



**THE TWENTY HUNDRED CLUB
2026 Race Season**

Notice of Race (NoR) v1.1



Sailors are reminded that under the **2025-2028 RRS Appendix J**, "A rule in the notice of race need not be repeated in the sailing instructions," so the NoR and the [Sailing Instructions \(SI\)](#) documents must be used together.

1 RULES

- 1.1 All events are governed by the rules as defined in [2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#), this Twenty Hundred Club Notice of Race (NoR), and the appropriate race [Sailing Instructions \(SI\)](#).
- 1.2 The organizing authority (OA) is the [Twenty Hundred Club](#) (20HC). The Spring Race also includes the [Tiverton Yacht Club](#) (TYC) as an OA and as host of the post-race social event.
- 1.3 Power driven winches and furlers are permitted in all events. This changes [RRS](#) 52 (Manual Power).
- 1.4 The protest committee may impose a penalty other than a DSQ which may include a warning. This changes [RRS](#) 63.5.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 The Race Season will consist of six Races and one Challenge. The 20HC's 80th Anniversary Regatta will be sailed pursuant to an independent NOR and is not part of the 2026 Race Package identified in Section 5.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted online at the 20HC [Race Page](#) no later than seven days before each race.
- 2.2 Any changes to the SIs will be posted on the 20HC [Race Page](#) no later than two (2) hours before the first scheduled warning signal.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 The OA will establish splits and the final scratch sheet will be available on the 20HC [Race Page](#) no later than 24 hours before the first warning signal.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 All race documents, changes and notices will be posted on the 20HC [Race Page](#).
- 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 The 20HC maintains a WhatsApp Community at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JmEONixowPCBUCxufUh5c6>.

This community will be an additional channel to enable text communications between 20HC participants.

For example, the WhatsApp may be used when:

- VHF communications are spotty between locations on the water, such as the different starting locations for the Prince Henry Race;
- Sharing photos, videos, etc. from races and events; and
- Finding out details for the next social event.

NOTE: One can mute specific groups in WhatsApp if you're not interested in receiving notifications from that group.

- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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.

3.6 The Club also maintains social media accounts for informal communications on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/twentyhundredclub> and on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/twentyhundredclub>. Please consider following our account. To share regatta photos simply tag @TwentyHundredClub in your post!

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Each Race is open to all yachts with a current [PHRF-NB](#) rating and to Multihulls having a current [New England Multihull Association](#) rating.

4.1.1 Races will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance where a boat's elapsed time will be adjusted using the boats PHRF rating against the total distance of the race course, as published in the sailing Instructions for the race in question.

4.2 Registrants for all events must be a current year [20HC](#) member, however, the Around Aquidneck Race is open to Tiverton YC members without a 20HC membership required.

4.3 Entries may be made in the following Classes:

- Spinnaker
- Cruising Canvas
- Multihull

4.4 Cruising Canvas Class Rules:

4.4.1 Spinnakers, mizzen spinnakers, and mizzen staysails are not allowed.

4.4.2 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.

4.5 A minimum of three boats is required to establish a Class (Spinnaker, Cruising, Multihull). This may be modified by the OA.

4.6 Yachts may change their Class by notifying the OA at RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org no later than 48 hours before the first warning signal for a race.

4.7 Each Class may be split into two Divisions (A & B, or I & II) based on the number of yachts entered in that Class. Splits will be determined by the PHRF ratings of the yachts in the class at the time of setting the final scratch sheet or at the discretion of the 20HC Race Committee.

4.8 Yachts may elect to compete Single-handed, Double-handed, or with Youth Series Championship scoring.

4.9 Yacht identifying numbers must be displayed on the mainsail.

- 4.10 Participants must be current 20HC members and pay any associated fees on the 20HC [Race Page](#) prior to participation.
- 4.11 Entries must be completed one week before the associated race unless otherwise approved by the 20HC Race Committee.
- 4.12 Late entries will be accepted up to 48 hours before the first warning for a race with the payment of an additional fee.
- 4.13 The OA will establish Class splits and the final scratch sheets will be published on the 20HC [Race Page](#) no later than 24 hours before the first warning signal for the associated race. Any changes after the publishing of the final scratch sheet will be announced by Race Committee via VHF.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The Twenty Hundred Club offers a [Membership plus 5 Race Package](#) for \$130 that includes membership and the entry fee for all 20HC races scheduled during the season other than the 20HC 80th Anniversary Regatta that requires a separate and independent registration. Race fees and associated deadlines are listed below for those who do not purchase the Membership/Race Package.
- 5.2 Participation in the Around Aquidneck Challenge and in the Bridge Fiasco is included in Club membership with no additional fee. Participants must still be current 20HC members and enter their yacht on the [20HC website](#) prior to racing.
- 5.3 All other 20HC race entries have a fee of \$40 if paid at least one week before the associated race. Club Membership (\$60) is required for participation in races, except the Around Aquidneck Race which also permits Tiverton YC members to participate without 20HC membership.
- 5.4 Late entries for 20HC races are permitted up to 48 hours before the first warning for the associated race with a race fee of \$70.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 A date is provided for each race. No Storm Dates are provided. Should inclement weather be forecast, the OA will assess the forecasted conditions and, if a decision is made to cancel, shall post on the [20HC website](#) and email registered competitors announcing the cancellation no later than six (6) hours before the posted first warning.

6.2 Race Dates:

Race	Date(s)	First Warning
Around Aquidneck Challenge	15 April to 31 Dec 2026	Not Applicable
Bridge Fiasco Race	Saturday, 16 May 2026	0930
Around Aquidneck Race	Saturday, 6 Jun 2026	1030
Cuttyhunk Race	Saturday, 18 Jul 2026	1030
Block Island Race (Newport to BI)	Saturday, 1 Aug 2026	1030
Block Island Race (BI to Newport)	Monday, 3 Aug 2026	1030
Prince Henry Race	Saturday, 22 Aug 2026	0900
80th Anniversary Race	Friday 18, Sep 2026	0930
Around Prudence Race	Saturday, 3 Oct 2026	1030

6.3 The Youth Series Championship for 2026 will be contested by qualified yachts as part of each 20HC race for the 2026 season (excluding the Around Aquidneck Island Challenge, but inclusive of the 80th Anniversary Regatta.)

7 VENUES

7.1 The starting and race areas are indicated in the table below and will be further defined in the Sailing Instructions.

Race	Starting Area	Race Area
Around Aquidneck Challenge	Various marks located around Aquidneck Island as designated in the SI	Waters around Aquidneck Island
Bridge Fiasco Race	Between Halfway Rock & Prudence Island	Narragansett Bay East & West Passage
Around Aquidneck Race	Vicinity of Hog Island G3	Waters around Aquidneck Island
Cuttyhunk Race	Vicinity of Rose Island G3	Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island Sound, Buzzards Bay
Block Island Race (Newport to BI)	Vicinity of Rose Island G3	Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island Sound, Block Island Sound
Block Island Race (BI to Newport)	Vicinity of R2 Bell NW New Harbor entrance	Block Island Sound, Rhode Island Sound, Narragansett Bay
Prince Henry Race	Various marks in Narragansett Bay as listed in the SI	Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island Sound, Sakonnet River, Mount Hope Bay
Around Prudence Race	Vicinity of Allens Harbor R14	Waters around Prudence Island

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed in each race will be specified in the SI for that race.
- 8.2 Course marks will all be government navigational buoys and will be identified in the SI for each race.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The protest committee may impose a penalty other than a DSQ which may include a warning. This changes [RRS 63.5](#).
- 9.2 The 720-degree turns penalty, RRS 44.1 and 44.2, will apply.
- 9.3 **RRS Appendix P** does not apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A of the [RRS](#) will apply, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 The 20HC assigns a PHRF penalty for competitors finishing in the top three positions for the past years' races. These penalties are listed on the scratch sheet and are subtracted from the yacht's PHRF and displayed as "Final PHRF" on the scratch sheet. The Final PHRF values are used to calculate the corrected finish. Further information about the PHRF penalties may be found on the 20HC [Rules for Penalties](#) page. No PHRF penalties are applied for the Around Aquidneck Island Challenge.
- 10.3 The Block Island Race is scored as a series with awards for overall series results.
- 10.4 The Around Aquidneck Challenge is scored for the fastest corrected time awarded to each class.
- 10.5 Separate scoring for Single-handed, Double-handed and Youth Series Championship qualified yachts may be specified in a race's SIs for specific Classes and Divisions.
- 10.6 Youth Championship Scoring:

- 10.6.1 The 20HC recognizes that participation in adult keelboat sailing is declining and to ensure the future of the sport, pathways must be promoted that introduce young sailors into PHRF race fleets across the Narragansett Bay. As such, the 20HC has developed the Youth Championship. Youth Championship qualified yachts are scored with supplementary time allowances added to the yachts' PHRF as follows:

Sailors Average Age	Supp. Time Allowance (seconds per nautical mile)
20 to 25 years	5
16 to less than 20 years	10
Less than 16 years	15

Average ages computed without rounding.

- 10.6.2 For a boat to qualify for the Youth Championship, it must sail AT LEAST one Race with AT LEAST 40% of its sailors under the age of 25 who are actively involved in sailing the boat (i.e. driving, trimming, bow, etc...).
- 10.6.3 For a boat registering as a Youth Championship entrant, a scoring allowance will be calculated by averaging the youth sailors' ages as of the date of the Race.
- 10.6.4 Youth Championship qualified yachts may register for any 20HC race and use the Youth Championship Scoring, but must select "Youth Championship" at the time of registration.
- 10.6.5 Youth Championship entrants will be scored by their finish position in their respective Class in each Race (10 pts for 1st place, 9 points for 2nd place, 8 points for 3rd place, etc...). The Youth Championship boat with the most points at the end of the season will be declared the Youth Champion.

11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 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.**

12 INSURANCE

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

13 WAIVER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in each Race entirely at their own risk. See [RRS](#) 4, Decision to Race. The OA and other sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after a Race or event.
- 13.2 Each competitor participating in a Race shall submit an online Liability and Media Waiver (part of the 20HC registration process) prior to racing.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Awards will be presented at the 20HC Spring Shore Party and Awards Ceremony to be announced separately.
- 14.2 Prizes will be awarded to the boat in each Class with the best corrected time for the Around Aquidneck Challenge.
- 14.3 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each Class/Division for all other Races.
- 14.4 Perpetual trophies will be awarded to yachts according to the criteria described on the 20HC Race Page at [Perpetual Trophies](#).
- 14.5 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in the Youth Championship.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 Associate Memberships are available for a fee of \$10 to those who do not intend to enter a boat in any Race. 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.
- 15.3 Post-race Events:
- 15.3.1 *Bridge Fiasco:* If a post-race event is to occur, a separate email will be sent to competitors with specific information.
- 15.3.2 *Around Aquidneck Race:* A post-race event will occur at the Tiverton YC. A limited amount of dock space is available at TYC at no charge for the post-race event. Overnight stays may be available; please contact TYC for availability. There are several other marinas in close proximity to TYC.

- 15.3.3 *Cuttyhunk Race*: A social gathering will start at ~1730 with finishes announced at ~1800 on the town dock in Cuttyhunk Harbor. Finishes will also be posted to the 20HC Race Page.
- 15.3.4 *Block Island Race*: A post-race party will be held under the tent at Champlin'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. No social events are planned for the day after the race to BI or after the return race.
- 15.3.5 *Prince Henry Race*: If a post-race event is to occur, a separate email will be sent to competitors with specific information.
- 15.3.6 *Around Prudence Race*: If a post-race event is to occur, a separate email will be sent to competitors with specific information
- 15.3.7 Further information is available by contacting the OA at RaceCommittee@twentyhundredclub.org.