



THE TWENTY HUNDRED CLUB Block Island Race Sailing Instructions

Newport to BI: Saturday, 5 August 2023, 1030
BI to Newport: Monday, 7 August 2023, 1030

Please Note: Under **2021-2024 RRS Appendix J**, "A rule in the notice of race need not be repeated in the sailing instructions."

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 2023 Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) for this event is the Twenty Hundred Club (20HC).
- 1.3 Current year US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for the "Nearshore" category are applicable for all races. Details for both monohull and multihull vessels are on the US Sailing website at:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>

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.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the SI will be posted on the **20HC 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 [20HC website](#). 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, 5 August 2023 - 1030 hours first warning signal. There will be only one race.

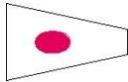
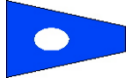
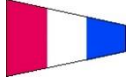

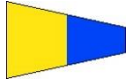
- 6.2 Race from Block Island to Newport:

Monday, 7 August 2023 - 1030 hours first warning signal. There will be only one race.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class & Division flags may be used in this event.

7.2 When used, the class flags will be:

Class & Division	Flag	
Cruising B	Number Pennant "1"	
Cruising A	Number Pennant "2"	
Spinnaker II	Number Pennant "3"	
Spinnaker I	Number Pennant "4"	
Multihull	Number Pennant "5"	

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 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 under current conditions.

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 STARTS

- 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 A boat may use any means of propulsion until her assigned Preparatory Signal.
- 11.5 Boats shall keep clear of the starting area until five minutes before their assigned start time.

11.6

Starting sequence:

Time	Signal	Sound & Flags
1030	Cruising B Warning	Horn, Number Pennant "1" raised
1031	Cruising B Preparatory	Horn, "P" raised
1034	Cruising B One Minute	Long Horn, "P" drops
1035	Cruising B Start Cruising A Warning	Horn, N.P. "1" drops, N.P. "2" raised
1036	Cruising A Preparatory	Horn, "P" raised
1039	Cruising A One Minute	Long Horn, "P" drops
1040	Cruising A Start Spinnaker II Warning	Horn, N.P. "2" drops, N.P. "3" raised
1041	Spinnaker II Preparatory	Horn, "P" raised
1044	Spinnaker II One Minute	Long Horn, "P" drops
1045	Spinnaker II Start Spinnaker I Warning	Horn, N.P. "3" drops, N.P. "4" raised
1046	Spinnaker I Preparatory	Horn, "P" raised
1049	Spinnaker I One Minute	Long Horn, "P" drops
1050	Spinnaker I Start Multihull Warning*	Horn, N.P. "4" drops, N.P. "5" raised
1051	Multihull Preparatory*	Horn, "P" raised
1054	Multihull One Minute*	Long Horn, "P" drops
1055	Multihull Start*	Horn, N.P. "5" drops

*As needed based on entries

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

11.7

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.

11.7.1 The combined start time will be no earlier than the start time of the latest starting division in the combined group.

11.7.2 In the event that the starts of divisions within the same class are combined, only one set of prizes will be awarded for the combined divisions.

11.8

If no Race Committee boat is on station for the start, the following will apply:

11.8.1 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.

- 11.8.2 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.
- 11.8.3 There will be no signal flags. However, **RRS 30.4** Black Flag shall be considered in effect.
- 11.8.4 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 one sound and announce on VHF channel 72 the name(s) and sail number of any such boat. She shall sail across an extension of the starting line from the course side so that her hull 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 FINISHES

- 14.1 There will be no Race Committee boat to mark the finish line at 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 With no Race Committee boat on station for the finish, the following will apply:
 - 14.2.1 When finish mark bears 270 degrees magnetic and is within 100 feet, the boat shall be finished.

- 14.2.2 Competitors should be prepared to take their own finish time (in hh:mm:ss). **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 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 There is no time limit.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Protests are strongly discouraged.
- 16.2 Boats intending to protest shall display a red flag and announce the protest via VHF channel 72 at the first reasonable opportunity for each.
- 16.3 Boats intending to protest must notify the Race Committee immediately upon crossing the finish line.
- 16.4 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 [20HC Race Page](#). Protests must be lodged within one hour after the protesting boat finishes.
- 16.5 Hearing Times:
- 16.5.1 Newport to Block Island Race: Hearing times will be announced at 1800 hours in the cookout area at Block Island Boat Basin.
- 16.5.2 Block Island to Newport Race: Hearing times will be announced via email to all competitors.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 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/>).
- 17.2 All vessels with Automatic Identification System (AIS) capability are strongly encouraged to use it at all times during the race.

18 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 18.1 Post-Race Party: The party will be held under the tent at Champlain's Marina in New Harbor. Meal tickets will be available in the 20HC Shop on the [Social Events tab](#). Purchasing tickets prior to the race weekend is strongly recommended to identify the appropriate head count for the facility. There will be a cash bar, but some drink tickets may be made available.
- No social events are planned for the day after the race to BI or after the return race to Newport.
- 18.2 Finish Results:
- 18.2.1 Newport to Block Island: Finishes will be announced at 1800 hours at the post-race party and posted on the [20HC Race Page](#).
- 18.2.2 Block Island to Newport: Finishes will be posted on the [20HC Race Page](#).
- 18.3 Associate Memberships are available for a fee of \$10 to those who do not intend to enter a boat in any races. This membership includes all of the rights and privileges of full membership, including Club communications and voting at meetings, except for entering a boat in a race. Associate Members who decide they do wish to enter a boat in a race may upgrade to full membership.
- 18.4 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. After stopping track recording in the RaceQs app, please use the Upload button to send your data to RaceQs where everyone can see it along with the tracks of other competitors.”
- 18.4.1 Discrepancies and protests which could result in a DSQ may be resolved by the use of RaceQs reporting.
- 18.5 The Club maintains social media accounts for informal communications on Facebook and Instagram at:
- <https://www.facebook.com/twentyhundredclub/>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/twentyhundredclub/>
- Please share your race photos by tagging #twentyhundredclub in your post! Also, please consider following our Facebook and Instagram accounts.
- 18.6 Further information about this event is available by contacting the OA at RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org.