



THE TWENTY HUNDRED CLUB
Annual Block Island Race 2021
Newport to BI: Saturday, 7 August 2021, 1030
Storm Date, to BI Only: Sunday, 8 August 2021, 1030
BI to Newport: Monday, 9 August 2021, 1030

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 The protest committee may impose a penalty other than a DSQ which may include a warning. **THIS CHANGES RRS 64.2.**



1.5 Cruising Canvas Rules:

- 1.5.1 Spinnakers, mizzen spinnakers, and mizzen staysails are not allowed.
- 1.5.2 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**.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the SI will be posted on the www.twentyhundredclub.org website no later than two (2) hours before the first scheduled warning signal.
- 2.2 Any changes to the SI posted within 48 hours before the first scheduled warning signal will also be announced by the Race Committee via radio on VHF channel 72.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 All notices to competitors prior to 0600 on the day of the race will be posted on www.twentyhundredclub.org. Any notices after 0600 will be made by the Race Committee on VHF channel 72.
- 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 No signals will be made ashore. All signals will be made from the Race Committee boat.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACE

6.1 Race from Newport to Block Island:

Saturday, 7 August 2021 - 1030 hours first warning signal. The storm date for this race is Sunday, 8 August 2021 - 1030 hours first warning signal There will be only one race.

6.2 Race from Block Island to Newport:

Monday, 9 August 2021 - 1030 hours first warning signal. There is no storm date for this race. There will be only one race.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class flags may be used in this event.

7.2 When used, the class flags will be:

Class & Division	Class Flag
Cruising II	Green
Cruising I	Yellow
Spinnaker B	Blue
Spinnaker A	Red
Multihull	White

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area includes Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island Sound and Block Island Sound.

8.2 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).

9 COURSES

9.1 Newport to Block Island Course: From the starting line to G "1BI" Fl G 4s BELL, Block Island, to port; to finish. (21.20 NM)

9.2 Block Island to Newport Course: From the starting line to G "1BI" Fl G 4s BELL, Block Island, to starboard; to finish. (21.20 NM)

9.3 The following aids to navigation must be passed on the proper side at all times:

Identification	Common Name	Approximate Location
G "11" QG BELL	The Dumplings	
G "9" FI G 2.5s GONG	Fort Wetherill	S of Bull Pt.
R "6" BELL	Butter Ball Rock	
R "4" GONG	Brenton Reef	0.5 NM SW of Brenton Pt.
R "2" QR WHIS	Brenton Point	1.0 NM SSW of Brenton Pt
R "2A" BELL	Seal Ledge	1.0 NM SSE of Brenton Pt.

Other 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.

9.4 The Race Committee may shorten the course at any mark by announcing the new finish mark on VHF channel 72. The Race Committee boat shall also fly code flag "S" in that event.

10 MARKS

10.1 Course marks will be government buoys.

10.2 The starting marks for this event are:

10.2.1 Newport to Block Island – G "3" GONG, SE of Rose Island

10.2.2 Block Island to Newport – R "2" BELL, 0.3 NM NW of entrance to Great Salt Pond (New Harbor)

10.3 The finish marks for this event are:

10.3.1 Newport to Block Island - R "2" BELL, 0.3 NM NW of entrance to Great Salt Pond (New Harbor)

10.3.2 Block Island to Newport - G "3" GONG, SE of Rose Island

10.4 Course mark:

Identification	Common Name	Approximate Location
G "1BI" FI G 4s BELL	Block Island	1.5 NM N of Sandy Pt.

11 THE START

11.1 The race will be started in accordance with **RRS 26**. The first warning signal will be at 1030. The first start will be at 1035. GPS time will be used.

- 11.2 All boats must check in with the Race Committee by sail number at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned starting time.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a white or orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark:
- 11.3.1 For Newport to Block Island Race, G "3" GONG, SE of Rose Island
- 11.3.2 For Block Island to Newport Race, R "2" BELL, 0.3 NM NW of entrance to Great Salt Pond (New Harbor)
- 11.3.3 The Race Committee may substitute a temporary float for the designated start mark in the event that the designated start mark is not sufficiently accessible for starting the race.
- 11.3.4 In the event of a start mark substitution, the Race Committee will announce the substitution on VHF channel 72 at least 10 minutes before the first warning signal.
- 11.4 Boats shall keep clear of the starting area until five minutes before their assigned start time.
- 11.5 Starting sequence:

Time	Signal	Sound & Flags
1030	Cruising II Warning	Horn, Green raised
1031	Cruising II Preparatory	Horn, "P" raised
1034	Cruising II One Minute	Long Horn, "P" drops
1035	Cruising II Start Cruising I Warning	Horn, Green drops, Yellow raised
1036	Cruising I Preparatory	Horn, "P" raised
1039	Cruising I One Minute	Long Horn, "P" drops
1040	Cruising I Start Spinnaker B Warning	Horn, Yellow drops, Blue raised
1041	Spinnaker B Preparatory	Horn, "P" raised
1044	Spinnaker B One Minute	Long Horn, "P" drops
1045	Spinnaker B Start Spinnaker A Warning	Horn, Blue drops, Red raised
1046	Spinnaker A Preparatory	Horn, "P" raised
1049	Spinnaker A One Minute	Long Horn, "P" drops
1050	Spinnaker A Start Multihull Warning*	Horn, Red drops, White raised
1051	Multihull Preparatory*	Horn, "P" raised
1054	Multihull One Minute*	Long Horn, "P" drops
1055	Multihull Start*	Horn, White drops

*As needed based on entries

This sequence is provided as a guide. Times may change in the event of a postponement or recall.

- 11.6 Multiple starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee by announcing the change on VHF channel 72 at least 5 minutes before the earliest affected start time.
- 11.7 If no Race Committee boat is on station for the start, the following will apply:
- 11.7.1 The Newport to Block Island start line will be between GC "1" and G "3" GONG. All competitors are reminded of shoal water immediately North of GC "1" and strongly cautioned to honor GC "1" at all times.
 - 11.7.2 The Block Island to Newport starting line will be between R "2" BELL and F R 49 ft 8M "4" HORN (MRASS). All competitors are reminded of shoal water up to 100 feet from shore West of F R "4" and strongly cautioned to stay closer to R "2" at all times.
 - 11.7.3 There will be no signal flags. However, **RRS 30.4** Black Flag shall be considered in effect.
 - 11.7.4 GPS time will be used by competitors to start at their assigned times specified in Rule 11.6 above with sound signals and a verbal countdown on VHF channel 72 made by a competitor designated by the OA.

12 POSTPONEMENTS

- 12.1 Before a start signal, the Race Committee may for any reason postpone a start or abandon the race.
- 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 on VHF channel 72. **THIS CHANGES RRS 27.3.**
- 12.3 If an abandonment is necessary, the Race Committee will advise the fleet accordingly on VHF channel 72. **THIS CHANGES RRS 27.3.**

13 RECALLS

- 13.1 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, the Race Committee shall promptly make two sounds and announce on VHF channel 72 the name(s) and sail number(s) of any such boat(s). The violating boat(s) shall sail across an extension of the starting line from the course side so that her hull(s) is completely on the pre-start side before she *starts*. **THIS CHANGES RRS 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:
 - 14.1.1 For Newport to Block Island Race, R "2" BELL, 0.3 NM NW of entrance to Great Salt Pond (New Harbor)
 - 14.1.2 For Block Island to Newport Race, G "3" GONG, SE of Rose Island
- 14.2 The Race Committee will remain on station until all starters have finished or reported retiring, or as late as 1700 hours.
- 14.3 Competitors should be prepared to take their own finish time (in hh:mm:ss.) It is recommended that competitors attempt to contact the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 as their yacht approaches the finish line, and if contact is not made, assume the Race Committee is not on station.
- 14.4 If no Race Committee boat is on station for the finish, the following will apply:
 - 14.4.1 When finish mark bears 270 degrees magnetic and is within 100 feet, the boat shall be finished.
 - 14.4.2 **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 on VHF channel 72 or via e-mail to racecommittee@twentyhundredclub.org.**

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The 720-degree turns penalty, **RRS 44.1** and **44.2**, will apply.
- 15.2 **RRS Appendix P** does not apply.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 There is no time limit.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Protests are strongly discouraged.
- 17.2 Boats intending to protest shall display a red flag and announce the protest via VHF channel 72 at the first reasonable opportunity for each.
- 17.3 Boats intending to protest must notify the Race Committee immediately upon crossing the finish line.

17.4 Protests shall be written on a form available from the Race Committee boat or on a downloaded US Sailing Protest Form linked at the bottom of the [Twenty Hundred Club Race Page](#). Protests must be lodged within one hour after the protesting boat finishes.

17.5 Hearing Times:

17.5.1 Newport to Block Island Race: Hearing times will be announced at 1800 hours in the cookout area at Block Island Boat Basin.

17.5.2 Block Island to Newport Race: Hearing times will be announced via email to all competitors.

See NOR for changes to **RRS 64.2**.

18 SCORING

18.1 PHRF-NB Time Allowances, expressed in seconds per nautical mile, will be applied to the course distance for the purpose of scoring.

See NOR for more scoring details

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Yachts retiring from a race are required to notify the Race Committee. In the event that VHF communication is not possible (due to distance, equipment problems or other reasons), the retiring yacht should send an email to RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org or contact one of the officers by phone (contact information at <https://twentyhundredclub.org/about-the-club-2/officers/>).

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 Finish results:

23.1.1 Newport to Block Island: Finishes will be announced at 1800 hours in the cookout area next to The Oar.

23.1.2 Block Island to Newport: Finishes will be posted on the [Twenty Hundred Club Race Page](#).

- 23.2 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. Twenty Hundred Club "THC Newport to Block Island" and "THC Block Island to Newport" sites hosted by RaceQs will be available for uploading data and viewing participant replay.

23.2.1 Any reporting discrepancies found in the yacht's log sheet submission which could result in a DSQ may be resolved by the use of RaceQs reporting.

- 23.3 Further information about this event is available by contacting the OA at RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org.

See NOR for post-race event information.