



## U.S. TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

George R. Hinman Trophy  
September 24-26, 2021  
Bristol Yacht Club, Bristol RI



*Competitors and Volunteers,*

*On behalf of the Bristol Yacht Club Membership, Executive Committee, and Flag Officers, welcome to the 2021 US Sailing Team Race Championship for the George R. Hinman Trophy. Below you will find some good information about the event schedule, locations, and the logistics. We are very excited to host this event and look forward to some great racing.*

*Below are the BYC House Rules and I am confident you will find the Club welcoming as we take a lot of pride in being a sailors' club. We do ask that all guests that have not received a COVID-19 vaccine wear a mask while in the Clubhouse in accordance with RI Department of Health guidelines. If there are further health guidelines we may need to make modifications and will notify everyone.*

*Parking on the grounds of the Club can be tight so we ask teams to carpool if possible.*

*Bristol is a great town with lots of restaurants and attractions and a wonderful history; we are glad to have you here for this event.*

*Sincerely,*

*Chris Bjerregaard  
Commodore*

*Nick Cromwell  
Bristol YC Race Chair*

*Peter Levesque  
2021 Hinman Event Chair*



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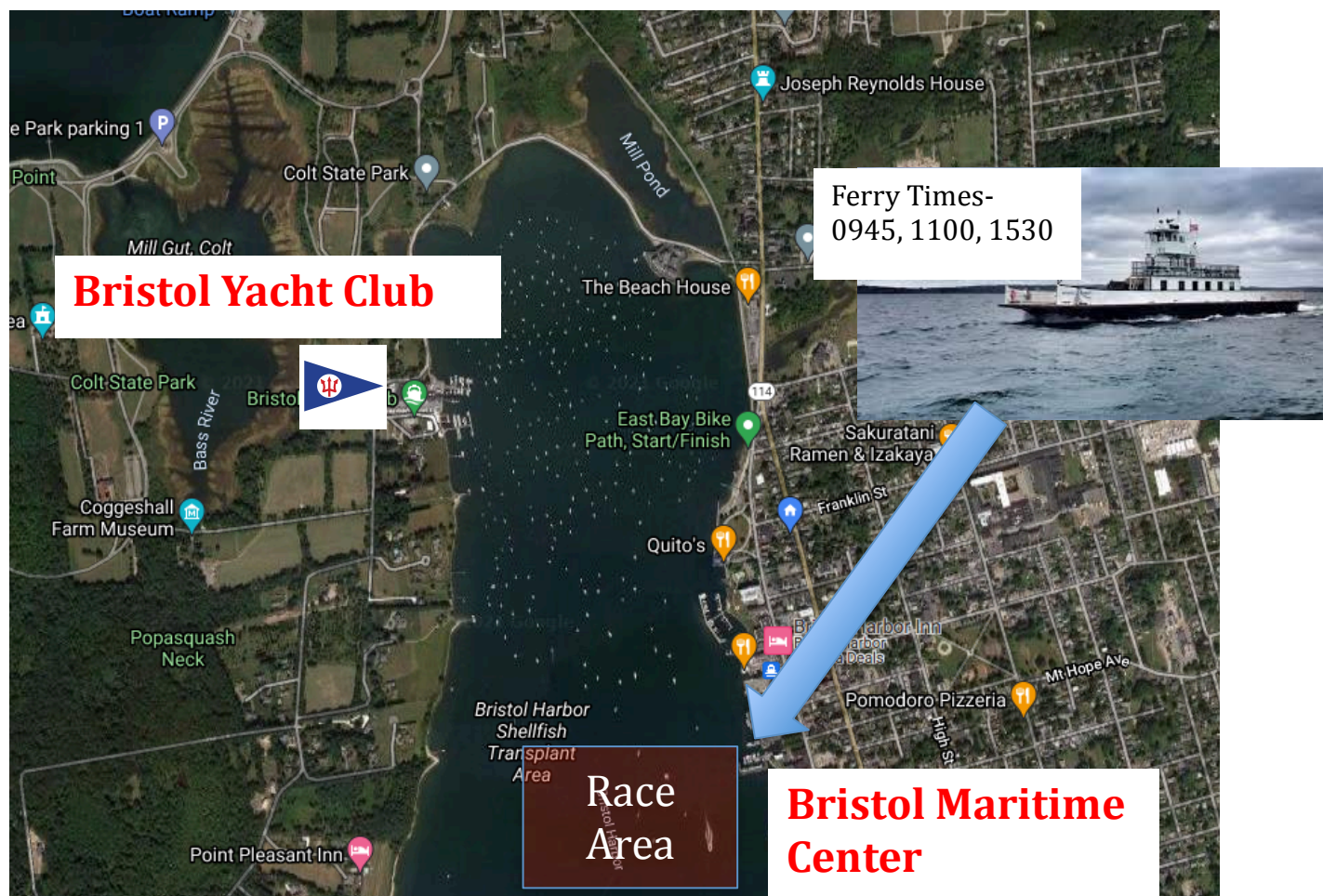
### Sailing/Rotation Areas:

Racing will take place on the southwest side of Bristol Harbor, immediately outside the mooring field, and in close proximity to the Bristol Maritime Center. The Maritime Center has an indoor space, bathrooms, race course viewing, and docks for rotations. Water will be provided at Bristol YC and at the Maritime Center; please bring your reusable water bottles.

Race boats will be available for 45 minute practice windows on Thursday starting at 1300. All team members must be present to practice and teams will be assigned boats on a first come first serve basis when registering.

All sailors are asked to come to the Club each morning and move to the Maritime Center by boat. We will have gear transportation for those sailing race boats, and launch and rib rides for sailors not in the first set of races. If you decide to drive to the other side of the harbor there is parking but you could be in a boat sailing back to the Club at the end of the day.

Near the rotation area is the Prudence Island Ferry (pictured below). When the ferry is arriving and departing the area we will need to keep clear and may need to suspend racing. The ferry times are 0945 departure, 1100 arrival, and 1530 departure.





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### **Rotation and Racing Format:**

Scheduling and being in the right place are very important for this event. Having cooperation between race management and competitors is essential to provide the quality and quantity of competition.

We will be using a Swiss League format with 10 fleets of boats on one race course with very limited time between races. Stage 1 of the competition will be a computerized Swiss League. The program takes the order of the teams at the end of each round and matches the team in first with the team in second and so on down the list. The program will not to match teams more than once in any five-round period. A round is a set of 12 races, where all teams race once. After finishing, teams need to proceed quickly to the rotation area to allow the next teams to arrive for their start on time. If there is a no-show team, the opposing team will be given a walk-over after all of its boats have started and sailed to mark two on the course. It is imperative that you be in the boats and on the race course for your start; the Race Committee will not wait.

We will have 30 420s for this event to maximize racing. Fleets of boats will always compete against each other, so red will always sail blue. We have 18 E 420s from Zim, six LP Z420s from Roger Williams University, and six LP Collegiate 420s from Bristol YC. The fleets starting will be identified using flags flown from the stern of the Signal Boat.

During the first stage, the computer will be scheduling races as far in advance as possible, but sometimes it's not very far. At the end of every round, the schedule for the next round is worked out by the program and displayed. To help you know where we are in the schedule, the rotation will be displayed on screens in the rotation area and available online. Competitors can keep up with rotation and scores on their phones by viewing the file/webpage.

*Rotation and Score Link will be provided at the competitors' meeting.*

### **Meals and Event Schedule:**

Saturday evening will include a dinner under a tent on the Bristol Yacht Club lawn with some music. Tickets for sailors are included in your registration package and extra tickets can be purchased for guests here-

<https://www.bristolyc.com/events/hinman-us-sailing-championship-saturday-dinner>

After sailing Friday there will be a food trucks at the Club when we return and sailors are welcome to stay at the Club for food and drink or venture out on the town for dinner. Sailors have options for breakfast and lunch and should plan ahead for lunch since the rotation could limit teams' downtime. There will be a coffee and pastry kiosk at the Club Friday and Saturday mornings. There are also lots of food options in town: there is a list here: <https://explorebristolri.com/food-to-eat/>



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Please plan to complete registration Thursday afternoon to complete weigh ins and required item checks for 8x8 red flags and USCG approved personal flotation device.

### *Event Schedule*

#### Thursday

1300-1900 Registration

1300-1800 Practice

#### Friday

0800-0900 Late Registration

0900-0930 Competitors' Meeting

1015- First Race

End of Racing TBD

Dinner- Night on the town or Food Trucks at Bristol YC

#### Saturday

0830- Show Time

0930- First Race

End of Racing TBD

1800- Cocktails and Dinner at Bristol YC (six wrist bands included in registration, for additional tickets please go to-

<https://www.bristolyc.com/events/hinman-us-sailing-championship-saturday-dinner> )

#### Sunday

0830- Show Time

0930- First Race

TBD- Transition to Finals

Following Racing - Awards

### **House and Grounds**

There will be a tent on the lawn of the Club to support the event and the recently renovated Clubhouse and the Beach Bar will be open. There are showers and restrooms in a separate building, south of the Clubhouse. In accordance with RI health guidelines, unvaccinated persons are required to wear a face mask while inside the Clubhouse. Parking at the Club is limited so we are asking everyone to carpool and limit overnight parking at the Club.



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### **Bristol YC House Rules**

These rules are for the guidance of members and guests. Above all, common sense and courtesy will ensure everyone's enjoyment of the Club. The Flag Officers and Executive Committee are always available for any necessary clarification or advice.

1. No one under the legal drinking age will be permitted in the Chart Room at any time that the Club bar is open.
2. Consumption of alcoholic beverages must be confined to those sold by the Club over the bar or, for special events, by the bottle or the case. Liquor purchased at the Club must be consumed on the Club premises. This rule does not apply to the consumption of alcoholic beverages from a yacht's locker while the yacht is at the Club dock, provided that the consumption remains within the vicinity of the yacht. (Required to maintain the Club's liquor license.)
3. Obviously intoxicated persons will not be served alcohol at the Club.
4. Shoes and shirts must be worn in the Clubhouse at all times.
5. Wet clothing may not be worn in the Clubhouse.
6. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or designated responsible adult while on Club property.
7. Smoking in the Clubhouse is not permitted.