



Spring 2021 Newsletter and Sailing Season Calendar

BICS was Incorporated as a nonprofit 501.(C).(3) organization in 2017 by Island sailing program supporters who were intent on making the sport of sailing fun, accessible and affordable to everyone. BICS promotes a welcoming environment that encourages learning, volunteerism, and the satisfaction of supporting a true community benefit program.

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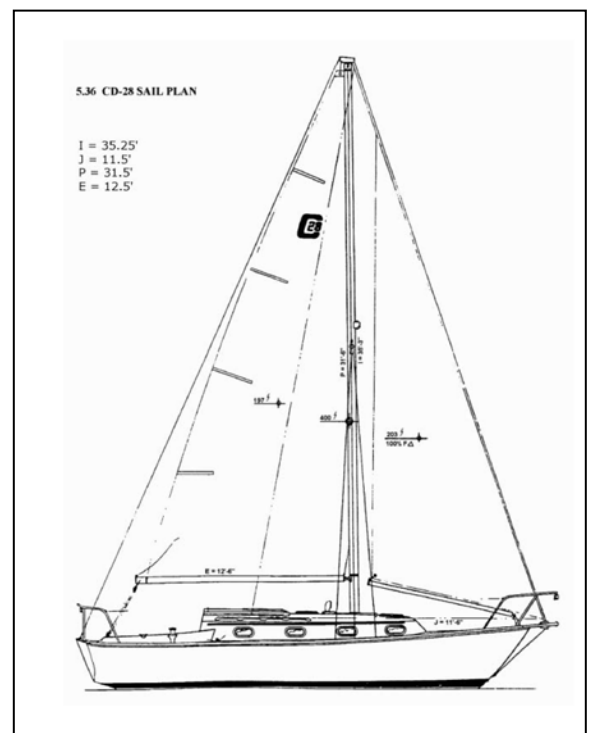
Block Island Community Sailing, Inc. (BICS), the Island's educational, nonprofit community sailing organization, is looking forward to a full sailing season this summer including the launching and availability of our four sail boats which include two Raven 24s, a Soling, and our newly donated and refurbished Cape Dory 28 "Mischief". We are based at the New Harbor Boat Basin, near the Oar Restaurant.

Our new Cape Dory 28 is a sturdy coastal cruiser with a roomy cabin which sleeps five and has full cruising boat amenities such as a head, and a galley. With its inboard diesel engine, and self-tacking jib, the Cape Dory 28 is easy to sail and fits perfectly in the BICS adult sailing program, which offers sailing instruction in keel boats including cruising, coastal navigation, and larger boat racing. This boat is a perfect solution for those sailors who had to give up their own boats when they moved to Block Island because of the long waiting list for private moorings.

All sailing instruction is taught by US Sailing Certified Sailing Instructors using the US Sailing, "Keelboat", and "Cruising Sailboat" curriculum.

In addition to sailing lessons, and recreational use of our boats, BICS is the home for the Island's Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) for which we organize and run several regattas including the Thursday Night Sailing Series, the Mary D Fund Benefit Regatta, and the BIYC Around the Island Pursuit Race. Under the State of Rhode Island regulations for sporting events in the Covid-19 era, we maintain protocols for the safe boating and regatta management. If you are new to racing, we offer sailing instruction onboard one of our racing yachts by an experienced skipper and coaching from a chase boat. We also offer seminars on the Racing Rules of Sailing and welcome newcomers to join the Race Committee which guarantees an exciting evening out on the water.

BICS is a member-based sailing organization where for a low \$250 annual membership fee, our members can take their families and friends sailing, with no extra fees, whenever our boats are available. Lessons and special events, like a family overnight cruise to Mystic Seaport, for example, are available to our members at a discount. Your membership not only provides you with a great season of sailing, but also supports our



community benefit programs which include sailing instruction for the Town of New Shoreham Recreation Department's "Camp Mohegan", and special programs for ladies and seniors.

You can help us bring the joy and excitement of sailing to Block Island! You can join BICS as a member, donate to support our charitable community benefit programs, or volunteer to help us work on our growing fleet of sailboats. You can also provide the gift of sailing to family and friends with gift memberships and discount lesson packages. Block Island Yacht Club members can save \$50 off our membership cost with the special "BIYC members only" discount offered on our web site..

Visit us at our web site: www.sailbi.org or contact us info@sailbi.org for more information.

Block Island 2021 Sailing Events Calendar

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| Event | Class | Host Club / Sponsors | Dates |
|--|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BI Community Sailing Open House Event | All | BI Community Sailing | May 29 th 11-3 PM |
| BIYC Summer Sailing Kickoff Event | All | BIYC / BICS / National Hot. | May 29 th 5-7 PM |
| Off Soundings Club Spring Series | PHRF OS | Off Soundings Club, ECSA | June 11th-12th |
| Block Island Race Week 2020 | PHRF OS | Storm Trysail Club | June 20th – 25th |
| Ensign Class Tuesday Night Sailing | Ensign | Ensign Class Fleet 82 | June – Sept TBA |
| BICS Thurs Night Sailing | PHRF, Dinghy | BI Community Sailing | July 1st – Sept 10 th |
| Mary D Fund Benefit Regatta | PHRF OS | BICS / NH Boat Basin | July 17 th |
| Hal Madison Regatta | Portsmouth YS | Block Island Club | TBD |
| BI Community Sailing Benefit Regatta | PHRF OS | BI Community Sailing | August 14 th |
| SHYC B.I.G Jack Watch Hill to BI Regatta | PHRF OS | Stonington Harbor YC | TB Determined |
| BIYC Around the Island Pursuit Race | PHRF OS | BIYC / ECSA / BICS | September 5th |
| BICS Annual Member Awards Picnic | PHRF Classes | BI Community Sailing | September 11th |
| Cliff Mitchel Mem Columbus Day Regatta | PHRF OS | Newport Yacht Club | October 9th |

Notes: All events will be Pandemic compliant. This means that the BIYC Summer Sailing Kick Off Event may be held outside, weather permitting or by Zoom seminar. All BICS and BIYC events are sailed under the PHRF Class Rules of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association. To join ECSA to get your own boat's PHRF Certificate go to: www.ecsa.net

Legend:

BIYC: Block Island Yacht Club
 BICS: Block Island Community Sailing, Inc
 Ensign Class: Block Island Fleet 82, Ensign Class Association
 PHRF: Performance Handicap Racing Fleet
 PHRF OS: Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Offshore Rules