

# 2008 Confident Captain – Block Island Sleigh Ride

Saturday, October 18, 2008

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## NOTICE OF RACE With Sailing Instructions

### 1. Organizing Authority

The Block Island Sleigh Ride is sponsored by Confident Captain/Ocean Pros of Newport, RI. Confident Captain/Ocean Pros is the race organizer and authority. The race emphasis is on **seamanship and fun**.

### 2. Rules

**2.1** The race will be governed by the 2005-2008 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) except as modified by this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any Amendments to the Sailing Instructions. The most important of these rules is the precedent of **safety and seamanship as well as the Corinthian Spirit!** It is expected that every participating vessel and crew will conduct themselves with the utmost in seamanship and with due regard to the safety of themselves and other vessels. Second to the safety rule is the rule of fun. This race is designed to be fun and to be a spectacular send-off to another great boating season. Protest flags will be viewed with a very weary eye.

**2.2** All participating vessels must be completely seaworthy and have the required minimum safety equipment on board as required by the US Coast Guard and the State of Rhode Island.

**2.3 It is the sole responsibility of each Owner or Person in Charge to decide whether to start or to continue any race for any reason.**

### 3. Eligibility

All seaworthy and properly equipped Non PHRF and PHRF vessels are welcome to join the race. Non PHRF vessels will be included in the Scallywag Class and handicaps will not be considered.

All vessels possessing a valid 2008 PHRF certificate shall submit the certificate with their Entry Form.

#### 3.1 Classes:

PHRF Yachts will sail canvas only

NON-PHRF vessels will be grouped into the Scallywag Class.

**3.1** All yacht owners must submit a valid Certificate of Liability Insurance, which will be in effect for the entire series.

**3.2** All Yacht Owners or Persons in Charge must submit a completed Release, Waiver, and Retention of Rights Agreement.

**3.3** All yachts must submit a completed Entry Form along with the required fee.

3.4 Any yacht that fails to meet any of the requirements for eligibility will not be recognized or scored.

**4. Owner and Person in Charge**

4.1 The term Person in Charge means the person who is designated in the Entry Form who will act as Captain of the yacht during the race.

4.2 **Liability** – Liability Insurance must cover the Person in Charge if other than the Owner.

**5. Responsibilities of Competitors**

5.1 As a condition precedent to his or her participation in the Confident Captain – Block Island Sleigh Ride (including without limitation all activities relating thereto) sponsored by Confident Captain/Ocean Pros, **each participant assumes any and all risks associated with such participation and each yacht and each participant waives and releases any and all claims, including those of negligence or equivalent conduct against the sponsor, host, its directors, members, employees, representatives, and associated volunteers.**

**6. Entry Procedure**

6.1 The Race Committee must receive a complete registration package from each Owner or Person in Charge of each participating yacht **before October 10, 2008 at 5pm**. Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions, Release and Waiver, and Protest Form are available at [www.confidentcaptain.com](http://www.confidentcaptain.com). A completed registration package includes:

- Signed and completed Entry Form
- Valid 2008 PHRF-NB rating certificate (except for the Scallywags)
- Certificate of liability insurance
- Signed Release, Waiver, and Retention of Rights Agreement
- Payment of the required race/dinner/dockage fees (Fees can be paid by check or Credit Card.)

All entrance materials should be submitted via fax, email, or mail to the following:

**Confident Captain/Ocean Pros**  
**ATTN: Capt. Kent Dresser**  
**18 Market Square**  
**Newport, RI 02840**  
**Phone: (401) 849-1257**  
**Fax: (401) 849-2257**  
**Email: [Kent@confidentcaptain.com](mailto:Kent@confidentcaptain.com)**

Those entrants submitting via email should pay the required fees using a credit card at:  
<http://www.confidentcaptain.com/makepayments.html>

**7. Race Schedule**

The first horn for the race will be at 10:00 am on Saturday October 18, 2008

## **8. Sailing Instructions**

Communications will take place on **VHF Channel 69**.

The starting sequence will be:

- **10 minute horn for the PHRF Boats**

Followed by:

- **5 Minute Horn**
- **4 Minute Horn**
- **3 Minute Horn**
- **2 Minute Horn**
- **1 Minute Horn**
- **Start Horn**

**Then**

- **10 minute horn for the Scallywags!**

Followed by:

- **5 Minute Horn**
- **4 Minute Horn**
- **3 Minute Horn**
- **2 Minute Horn**
- **1 Minute Horn**
- **Start Horn**

## **9. Course and Time Limit**

The starting area will be WEST of Connanicut Point on the North end of Jamestown. It will lead down the WEST Passage of Narragansett Bay leaving Dutch Island to Port and whale rock to Starboard, 1BI to port, and will finish at R "2" Block Island Great Salt Pond (New Harbor).

Time limit for the race is 1700 Hrs. Those who have not made it in by then should turn on their engines and come to the party.

## **10. Protests**

This race is for fun. Protests will be heard but are not encouraged. Any protest will require **significant** tribute to the protest committee!! All protests will result in a **delay**

in the post-race events unless the protester plans on serving post-race hors d'oeuvres while protesting! Let's go out there and have some fun and show great sportsmanship in the Corinthian Spirit!

## **11. Fees**

The fee for this race is \$150.00 per vessel. Dinner will be \$35.00 per person. Dockage at Payne's New Harbor dock is pre-arranged and will be \$1.25/foot for each vessel overnight. Bar will be cash.

Confident Captain/Ocean Pros reserves the right to cancel the race due to weather or other phenomenon. Race and dinner fees will be **non-refundable**. Dockage fees are refundable. In order to throw a proper post-race function, the hosts out at Block Island will expect to be paid up front in an effort to prevent taking a large end of the season financial loss. If the race is cancelled due to weather or other phenomenon and the hosts at Block Island are left sitting out there with lots of food and drink and no customers it really damages these small business. That being the case, all participants will pay for their fees up front and we will all share in the risk that the weather could prevent us from making it out there and will consequently cost us our fees. This is not ideal, but better than the alternative which would be NOT having a venue for future years. The race committee expects all participants to understand and appreciate the small financial risk involved in this special event. Let's do our best to have a great race without hurting any small businesses in the process!

## **12. Changes**

Confident Captain/Ocean Pros reserves the right to change this Notice of Race up until 1700 Hrs on Friday October 17, 2008 and it will be posted on [www.confidentcaptain.com](http://www.confidentcaptain.com).

## **13. Questions**

All questions should be directed to Capt. Kent Dresser at Confident Captain/Ocean Pros. [Kent@confidentcaptain.com](mailto:Kent@confidentcaptain.com)