Postponement of race shall be in accordance with RRS 27.3.
- b. If a postponement is necessary, the race committee will signal postponements in multiples of 10-minute intervals and will advise the fleet accordingly via VHF Ch. 72.
- c. In the event of a postponement, all subsequent signals will be adjusted by the time of postponement. The race committee will continue to attempt to alert the fleet of impending starts on VHF Ch. 72.

10. RECALLS

- a. There shall be no individual recalls. Boats who have started earlier than their start time shall have that amount of time added to their elapsed time as well as a further 10% time penalty. **THIS CHANGES RRS 28.2 and 29.1.**

number via VHF Ch. 72 approximately 0.5 nm before reaching the finish line.

- d. If the RC boat is not on station, when the boat passes between GR C Fiske Rock (bears 198 degrees magnetic) and RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island (bears 018 degrees magnetic), she shall be finished.
- e. Competitors should be prepared to take their own finish time (in hh:mm:ss.) **If an RC boat is not on station, take your own GPS time as you finish and note the boats finishing just ahead and just behind you. Report to the Race Committee as soon as possible your time and those two closest boats.**

14. TIME LIMIT

There is no time limit.

15. PROTESTS

- a. Boats intending to protest shall display a red flag and announce the protest via VHF Ch. 72 at the first reasonable opportunity for each.
- b. Boats intending to protest must notify the race committee immediately upon crossing the finish line.
- c. Protests shall be written on forms available from the race committee boat, and lodged within one hour after the protesting boat finishes.
- d. Hearing times will be announced via email to all competitors.

16. SCORING

- a. Since a Time Allowance is applied to determine starting times, no adjustment will be applied to finish times.
- b. The low point scoring system, Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.
- c. **To encourage social distancing and limiting crew size this year, special awards will be given for Single handed and Double handed crews.**

17. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- a. The 720-degree turns penalty, RRS 44.1 and 44.2, will apply.
- b. RRS 30.1, "Round an End" rule applies at the start

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- a. Competitors may contact the race committee on Channel 72 and are expected to monitor this channel.
- b. Participants are encouraged (but not required) to use RaceQs at www.raceqs.com to self-report your race. To use RaceQs, a free account for your boat is required. A free iOS or Android app is also required. A "THC Bridge Fiasco" site hosted by

RaceQs will be available for uploading data and viewing participant replay.