



NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

BLAKELY ROCK BENEFIT RACE

Saturday, April 1st, 2023

1. **Rules:** This race is governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the STYC General Sailing Instructions (GSI), these Sailing Instructions, and the USCG VTS Navigation Rules.
2. **Eligibility and Entry Deadline:** This race is open to STYC members with PHRF-NW or STYC ratings. Non STYC members with a valid PHRF-NW rating are eligible to enter provided the skipper is a member of a PIYA or US Sailing accepted club. Entries must be received on the STYC website (www.styc.org), no later than 2400, on the Wednesday before the race. See the GSI for the late entry policy. There is an entry fee of \$75.00 for all yachts payable when entering.
3. **Special COVID 19 Requirements:** STYC would like to remind everyone participating that sailboat racing is voluntary and is done at your own risk. Compliance with Federal, State, and Local rules and regulations is required by the club and enforcement is the responsibility of the skipper. In particular, skippers are responsible for ensuring everyone in their crew complies with all guidelines, rules, and regulations to prevent the spread of COVID 19 while participating in STYC races. Further, please be especially careful of COVID protocols while on the dock and using the facilities at the marina.
4. **Divisions and Starting Times:** There will be both NFS and FS divisions. Class breaks will be posted on the STYC website (www.styc.org) by 1800 the Friday before the race. The 1st Class start is 1100. The first warning is at 1055.
5. **Race Distance and Course:** The course is 13.518 nautical miles and will be as follows: North wind (all marks to port): N M K N, South wind (all marks to starboard): N K M N. There is no provision for a short course.
6. **Time Limit:** The time limit for this race is 6.0 hours after your class start. Refer to the GSI for instructions concerning cancellations, postponements, and time extensions.
7. **Communication:** The race committee will utilize VHF channel 72 for on water communications. A failure by the race committee to issue a communication, the failure of a competitor to hear the communication, or any other issues regarding the communication shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
9. **Skippers' Meeting:** Skippers meeting will be online at 7:00 pm Friday, March 31st, 2023. It will be possible to attend either online or via telephone. Meeting details will be available on the race webpage. The STYC GSI are available on the STYC website. If there are questions, email race@styc.org.
10. **Awards:** Trophy presentation will start at 1900 on the day of the race at the Sloop Tavern (pending protest hearings).
 - The Roland Littlefield Church Performance Trophy (FS & NFS) will be awarded to the boat that wins their class by the greatest amount of time using the PHRF corrected time among all classes with at least two boats finishing.