



An Open Letter to BIRW Entrants

June 5, 2025

Dear Captain,

A word about some of your responsibilities on Block Island.

Thank you for entering Block Island Race Week 2025, our 60th anniversary regatta. Everyone at Storm Trysail has been hard at work to deliver top-notch racing, great parties, and memorable camaraderie, all at the magical venue of Block Island.

Race Week has thrived for 60 years thanks to the strong bonds our Club has developed not only with the sailing community but also with sponsors, vendors, local residents, and first responders on Block Island. Mutual respect with these stakeholders is one reason we include **section 13.2 in the Notice of Race**, which is repeated as **section 4 in the Sailing Instructions**. These Rules make you responsible for the conduct of your full team on the water and anywhere on shore during the event. The Organizing Authority hopes to have no occasion to enforce these provisions. But it will be our responsibility to do so if appropriate in the interest of BIRW 2025 and also Race Weeks to come.

Happily, recent years have seen only a few isolated incidents. When there have been issues, it is typically not the boat owner, but rather someone else associated with the boat who has made bad decisions leading to problems. **So, before arriving on the Island, please review NOR 13.2 and SI 4 specifically with each person associated with your boat so that they understand their responsibilities to you.**

More than anything, let me say how much we look forward to seeing you, your friends, family, and shipmates at the highlight of the 2025 sailing season-- Block Island Race Week!

See you on the water,

Ty Anderson
Vice Commodore, Storm Trysail Club
Event Chair, BIRW 2025