



Spring 2022 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.

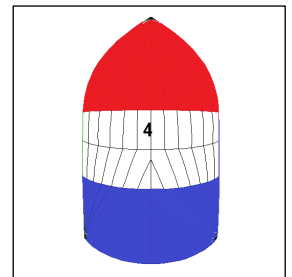
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Block Island Community Sailing, Inc. (BICS), the Island's educational, nonprofit community sailing organization, is looking forward to an expanded sailing season this summer by doubling of our sailing staff to meet the demand from our new status as a US Sailing Accredited Keelboat Sailing School. We are also offering several new programs and improvements to our fleet including:

- New sailing school SMS text messaging to confirm sailing lesson bookings.
- A new woman's sailing program taught by women for women,
- A senior sailing program on our Cape Dory 28 coastal cruiser
- New sails for our Soling Olympic Class Keelboat.
- For our Cape Dory 28, "Mischief" lots of improvements including full length cockpit cushions, new instruments including a digital chart display showing wind speed and direction, depth, and boat speed, and a new spinnaker, pole, halyards, and spinnaker sheets, which will make her even more fun to sail!
- In addition to our regularly scheduled racing events, a new two day "Offshore Regatta", in cooperation with the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club, starting with a distance race from Watch Hill to Block Island on Friday August 12th, followed by another 12-20 nm distance race here on Block Island on Saturday August 13th. This regatta is sanctioned by the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association as a "points" race on their Offshore Circuit Calendar.



As you know membership in BICS not only opens the door to a terrific sailing experience for you and your family, it also allows us to introduce the sport of sailing to Island residents who would otherwise never get to experience the sport, and it also helps us to offer sailing to organizations like the Town of New Shoreham Recreational Department's Camp Mohegan kids.

To take advantage of this opportunity, you can join BICS, or renew your membership for the 2022 sailing season, by clicking the "Sign Up" button on our website at www.sailbi.org. All lessons are taught by US Sailing certified sailing instructors.

Sailing lessons and the popular Cape Dory sunset cruises may be booked from the link on our web site or directly from our booking website at <https://sailbi.vikingbookings.com>

Please find our BICS 2022 sailing season Calendar below which includes our second online seminar on "Introduction to the Racing Rules of Sailing" on Tuesday Evening April 26th from 6-7:30 PM EDT. Visit us at our web site: www.sailbi.org or contact us at info@sailbi.org for more information.

Block Island 2022 Sailing Events Calendar

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Event	Class	Host Club / Sponsors	Dates
BICS Racing Rules of Sailing Zoom Seminar	All	BI Community Sailing	April 26 th 6-7:30 PM
BI Community Sailing Open House Event	All	BI Community Sailing	May 28 th 11-2 PM
BIYC Summer Sailing Kickoff Event	All	BIYC / BICS / National Hotel	May 28 th 5-7 PM
Off Soundings Club Spring Series	PHRF OS	Off Soundings Club, ECSA	June 10th-11th
BICS Thurs Night Sailing	PHRF	BI Community Sailing	June 30 – Sept 8 th
Mary D Fund Benefit Regatta	PHRF OS	BI Community Sailing	July 16 th
BICS / SHYC Offshore Regatta	PHRF OS	BICS / SHYC / ECSA	August 12 th - 13 th
BIYC Around the Island Pursuit Race	PHRF OS	BIYC / ECSA / BICS	September 4th
SHYC B.I.G. Jack Watch Hill to BI Regatta	PHRF OS	Stonington Harbor YC	September 10th
BICS Annual Member Awards Picnic	PHRF	BI Community Sailing	September 10th
Off Soundings Club Fall Series	PHRF OS	Off Soundings Club, ECSA	September 16-17th
Cliff Mitchel Mem Columbus Day Regatta	PHRF OS	Newport Yacht Club	October 8th

Notes: All events will be Pandemic compliant. All BICS and BIYC events are sailed under the PHRF Class Rules of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association. To join ECSA to get your PHRF Certificate go to: www.ecsa.net

Legend:

- BIYC: Block Island Yacht Club
- BICS: Block Island Community Sailing, Inc
- ECSA: Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association
- PHRF: Performance Handicap Racing Fleet. (PHRF OS) means Offshore Rules
- SHYC: Stonington Harbor Yacht Club



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Tripp 26 "RUSH" sailing under the BICS Sailing Club Flag in BI Race Week 2021