



## NOTICE OF RACE/Sailing Instructions

### BLAKELY ROCK BENEFIT RACE

Saturday, April 13th, 2024

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 ratings who wish to race in handicapped classes. Members without a PHRF rating are eligible to race in the Sloop class. 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](http://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. Valid PHRF-NW certificates must be received by the regular registration deadline, or at the time of registration for late entries. Failure to provide proof of PHRF certificate is not grounds for a refund.
3. **Divisions and Starting Times:** There will be both NFS and FS divisions. Class breaks will be posted on the STYC website ([www.styc.org](http://www.styc.org)) by 1800 the Friday before the race. The 1<sup>st</sup> Class start is 1100. The first warning is at 1055.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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, April 12th, 2024. 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](mailto: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.