



ROLEX

STORM TRYSAIL CLUB

BLOCK ISLAND

Race Week 2011

presented by Rolex



BLOCK ISLAND RACE WEEK 2011 PRESENTED BY ROLEX

THE EVENT

The Storm Trysail Club's first Block Island Race Week in 1965 attracted more than 175 boats and 1200 sailors. Originally patterned after Cowes Week in the U.K., the event instantly became a staple in the lives of New England's most dedicated racing sailors and one of the largest big boat regattas in the Northeast. The dominant theme was (and still is) hard racing with fine competition and time for daily camaraderie in complete informality. Now with 45 years of tradition behind it, Block Island Race Week presented by Rolex has true national appeal, consistently attracting approximately 150 entries (from 24 to 75 feet) and partnering with some of the sport's most committed sponsors. It is fair to say, in fact, that Block Island Race Week has grown into one of the most popular and prestigious sailing race weeks in America. Block Island Race Week XXIV competitors are once again anticipating impeccably managed competition on the water and famously friendly revelry ashore. Racing will accommodate IRC-rated boats in addition to PHRF and One-Design. The 2011 event will include the 2011 IRC East Coast Championship and the J/122 National Championship. The event will also feature the debut of a new J/111 class and has eliminated former PHRF restrictions that will open up the event to more sailors.

The racing format for the week allows for three fleets - Red, White and Blue - on three different race courses. Weather permitting, all classes with the exception of the Gunboat and Cruising Classes will sail a minimum of two windward/leeward courses on four of the five race days. On one day, all classes will sail the traditional Round-The-Island Race. The Gunboat and Cruising Classes will sail one race per day around set or government marks in Block Island Sound. Sailors will be gunning for individual class trophies, with the larger fleets vying for Rolex watches as overall prizes for the top-performing yachts.

A traditional around-the-island distance race, with an option for a second distance race, also will be included, with a Rolex watch given as prize for the winning IRC entry. For those with endorsed IRC ratings, the Storm Trysail Club's Block Island Race Week XXIV presented by Rolex is a qualifier for the US-IRC Gulf Stream Series (www.us-irc.org).

Each day the harbor signals will be at 0900, with a first warning signal at 1030. This will allow the possibility of three races per day when the wind is steady.

OFFICIALS

Storm Trysail Club Vice-Commodore Nick Langone is serving as Race Week's Chairman. On-the-Water Co-Chairs for 2011 are Storm Trysail Club Members David Brennan and Dick Neville.

HEADQUARTERS

Race Week Headquarters and the Race Week Tent will be located at The Oar Restaurant, in the Block Island Boat Basin on the shore of the Great Salt Pond, also known locally as New Harbor. It is there that racing will be complemented by unparalleled socializing each evening. And during the day, families of the racers will take full advantage of Block Island's island-getaway setting.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 18	1200-1700	Bow & Event Sticker Pick-Up - Race Headquarters
	1500-1700	Weigh In – Narragansett Inn
SUNDAY, JUNE 19	0900-1200	Bow & Event Sticker Pick -Up – Race Headquarters
	0900-1600	Weigh In – Narragansett Inn
	0900-1200	Handicap Appeals Hearings – Race Headquarters
	1200-1700	Registration, Bow & Event Sticker Pick-Up Race Week Tent
	1300-1500	Practice Starts and Races
	1400	Posting of Final Class Assignments
	1800-2000	Welcoming Party – Race Week Tent <i>Heineken & Bitter End Official Party Sponsors</i>
MONDAY, JUNE 20	0730-0830	Substitute Crew Weigh In – Race Week Headquarters
	0900	Harbor Signals
	1030	Racing
	1800-2000	Awards Presentation & Evening Party <i>Caithness Energy Race Day • Gill Official Party Sponsor</i>
TUESDAY, JUNE 21	0730-0830	Substitute Crew Weigh In – Race Week Headquarters
	0900	Harbor Signals
	1030	Racing
	1800-2000	Awards Presentation & Evening Party <i>Vineyard Vines Race Day • Sailing World Official Party Sponsor</i>
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22	0730-0830	Substitute Crew Weigh In – Race Week Headquarters
	0900	Harbor Signals
	1030	Racing
	1800-2000	Awards Presentation & Evening Party <i>Rolex Race Day • Gowrie Group Official Party Sponsor</i>
THURSDAY, JUNE 23	0730-0830	Substitute Crew Weigh In – Race Week Headquarters
	0900	Harbor Signals
	1030	Racing
	1800-2000	Awards Presentation & Evening Party
	1930	Storm Trysail Raffle Drawing <i>Mt Gay Race Day & Official Party Sponsor</i>
FRIDAY, JUNE 24	0730-0830	Substitute Crew Weigh In – Race Week Headquarters
	0900	Harbor Signals
	1030	Racing
	1700-2000	Final Awards Presentation & Evening Party <i>Toyota Race Day • UK Halsey Official Party Sponsor</i>



ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The Storm Trysail Club, reflecting in its name the sail to which sailors must “shorten” when facing adverse wind and sea conditions, is one of the world’s most respected sailing clubs, with its membership comprised strictly of skilled blue water and ocean racing sailors. It has been almost 70 years since a group of big boat sailors came together to share their camaraderie and love of the sea by forming the Storm Trysail Club in 1936. In the decades that have followed, the STC burgee has flown over hundreds of legendary yachts, sailed by thousands of skilled racing sailors, traversing millions of ocean miles on every one of the seven seas.

The Club’s membership stands today at approximately 650 members, every one of whom knows how to handle himself when the barometer drops and the wind and sea whip up. Membership is by invitation, and, to quote from the club’s bylaws, “Candidates must have set a storm trysail under storm conditions offshore or have weathered a storm at sea under greatly reduced canvas. They also must be experienced blue water sailors, capable of taking command of a sailing vessel offshore under any or all conditions.”

The legacy of sailing adventure and the sea has endured and grown into STC becoming not only an outstanding organization of ocean racing sailors but also a leading influence in big boat racing, the club most recently having promoted the acceptance of IRC racing in this country and pioneered a nationwide series of Junior Safety at Sea Seminars. Though it has no clubhouse to call its own, the STC, in conjunction with its several different stations across the country and other yacht clubs, runs many major yachting events throughout the year, among them the Pineapple Cup Montego Bay Race, Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race, IRC East Coast Championship, Collegiate Big-Boat Regatta, Block Island Race, and, of course, Block Island Race Week presented by Rolex.

SPONSORS

Rolex, the most prestigious maker of timepieces in the world and a long-time supporter of sailing, is once again Block Island Race Week’s presenting sponsor. Sponsors for the 24th biennial running of this event are Toyota, Caithness Energy LLC, Mount Gay Rum, Vineyard Vines, UK Halsey Sailmakers, Gill, Gowrie Group, Sailing World, New England Ropes, Hall Spars & Rigging, Heineken and Bitter End Yacht Club.

ABOUT BLOCK ISLAND

Ten thousand years ago, glaciers pushed their way down the East Coast and left behind the rocks and soil that was to form this little paradise called Block Island. The island, ten miles off the coast of Rhode Island, is a cozy community, a land of stunning vistas and a very fragile ecosystem that has been preserved for all to share. Because of the particular forces of nature that went to work on Block Island, no other place on earth shares its geography, nor its balance of species. A rarity, indeed.

Block Island is a rarity in another sense; it's a place that moves at its own pace and is known for a relaxed way of life. It is where 'dressed up' means a pair of shorts. Islanders speak of going to the mainland as going "off island" – an expression of the feeling that Block Island is its own entity, as unique as its North Light or its 250-foot Mohegan Bluffs or its Clayhead Nature Trails. A local story goes that a visitor once went into a café on the island and asked some of the regulars where the beach was. Four of the patrons turned around and each pointed in a different direction. They all got it right. To some, Block Island was put on this earth to make sure everybody gets enough beach time. More than 350 freshwater ponds (from natural springs) and 17 miles of beach (the most notable are Crescent Beach, Fredrick J. Benson Beach, Scotch Beach and Mansion Beach) invite visitors and residents alike to enjoy their pleasures.

There has been an extensive effort to keep Block Island's natural bounty and remarkable landscape intact. Over one-fourth of the island is preservation land, to protect the views and the feel of open space as well as provide habitat for its abundance of rare birds, natural resources and other flora and fauna. This work is a continual process and applies not only to natural resources. When the 125-year old Southeast Lighthouse was in danger of toppling off the bluffs, a foundation was created and funds raised to move the lighthouse back over a hundred yards to keep this antique structure for future generations to enjoy.

The population rises from 800 to an estimated 10,000 people in the summer, so residents depend on visitors' regard and respect for the island and its inhabitants (man or beast) to insure this Last Great Place is maintained as a beautiful and natural habitat for all the creatures that may come and go.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES AND 2009 WINNERS

Storm Trysail Club trophies are for the most part named and donated in memory of people who have contributed significantly to our sport as sailors and worked tirelessly for the Storm Trysail Club. Just like Block Island Race Week itself, the awards are given in the spirit of camaraderie, competition and respect for the unique character of the sport of sailing. The 2009 trophy winners are included with each description.

EVERETT B. MORRIS MEMORIAL TROPHY *Power Play – Bruce Stone & Scott DeWeese*

First awarded in 1967 and rededicated in 1991, it is presented to the Block Island Race Week participant who wins its class and, in the judgement of the race committee and the Commodore, has made the Best Overall Performance.

THE ISBRANDTSEN OVERALL PERPETUAL TROPHY *Troubador – Mort Weintraub*

First awarded in 1975, and rededicated in 1991, it is awarded to the participant with the "Second Best Performance" for the week.

EMIL "BUS" MOSBACHER SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY *Jack Knife – Dr. John Solomon*

Dedicated in 1997, it is awarded to the participant who in the judgement of the Flag Officers and the sportsmanship committee, has displayed an outstanding example of good sportsmanship during Block Island Race Week.

JUSTIN WASLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY *Power Play – Bruce Stone & Scott DeWeese*

Rededicated to Block Island Race Week in 1991, it is presented to the Overall Winner of the One Design class with the largest number of entries.

ISLAND SAILING CLUB OF COWES PERPETUAL TROPHY *Rosebud/Team DYT – Roger Sturgeon*

First awarded in 1965, it commemorates the link between Block Island Race Week and Britain's Cowes Week, after which Block Island Week is patterned. The trophy will be awarded to the 1st overall IRC rated boat in the Around the Island Race along with a Rolex Oyster Perpetual Submariner timepiece.

VINTAGE YACHT TROPHY *XLR 8 – Brad Porter*

Awarded in memory of Hugh Kilmer since 1971, it is presented to the yacht 25 years or older, substantially unaltered, with the best performance for the week.

JOHN ALDEN REED PERPETUAL TROPHY *Swift – USNA*

Awarded to the best performance by a Service Academy Yacht.

GOVERNORS PERPETUAL TROPHY *Nasty Medicine – Steve Sherwin*

First awarded in 1983 to recognize the international competitors at Block Island Race Week, it is presented to the foreign yacht with the Best Performance for the Week.

THE ABRAMS FAMILY TROPHY *Kathy Farrell & Mount Gay Rum*

Dedicated by the Storm Trysail Club in 2003. To be awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to Block Island Race Week.



US-IRC TROPHY

Troubador – Mort Weintraub

Presented by STC and the US-IRC Committee to be awarded to the IRC boat that triumphs in the most competitive IRC class racing in Block Island Race Week. This will be determined by adding the corrected time differential between first and fifth place in each class for each race. The class winner who competed in the class with the lowest average time differential between first and fifth place will be awarded this trophy.

2009 FLEET AWARDS

Blue Fleet, *Hustler* – John & Tony Esposito

Red Fleet, *Troubador* – Mort Weintraub

White Fleet, *Power Play* – Bruce Stone & Scott DeWeese

Shelter Island Yacht Club Team Trophy

1st place Storm Trysail Club - White Team

Challenge VI, Lora Ann, Rumor

2nd Place Storm Trysail Club - Red Team

Rosebud, High Noon, Gold Digger

3rd Place City Island Yacht Club

Hustler, Whirlwind, Promise Kept

2009 CLASS WINNERS

Beneteau 36.7: Quokka, Beneteau First 36.7, Tom Peelen, So. Dartmouth, MA

PHRF 1: *XLR8, Evelyn 32, Brad Porter, Westbrook, CT*

PHRF 2 - J-29: *Hustler, J 29 MHOB, John & Tony Esposito, Mohegan Lake, NY*

PHRF 3: *Rumor, J 80, John Storck, Jr, Huntington, NY*

PHRF 4: *Loki III, S2-9.1, Richard Correll, Huntington, NY*

Navigator Class: *Xenophon, Frers/Nautor Swan, Paul Pakos, Sudbury, MA*

IRC ZERO: *Rosebud/Team DYT, STP65, Roger Sturgeon, Fort Lauderdale, FL*

IRC 40A: *Cool Breeze, Mills 43 Custom, John Cooper, Springfield, MO*

IRC 40B: *Avalanche, Farr 395, Craig Albrecht, Sea Cliff, NY*

IRC 35: *Troubador, Express 37, Mort Weintraub, Larchmont, NY*

NYYC Swan 42: *Apparition, NYYC Swan 42, Ken Colburn, Dover, MA*

Farr 40: *Ramrod, Farr 40, Rodrick Jabin, Annapolis, MD*

J/122: *Gambler, J 122, Doug Shaffer, Bayview, TX*

J/44: *Challenge IV (9), J 44, Jeffery Willis, Huntington, NY*

Farr 30: *One More Time, Farr 30, Bruce Lockwood, Groton Long Point, CT*

J/109: *Storm, J 109, Rick Lyall, Wilton, CT*

J/105: *Power Play, J 105, Bruce J. Stone / Scott DeWeese, San Francisco, CA*



MEDIA CONTACT

MEDIA PRO INTERNATIONAL

Barby MacGowan
41 Memorial Blvd.
Newport, RI 02840
401-849-0220
401-225-0249 (on-site mobile)
barby.macgowan@mediapronewport.com

STORM TRYSAIL CLUB

Marcy Trenholm
Storm Trysail Club
1 Woodbine Ave.
Larchmont, NY 10538
914-834-8857
914-772-5625 (on-site mobile)
stormtry@aol.com

Event Website: www.blockislandraceweek.com

Press: www.regattanews.com

regattanews.com



ROLEX AND SPORTS

Precise, waterproof and robust, at its launch in 1926 the Oyster was already synonymous with a pioneering spirit. Adapted to the lifestyle of a rapidly evolving society in which leisure played a more and more prominent role, this wristwatch was destined to little by little replace the traditional pocket watch.

The sports world offered an extraordinary field of validation and expansion for this timepiece of unprecedented quality. Hans Wilsdorf, founder of Rolex, achieved a masterstroke in 1927 by equipping Mercedes Gleitze, a young Englishwoman, with a Rolex Oyster when she swam the English Channel. He reserved the front page of the Daily Mail to announce the event to the public at large. Even though the watch had remained immersed for over 10 hours in the seawater, it continued to keep accurate time, proof of its undeniable waterproofness and robustness. The young entrepreneur had just created the "Testimonee" campaign.

From then on, the advances of the Oyster would be inextricably linked to sportsmen and women excelling in disciplines that were new at the time, like aviation, automobile racing or mountaineering: in 1933 Stewart Blacker flew over Everest; in 1947, pilot Chuck Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier; in 1935, Sir Malcolm Campbell broke the land speed record in his bolide Bluebird, attaining 301 mph (484 km/h). In 1953, the expedition led by Sir John Hunt, Sir Edmund Hillary and Tensing Norgay was the first to conquer Everest. Through their achievements, these highly visible personalities underscore the technical qualities of the Oyster.

Over the years, new sports disciplines would be added. Today, Rolex is involved in eight major activities: golf, sailing, tennis, skiing, equestrian sports, automobile sports, arts and exploration. All of these disciplines combine precision and endurance, and call on participants to push themselves ever beyond their limits.

PRESENTATION OF ROLEX

Rolex is recognised the world over as the leader in the Swiss watch-making industry and enjoys an unparalleled reputation for quality and know-how.

THE BIRTH OF ROLEX

The origins of Rolex date back to the beginning of the 20th century. At a time when pocket watches were still the order of the day, Hans Wilsdorf, a young Bavarian just 24 years old, wagered on the future of the wristwatch. The pioneering spirit of the founder is the subject of some of the finest chapters in the history of contemporary watch-making and was the source of two major innovations. In 1926, Rolex invented the Oyster, the first waterproof and dustproof watch, and, in 1931, the first self-winding mechanism equipped with a Perpetual rotor. Over the years, Rolex created a full line of Oyster watches, with a strong identity and intrinsic features. Recognisable at a glance, this collection includes over 170 models available in 3,200 possible combinations. The reliability and performance of the product have built the worldwide reputation of Rolex.

AN INTERNATIONAL COMPANY

Today Rolex is established in some one hundred countries. The company ensures the distribution of its watches and the quality of their maintenance through a network of 28 affiliates and several thousand official Rolex jewellers.

A Rolex watch is made to last. Assembled by hand, it benefits from decades of cumulative expertise. An after-sales service, unique in its genre, ensures the proper functioning of the watches over time. It is based on the competence of nearly 4,000 watchmakers, trained by Rolex, who work for the affiliates or for jewellers of the Group worldwide. A universal and timeless brand, Rolex continues to conquer new markets and expand its presence worldwide.

STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY

Responding to growing demand while integrating the latest technologies requires constant evolution of the means of production. In the mid-1990s, Rolex opted for a vertical integration of its production facilities, thus ensuring its control over the manufacture of all its watch components and guaranteeing its autonomy. In the interest of consistency and efficiency, the company consolidated all its activities in Switzerland at four sites.



IN GENEVA

The Rolex headquarters is home to all the administrative activities of the company, to those related to the final assembly and sales of the watches, as well as to the after-sales service.

The Chêne-Bourg site brings together all the activities related to the development and manufacture of the dial and gem-set elements.

The Plan-les-Ouates site groups all the activities related to the development, manufacture and quality control of the case and bracelet.

IN BIENNE

The Bienne site is the location of all activities related to the manufacture and assembly of Rolex watch movements.



AN IMAGE OF EXCELLENCE

In 1992, a new watch intended for professional navigators was created in the Oyster Perpetual collection. Named Yacht-Master, this officially certified Swiss chronometer is immediately recognisable by its bi-directional graduated rotatable bezel with raised markers.

Drawing on ancestral know-how, Rolex continually expands the limits of technology, and in 2007 it launched the Oyster Perpetual Yacht-Master II featuring a countdown with a programmable memory. This unprecedented watchmaking complication constitutes an indispensable tool for experienced skippers and yachting-lovers alike.

A regatta chronograph, the Oyster Perpetual Yacht-Master II is the first watch to have a programmable countdown feature with a mechanical memory. This unprecedented horological complication gives the wearer the advantage of being able to programme the countdown from 0 to 10 minutes according to the countdown time of each regatta. During a start sequences, the countdown can be synchronised with the official countdown.

A new-generation watch, the Oyster Perpetual Yacht-Master II features interaction between the movement and the case and bezel through the Ring Command bezel. It is equipped with the calibre 4160, entirely designed and manufactured by Rolex and consisting of some 360 components. Self-winding, equipped with a Perpetual rotor and certified by the Swiss Official Chronometer Testing Institute (COSC), the Oyster Perpetual Yacht-Master II is guaranteed waterproof to a depth of 100 metres (330 feet).

PERPETUATING THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE

While committed to the principles that are the foundation of the brand, the company is still capable of breaking with tradition in order to respond to changes in an ever-evolving world. Rolex's position as a leader in the watchmaking industry has been further reinforced through the conquering of new markets and the enhancement of the brand's image.

Bruno Meier was named Chief Executive Officer of the company in January 2009.

Official website: www.rolex.com

MEDIA CONTACTS

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA INFORMATION

Key Partners (KPMS)

20, Av. Edouard-Dubois
CH - 2000 Neuchâtel | Switzerland
Tel: +41 32 724 28 29
Fax: +41 32 724 28 33
Email: info@regattanews.com
www.regattanews.com

UK & IRELAND

Giles Pearman
Key Partners (KPMS)
20, Av. Edouard-Dubois
CH - 2000 Neuchâtel | Switzerland
Mobile: +41 79 348 00 23
Fax: +41 32 724 28 33
Email: giles@kpms.com

SPAIN

Javier Sobrino
Key Partners (KPMS)
C/ María Auxiliadora, 4
36202 Vigo
Tel: +34 986441001
Fax: +34 986225981
Mobile: +34 629893637
Email: javier@kpms.com

FRANCE

Thomas Campion
Olivia Payerne
Agence olivia payerne
1, boulevard Jean-Jaurès
92100 Boulogne Billancourt
Tel: +33 (0)1 46 04 08 62
Fax: +33 (0)1 46 04 14 60
Email: thomas@agence-op.fr
olivia@agence-op.fr

ITALY

antonella asnaghi & associati
Via Giacomo Leopardi 14
20123 Milano
Tel: +39 02 48008294
Fax: +39 02 43916618
Email: sinergie@asnaghiassociati.it

GERMANY

Andreas Kling
Föhrdener Strasse 6
25563 Wrist
Tel: +49 (0)4822 360 900
Fax: +49 (0)4822 360 901
Mobile: +49 (0)172 257 8817
Email: andreas@kpms.com

USA

Susan Maffei Plowden
Key Partners (KPMS)
45 Calvert Place | Jamestown | RI 02835
Mobile: +1 401 855 0234
Email: suma@kpms.com
Barby MacGowan (US Events)
Media Pro International
41 Memorial Blvd. | Newport | RI 02840
Tel: +1 401 849 0220
Fax: +1 401 847 4535
Mobile: +1 401 225 0249
Email: barby.macgowan@mediapronewport.com

AUSTRALIA

Lisa Ratcliff
OCC – On Course Communications
PO Box 1513 | Mona Vale NSW 1660
Tel: +61 (0) 418 428 511
Fax: +61 2 8088 1260
Email: lisa@occ.net.au

To learn more about Rolex and its involvement with sports in general visit www.rolex.com

For more information about the Rolex Yachting portfolio visit www.regattanews.com

THE SKIPPER'S WATCH

The Oyster Perpetual Yacht-Master II is the ultimate reference chosen by professionals who sail the world. It is the world's first watch to offer a programmable countdown featuring a mechanical memory. Indispensable for any regatta start, it can be quickly and easily set and, if need be, reset to mark official countdown times. Originally designed to meet the demands of professional sailors, the Yacht-Master II is a new generation watch for all passionate sailors and professionals alike. Visit ROLEX.COM. And explore more.

THE YACHT-MASTER II



ROLEX