

**2017 Gaspee Regatta
Rhode Island Yacht Club
Cranston, RI**



Notice of Race

This race shall be sailed on Sunday June 11, 2017

1) RULES:

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

2) REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1 - The regatta is open to all boats having a current PHRF-NB certificate and rating.

2.2 - Competitors must be registered by having PHRF certificate and a completed registration form on file with the Rhode Island Yacht Club (RIYC) Race Committee by **1600 Wednesday June 7, 2017, The Deadline.** Competitors may register via www.riyachtclub.org and email the Application Form to race@riyc.org. or, fax to 401-572-3670. Forms may be sent U.S. Mail to:

Race Committee - Gaspee
Rhode Island Yacht Club
One Ocean Avenue
Cranston RI 02905

2.3 - All skippers must have signed the Waiver of Liability prior to the start of the race.

3) CLASSES

3.1 - There will be one class: PHRF non-spinnaker class.

3.2 – It is the intention of the Race Committee to use a fixed course that will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

4) FEE

The entrance fee is \$25.00.

5) NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Committee bulletin board located at RIYC.

6) START TIME

The warning signal for the Fleet will be at 1300. The start signal will be at 1305.

7) COURSE AREA

The race course will be in upper Narragansett Bay, and will utilize a fixed course as indicated in the sailing instructions.

8) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the RIYC by Wednesday June 7, 2017 at 1600 and on the Rhode Island Yacht Club web site.

9) SCORING AND AWARDS

9.1 - Scoring shall be on a Time on Distance method adjusted for Narragansett Bay PHRF.

9.2 - Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be given. Presentations will be in the RIYC Club House at the conclusion of the race.

10) SAFETY

10.1 - The race area utilizes navigable waters shared by commercial traffic and other stakeholders. The Sailing Instructions will contain specific instructions regarding the rights of commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver.

10.2 - All competitors are required to maintain an active listening watch on the race VHF channel 72.

10.3 - All skippers are reminded they are responsible for the safety of their crew, and the requirement to help any others in danger.

11) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the race series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race, RRS. The organizing authority 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 series.

12) INSURANCE:

Each participating boat shall have a valid certificate of insurance on file with the office at RIYC.

13) SPECIAL NOTICES

13.1 - Narragansett Bay is a No Discharge Zone.

13.2 - Disposal of trash overboard is prohibited and can result in race disqualification. Please dispose of all rubbish in the dumpster at the end of the parking lot.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Dockage and Social Activities. All visiting race boats are eligible for free mooring and launch services June 10th and 11th. Contact the RIYC Marina on VHF channel 78. There is a full service restaurant and bar along with shower and bathroom facilities. There will be live music and a cookout Saturday afternoon and evening for a nominal fee.

**For questions or further information, please contact:
Irwin Kraus, Race Chairman 508-269-8149 or race@riyc.org**