



2019 WBYC / Varnum Continentals Benefit Regatta

Saturday, August 17, 2019 Varnum Armory Museum
6 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI

The event is designed to celebrate the 2nd annual sailing regatta hosted jointly by West Bay Yacht Club and the Varnum Continentals. The Varnum Continentals Benefit Regatta will be held on Saturday, August 17th with the 1st signal at 1300 hrs. Two classes will be run: a Non-Spinnaker Class and a Family Cruising Class. Based on participation, some classes may be split. After the race, all participants are invited to visit the Armory and Museum at 6 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI, and a light buffet will be served along with your own beverage of choice as it is a BYOB event. The race is being held to benefit the Varnum Armory Museum with all proceeds to be donated to the Armory. Entry fee includes one free Skipper's meal and \$5.00 for each additional meal served.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Principles of PHRF Narragansett Bay. <http://www.phrf-nb.org/>
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between these documents, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto shall govern.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may not be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Regatta is a Cruising Class "Pursuit Race" around government buoys for all yachts with starting times staggered according to the yachts PHRF rating or a rating assigned by the WBYC Race Committee Chair (grantbrandon01@gmail.com).

3.2 The regatta is open to boats in the following categories which meet the following qualifications:

- a) All Non-Spinnaker Class competitors having a valid PHRF-NB rating certificate.
- b) All Family Cruising Class competitors having either a valid PHRF-NB rating certificate or one assigned by the Race Committee Chair (grantbrandon01@gmail.com).

3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form and submitting the Regatta fee via PayPal at www.westbayyachtclub.org no later than Friday August 16th by 1900hrs.

3.4 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the West Bay Yacht Club Race Committee Chairman (Grant Brandon).

4 FEES

Regatta registration fee is: **\$50.00**

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 All Classes will sail a “Pursuit Race” around government buoys with staggered starting times according to their PHRF ratings. There will be two classes: Non-Spinnaker and Family Cruising Class. The Race Committee will announce on the **Race Committee VHF channel 69** each yacht which will start next. While all efforts will be made to inform competitors of the starting order failure of a yacht to hear the announcement will not be grounds for protest.

5.3 The scheduled time of the 1st warning signal for the race is 1300 hrs.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on or before August 12, 2018 by 1700 at the Club’s website www.westbayyachtclub.org

10 VENUE

10.1 **Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.**

The Narragansett Bay race area, with its East and West passages and approaches to Providence and Fall River, are considered a “restricted channel” for commercial traffic and vessels in the navigation channel, restricted in their ability to maneuver. Sailors must comply with the International COLREGS when in such proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic. Yachts which obstruct the safe passage of commercial traffic are subject to protest under The Racing Rules of Sailing. A violation under this instruction shall be considered a violation of rule 2. The Race Committee or Protest Committee, upon the report of information or observation of an incident shall protest a yacht. This is in addition to the requirements of rule 60.2(a) and the preamble to Part 2.

11 THE COURSES

The WBYC/Varnum Continentals Benefit Regatta will **START** in the general vicinity of “G1” Fl G 2.5sec east of Round Rock and **FINISH** at C’5’ Sally Rock . Details of courses and starting times will be in the Sailing Instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 All Classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
12.3 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in the rule.

13 SCORING

Cruising Class Pursuit Race will have only one (1) race in the Regatta

15 Moorings

For yachts participating from outside of Greenwich Bay, moorings “may” be provided for Saturday Aug 17th at a discounted rate from Prime Marina on a first come first serve basis. Advance reservations highly recommended!

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

All yachts, in addition to all federally required equipment, shall have a VHF radio aboard, and shall keep the radio energized on the Race Committee working channel VHF channel 69 from her “warning signal” until her “finish”. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all mobile telephones.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers in each Class.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, *Decision to Race*. 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 regatta.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance company.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact the West Bay Yacht Club Race Committee Chairman Grant Brandon on his cell at 401-864-5049 or email address: grantbrandon01@gmail.com

Attachment A

