



## THE TWENTY HUNDRED CLUB BRIDGE FIASCO

Saturday, 22 May 2021, 0900

Storm Date: Sunday, 23 May 2021, 0900

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

Please Note: Under **2021-2024 RRS Appendix J**, "A rule in the notice of race need not be repeated in the sailing instructions." Sailors are advised that they must use the [NOR and the SI](#) documents together going forward. For this year only, reminders will be included below when information is omitted from the SI because it is included in the NOR.

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in [2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#), the Twenty Hundred Club 2021 Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions (SI.)
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) for this event is the Twenty Hundred Club.
- 1.3 US Sailing Safety Requirements for the "US Nearshore" category are applicable for this event. Details are on the US Sailing website at: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Monohull-SER-2021.0.pdf>. In addition to the US Nearshore racing requirements, all sailors under the age of 18 must wear a U.S. Coast guard approved PFD at all times while racing.
- 1.4 Cruising Canvas Rules:
  - 1.4.1 Spinnakers, Mizzen spinnakers, and mizzen Staysails are not allowed.
  - 1.4.2 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.

See NOR for changes to **RRS 52** and **RRS 64.1**.



## **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the [twentyhundredclub.org](http://twentyhundredclub.org) website no later than two (2) hours before the first scheduled warning signal.

## **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be available from the Race Committee boat.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee will monitor and communicate with competitors via radio on VHF channel 72. **All competitors are expected to continuously monitor this channel.**
- 3.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 All signals will be made from the Race Committee boat. No signals will be made ashore.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACE**

- 6.1 Saturday, 22 May 2021 – 0900 hours warning signal. The storm date for this race is Sunday, 23 May 2021 – 0900 hours warning signal. There will be only one race.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1 Class flags will not be used in this event.

## **8 RACING AREA**

- 8.1 The racing area includes the East and West Passages of Narragansett Bay and nearby adjacent waters.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 The course is defined by the center spans of the Three Bridges: Jamestown Verrazano Bridge, Claiborne Pell Newport Bridge, Mt. Hope Bridge.
- 9.2 Boats may sail under these bridges from the starting line in any order and in any direction.

- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 All three bridges must be passed fully under before crossing the finish line.
- 9.5 The course length is 27.8 nm. There is no short course.
- 9.6 The course will not be shortened. This changes **RRS 32**.
- 9.7 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.
- 9.8 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).

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island is used as the start and finish mark for this event.
- 10.2 There are no rounding marks for this event.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 This is a pursuit start. The first warning will be at 0900. The first start will be at 0905. GPS time will be used.
- 11.2 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](http://twentyhundredclub.org) website no later than 1900 on the evening before the race.
- 11.3 All boats must check in with the Race Committee by sail number at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned starting time.
- 11.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a white or orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark, RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island.
- 11.5 The Race Committee will attempt to alert the fleet of upcoming starts on VHF channel 72.
- 11.6 A boat may use any means of propulsion until five minutes before its assigned start time.

- 11.7 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.
- 11.8 Boats may cross the starting line **in either direction** at or after their assigned starting time.
- 11.9 The start/finish line is open and may be crossed when starting, finishing or during racing but without interfering with boats starting.
- 11.10 **RRS 30.1** shall apply to the start. For starting this race, the "course side" shall be that side of the starting line on which the boat sails away after starting.
- 11.11 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.
- 11.12 Pursuit starting sequence:

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 be indicated by the raising of a Red Flag and Horn.

## **12 POSTPONEMENTS**

- 12.1 Postponement of race shall be in accordance with **RRS 27.3**.
- 12.2 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 channel 72.
- 12.3 In the event of a postponement, all subsequent signals will be adjusted by the duration of postponement. The Race Committee will continue to attempt to alert the fleet of impending starts on VHF channel 72.

## **13 RECALLS**

13.1 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.**

13.2 There shall be no general recalls. **This changes RRS 29.2.**

## **14 THE FINISH**

14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a white or orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark, RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island.

14.2 Boats will cross the finish line **in the direction required by RRS definition of "Finish."** For finishing this race, the "course side" of the finish line shall be the side connected by a straight line from the finish line to the center of the last bridge span passed under while racing. The required finish direction of a boat may be the same as or opposite to the direction that she crossed the start line.

14.3 To assist the Race Committee, all boats shall announce their intent to finish and their sail number via VHF channel 72 approximately 0.5 nm before reaching the finish line.

14.4 If the Race Committee boat is not on station, when RG N "PI" South of Prudence Island bears 016 degrees magnetic and is within 10 boat lengths, the boat shall be finished.

14.5 Competitors should be prepared to take their own finish time (in hh:mm:ss.) **If a Race Committee 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.**

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1 The 720-degree turns penalty, **RRS 44.1** and **44.2**, will apply.

15.2 **RRS 30.1**, "Round an End" rule applies at the start.

15.3 **RRS Appendix P** does not apply.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

16.1 There is no time limit.

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 Boats intending to protest shall display a red flag and announce the protest via VHF channel 72 at the first reasonable opportunity for each.
- 17.2 Boats intending to protest must notify the Race Committee immediately upon crossing the finish line.
- 17.3 Protests shall be written on a form available from the Race Committee boat or on a downloaded hearing request form from [https://www.sailing.org/raceofficials/eventorganizers/regatta\\_protest\\_forms.php](https://www.sailing.org/raceofficials/eventorganizers/regatta_protest_forms.php) Protests must be lodged within one hour after the protesting boat finishes.
- 17.4 Hearing times will be announced via email to all competitors.
- See NOR for changes to **RRS 64.2**.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 Since a Time Allowance is applied to determine start times, no adjustment will be applied to finish times, except as provided in Rule 13.1 above for early starts.
- See NOR for more scoring details.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 PRIZES**

See NOR.

## **21 RISK STATEMENT**

- 21.1 **RRS 3** states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **22 INSURANCE**

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

## **23 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 23.1 No post-race party is planned.
- 23.2 Participants are encouraged (but not required) to use RaceQs at [www.raceqs.com](http://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 Three Bridges" site hosted by RaceQs will be available for uploading data and viewing participant replay.
- 23.3 Further information about this event is available by contacting the OA at [RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org](mailto:RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org).