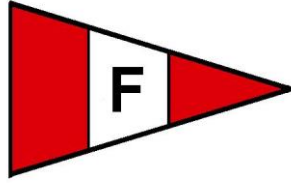


NOTICE OF RACE



THE FAIRFIELD CUP

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 & 20, 2019

*CAPTAIN'S COVE SEAPORT
ONE BOSTWICK AVENUE
BRIDGEPORT, CT*

SAIL BLACK ROCK, which hosts the teams of Sacred Heart University and Fairfield University, is pleased to offer a two-day, two division, performance ranking, FJ fleet racing regatta.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Optional Attendance – 10am. Special Presentation - TBD

Saturday Report Time – see above special presentation - 10:30 am sharp for competitors' meeting

Sunday Report Time – 9:30 am sharp – check in – competitors' meeting

Race Times – Racing may go as late as 5:30pm Saturday. Sunday no race will be started after 3pm.

Rules - The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) Procedural Rules (PR), the Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI's), if any. ICSA PR 32 will be in effect. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply. No barefoot sailing permitted.

Notice Board – In sailing school classroom building on boardwalk. PRO, SHU sailors and RC will be operating from there.

Fairfield Cup History – Initiated in 2018, this perpetual trophy is a handsome hand-cast, unique, signed sculpture of a stylized sloop, in polished aluminum, by Holselton Studio, Ontario, Canada, sitting atop a hand-crafted mahogany base. The winning team's name will be engraved on the base.

Shore Access and Departure – No sailors or coaches will have access to shore after first warning. All sailors and coaches will be on the water 1.5 miles offshore for the entire day. No sailor or coach will be brought back to shore except for an emergency. Departures from shore venue immediately following the quick awards ceremony on Sunday will be approximately 4pm.

Gear/Dressing – Please change/dress on the outside boardwalk, heads, parking lot or your cars. All gear must be locked in cars before going on the water. Do not leave any gear on boardwalk, deck or in classroom.

Lunch – Bring your own. Bring your own lunch/snacks/water out to the race course on the support trawlers. All sailors will be on the water all day a mile or more from docks.

Water – Available on shore in heads, from dock spigot and at water stations on support boats.

Drysuits/Wet Suits – Have available. RC will announce at competitors' meeting, if required.

Safety – Harbor has occasional commercial traffic consisting of large oil and gravel barges with tugs. They have the right of way and cannot change course or stop quickly. Keep clear of commercial channel to permit their transit.

Heads – Sailing Classroom building heads, showers and laundry. White mini-barge, Grand Banks Trawler, Pelican Trawler and red RC have heads and will be on station near the starting line.

Boat Launch – (14) FJs are dry stored on floats on island dock across the harbor. Competitors are ferried in inflatables – 14 passengers at a time.

Equipment- (14) older matching FJs with recent blades and running rigging. Sails are new fall 2015 and feature square headed mains. Please be sure to tie in the rudders with tillers through shock cord and line tie in to pad eye, check tanks for water and check hiking straps lines. No standing rigging adjustments are permitted. **Please land only on the landing dock in front of the shed and then move to berth area.**

Venue – Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport, CT on Long Island Sound. Harbor can be shallow in areas and there are rocks. We have several racing areas from which to select. Racing areas may change in afternoon, dependent upon wind strength and direction, sea conditions and tide. Please pay attention in competitors' meeting concerning racing area selected and hazards in that area.

Rotations – Weather permitting, we intend to have all sailors on the water all day with rotations off the white mini-barge(s) rafted to Grand Banks Trawler and/or Pelican Trawler. Rotations will be posted on TechScore. No paper rotations shall be posted.

Capsize – A designated rescue craft will be identified at competitors' meeting. If racing is in the harbor the water depth is only 5'-10' deep in many areas. The bottom is thick, smelly mud. It is important to move quickly to right the boat and mitigate turtling. Racing off St. Mary's Point has rocks near shore.

RC Boat- Classic Herreshoff Harbor Pilot 18 "Beach Plum" with red topsides. Head is on board in cuddy cabin.

Spectators/Coaches – Coaches will be on the water in a common coach boat with access to sailors between races. Parents and land-based spectators can view the race course from either Seaside Park or St. Mary's Park as announced at Skipper's Meeting.

Pizza Party – Immediately following racing on Saturday, a world-famous Pepe's Pizza Party sponsored by SAIL BLACK ROCK FOUNDATION finishing with a signature flavor ice cream cone, The Sail Black Rock.

Awards – Mystic Knotworks braided sailors' bracelets will be awarded for first, second and third places. Overall winner will have team name inscribed on the permanent trophy.

Hotels – Inn at Fairfield Beach, Fairfield, CT – updated motel across from Fairfield Beach, nautically decorated studios & suites for 2-4 persons (add. guests on air mattresses) - \$140-\$250 -ask for 10% university discount, additional person \$25- book side away from bar - recommended

Inn at Long Shore, Westport, CT – only 12 rooms and suites on waterfront golf course and marina. River and Long Is. Sound views from classic 1890 European style mansion with fine dining restaurant. Complementary continental breakfast. Expansive lawn leading to private beach \$159-\$259 – 2-4 persons per room. 15 minute drive, - highly recommended

Black Rock Inn/Best Western, Fairfield, CT - \$139 (2 in room) - suites available for 4-6 – hot breakfast included- do not book first floor, I-95 side or any pet friendly rooms – adequate business hotel

Fairfield Circle Inn, Fairfield, CT - \$159 (2 in room) – suites available, Circle Diner on site– new outdoor pool, - 2015 fully renovated motel into 3-star first class facility – book pool side - highly recommended

