

Around Fishers Island Race Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015

Background:

This will be the 45th annual "Around Fishers Island Race". It was inaugurated in Sept. of 1970 by Bill Jones. The race has been sailed every year since, except 1989 at which time the wind did not cooperate. This race traditionally winds up the Ensign Fleet 34 racing activities for the year.

Rules:

The race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing; the prescriptions of US Sailing; the rules of the Ensign Class (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and by the Sailing Instructions. All government marks may be disregarded unless they are marks of the course.

Eligibility:

This race is open to any Ensign class sailboat regardless of her membership in Fleet 34. There is no preliminary registration and no fees are required to compete for the FLEET 34 AROUND THE ISLAND TROPHY.

There is no maximum crew size, but a minimum of three people must be aboard.

Date:

Saturday, September 26, 2015. In the event the race cannot be run on Saturday, there will not be a make-up date.

Communications: The Race Committee will utilize VHF channel 72 for communication with the fleet.

Start:

The starting area will be in West Harbor, Fishers Island. The starting line will be between the committee boat and an inflatable mark. The start sequence shall be as follows:

Warning Signal	Hoist Ensign Flag	10:30 AM	With sound
Preparatory Signal	Hoist "P" Flag	10:31 AM	With sound
One Minute	Lower "P" Flag	10:34 AM	With long sound
Starting Signal	Lower Ensign Flag	10:35 AM	With sound

Finish:

The finish line will be between the committee boat and an inflatable mark.

Course:

Around Fishers Island to port, leaving the following buoys to port: North Hill Bell (R-2), Race Point Nun (R-2), Lords Passage MO(A) "L", Wicopesset Rock Cans (C-7, C-9, C-11), Seal Rocks Can (C-15), Youngs Rock Can (C-17), Chocomont Can (C-1W) and Clay Point Can(C-5).

The course may be reversed by flying the code flag R at the warning signal.

Time Limit

If no boat finishes before 4:30 PM (1630), then the race will be abandoned.

Safety:

In sailing, safety must be of primary concern. The skippers must use good judgment concerning their own and the crew's ability to compete safely. The race sponsors, race committee and Fleet 34 are not responsible for any accidents or injuries to yachts or crew suffered in any way or from any cause during or relating to the race.

Trophy:

The Ensign skipper who wins this race becomes the holder of the perpetual Round Fishers Island trophy for the subsequent year and has the honor of running this race the following year. Any course can be selected for this race, provided the competitors sail completely around Fishers Island.

Party:

The party will be held Saturday. The party and trophy presentation will be held at:
Niantic Bay Yacht Club
8 Shore Rd.
Oak Grove Beach
Niantic, CT 06357
(860) 691-0761

The party will be from 5:30 until 8:00 PM. Beverages, a pasta based entrée, and an Ice Cream & toppings bar will be provided. All racers, non-racers, Fleet 34 members and guests are invited to attend. We ask each boat represented to bring an Hors d'oeuvres, salad or dessert for all to share. If you have questions concerning the racing may call Ward 413-847-0620 or e-mail wwoodruff@hdairnow.com
If you have questions concerning the party call Louise 860-997-4747 or e-mail Nightwind458@aol.com.

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