

NOTICE OF RACE



Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Regatta Organized by Black Rock Yacht Club Saturday September 20, 2025

1 GENERAL

1.1 The event will consist of a pursuit race on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to the RRS will apply.

2.3 The current YRALIS PHRF Regulations

2.4 Non-spinnaker class boats shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay.

2.5 Racing rule(s) may be changed and will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2.6 This race is a qualifier for certain YRA of LIS trophies.

2.7 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channel 68.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all single-hulled sailing boats 24' LOA or over, holding a valid YRA of LIS PHRF certificate effective as of the regatta date.

3.2 Each boat shall produce a valid YRALIS rating certificate. Boats without a current valid certificate shall race only in the PHRF non-spinnaker class using PHRF ratings assigned by the race committee. These ratings will be the YRA of LIS Base ratings and shall be valid only for this event. Please email the race committee if you need the committee to assign a rating for your boat.

3.3 The entry fee for this event is \$50.

3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying the entry fee via the yachtscoring.com event site.

3.5 Entry and payment must be completed prior to Midnight on Thursday September 18, 2025.

4 DIVISION AND CLASSES

4.1 Boats will be divided into two divisions:

Division 1: Spinnaker

Division 2: Non-spinnaker

4.2 A division is only valid if there are at least 3 competitors registered.

4.3 Competitors shall be required to display from the permanent backstay, the code flag corresponding to her class respective class assignment.

5 RACING AREA AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 The starting area shall be in the vicinity of RN "2A"

5.2 The Racing Area will be in the waters of Long Island Sound in the vicinity of Black Rock Harbor to the east, west and south.

5.4 The scheduled time of the first start is 1000 hours. Starting times for each boat will be announced by email to each skipper.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at yachtscoring.com prior to Friday, September 19, 2025.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 The Official Notice Board is located online at yachtscoring.com event site.

7.2 The Race Committee will monitor and broadcast on Channel VHF Channel 68.

7.3 While racing, except in an emergency or when communicating with the race committee, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

8 THE COURSES

The course will be a distance race with boats rounding both government and BRYC club marks as listed in the sailing instructions. Distance will be approximately between 15–25 NM.

9 SCORING

A boat's finishing place will be determined by using the YRA of LIS PHRF handicap rating.

10 MOORING

a. Competitors may be permitted to keep their boats at Black Rock Yacht Club, Bridgeport CT during the regatta, subject to availability. Please send an email to waterfront@blackrockyc.org to inquire about a reservation.

11 AWARDS

11.1 Awards will be given per division.

a. To the extent that less than five competitors are in a division, only the top finishing boat shall receive an award. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies shall be awarded for each division started with five boats or more.

b. The Brent C. Donahue Memorial Cross Sound Race Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing in 1st place in the spinnaker division. The 1st place finisher in the non-spinnaker division shall be awarded the Commodore Lever Perpetual Trophy. Perpetual trophies shall be kept at Black Rock Yacht Club.

11.2 The awards ceremony will be held at Black Rock Yacht Club following the event.

Take-away trophies to be given at this time. Results to be posted to Yachtscoring.com.

12 SAFETY

12.1 All boats must carry the required State and Federal US Coast Guard approved safety equipment including personal floatation devices for a vessel of that size. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3.

13.2 Decision to Race. The organizing authority and Race Committee volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

13.3 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$50,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14 **FURTHER INFORMATION** please contact yachting@blackrockyc.org.