



2024 Mary D Fund Benefit Regatta
July 13, 2024
Block Island Community Sailing
Sponsored By
US Sailing



The Organizing Authority (OA) is Block Island Community Sailing, Inc

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2024 Mary D Fund Benefit Regatta** will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021-2024).
- 1.2** For the purposes of the definition of rule, the class rules shall be the rules of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA) as modified by the Sailing Instructions. See: www.ecsa.net
- 1.3** Certain rules may be changed, and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 ELIGIBLE CLASSES

The Regatta is open to all sailing vessels with a PHRF Rating. The boats will be scored in two classes, a Spinnaker Class, and a Cruising Class.

2.2 Entry requirements

Eligible boats may register to enter online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28426>. All entries must register and pay online before 0900 on Race Day

2.3 Late entries, after 0900 EDT on Race Day will not be accepted.

2.4 US SAILING MEMBERSHIP

Membership in US Sailing is encouraged but not required. Sailors can join online at <http://membership.ussailing.org/>

3. FEES

3.1 PHRF Class: \$35.00

3.2 All proceeds in excess of expenses will be donated to the Mary D Fund, Block Island's fund for those in need or distress.

4. BOATS / MEASUREMENT

- 4.1** Boats in the PHRF Class will use their currently published ECSA PHRF certificate for that boat. If this is not available, the ECSA base list handicap rating will be used. If this is not available a PHRF rating from our region will be selected from the US Sailing PHRF Handbook. For custom boats, a PHRF Rating Certificate is required.
- 4.2** Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.** Saturday, July 13 1000, Skippers Meeting, New Harbor Boat Basin
Saturday, July 13 1300, First Gun, outside of the New Harbor entrance channel.
Saturday, July 13 1800, Awards presentation, New Harbor Boat Basin

- 7. ADVANCE REGISTRATION** - Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at the event web site: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28426>

- 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at the Skippers Meeting and on the web at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28426>

- 9. PENALTY SYSTEM** – RRS rule 44.1 (Two Turns Penalty) applies.

- 10. SCORING** – Low point scoring will be used with a ranking by class.

- 11. SAFETY** - All boats must carry the required State and Federal US Coast Guard approved safety equipment including personal flotation devices for a vessel of that size. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, notify the Race Committee at the New Harbor Boat Basin, immediately after their arrival ashore.

12. PRIZES

Trophies for top three finishers in each class

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, "Decision to Race". The Organizing Authority, our sponsors, and the Race Committee volunteers, will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Running and participating in a sailing event is a club, skipper, and crew decision. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

Review the Event web site: (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28426>) or contact the Race Chair as listed below:

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