Breakwater Irregulars

2027 NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Breakwater Irregulars
Venue: Long Island Sound south of Stamford and Greenwich, CT
Series Dates: May 11 through August 31, 2027

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The US Sailing prescriptions to the RRS will apply.

1.2 The current YRA of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) PHRF Regulations will apply. The optional crew weight limits stated on YRALIS PHRF certificates will not apply. The regulations are available at yralis.org.

1.3 The current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER), Nearshore category, will apply. The SER are available at ussailing.org.

1.4 RRS 52 is changed as follows: Autopilots and self-steering devices may be used for steering. Electrically powered, battery-powered, or portable powered winch devices, including eWincher-type devices, may be used to operate winches and to adjust standing rigging, running rigging, and spars. Such devices shall not be used to move ballast or to adjust movable hull appendages other than the rudder for steering.

1.5 RRS 41 is changed by adding new rule 41(e): “Help in the form of information that is freely available to all boats, even if available only at a cost. ‘At a cost’ shall not include private forecast or tactical advice, or information customized for a particular boat, group of boats, or their situation.”

1.6 The Breakwater Irregulars General Conditions - Prize Rules, as posted on the official notice board, will govern prizes.

2. RATINGS AND SCORING

2.1 The applicable current YRALIS PHRF rating for each boat will be used.

2.2 Scoring will be computed using the Time-On-Time correction factor:
650 / (550 + PHRF) × Elapsed Time = Corrected Time.

2.3 The Low Point System in RRS Appendix A will apply, as changed by this notice of race.

2.4 To qualify for a series, a boat shall finish and score in at least the next whole number greater than one-half of the races completed in that series. Subject to RRS 90.3(b), a boat’s worst score(s) in excess of that minimum shall be excluded from her series score. One completed race shall constitute a series. This changes RRS A2.1.

2.5 RRS A5.3 applies.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The event is open to boats holding a valid YRALIS PHRF certificate. PHRF classes will be established by the organizing authority and posted on the official notice board.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying the required fee on the applicable YachtScoring event page.

3.3 Boats shall display clearly legible sail numbers corresponding to their entry. A boat that cannot be identified with reasonable certainty by the race committee may be scored DNC, DNS, or NSC, as appropriate, without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

4. FEES

4.1 Entry fees and any applicable entry closing dates are stated on YachtScoring.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

5.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the applicable YachtScoring event page.

5.2 The online official notice boards will be the YachtScoring event pages for the applicable 2027 Breakwater Irregulars series:
Spring Series: https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50981
Summer Series: https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50982

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Races will be conducted on Tuesday evenings from May 11, 2027 through August 31, 2027. The first warning signal will be at 1900.

6.2 The Spring Series runs from May 11 through July 6, 2027. The Summer Series runs from July 13 through August 31, 2027.

7. COMMUNICATION

7.1 The race committee may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF channel 05A.

7.2 RRS 41 is changed as stated in NOR 1.5.

8. PRIZES

8.1 Prizes will be awarded as provided in the Breakwater Irregulars General Conditions - Prize Rules referenced in NOR 1.6.

8.2 Details of the 2027 awards presentation will be announced through Breakwater Irregulars communications.

9. RISK STATEMENT AND CONDUCT

9.1 RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk.

9.2 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event.

9.3 Competitors are reminded that misconduct may be dealt with under RRS 69.

9.4 It is the responsibility of each owner and person in charge to decide whether to start or continue a race.

9.5 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and person in charge.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

10.1 Further information will be available on YachtScoring and through Breakwater Irregulars communications.