



## GREAT SALT POND – THURSDAY NIGHT SAILING

July 9–September 10, 2020

**Thursday Night Sailing**, is a 10 week long round-the-marks summer racing series sailed each Thursday evening in the recreation area of the Great Salt Pond. This event is for the larger keel boats on the Island which sail under a specific handicap rule called the Performance Handicap Rating Fleet (PHRF) and dinghies if there is a large enough participating fleet. First start each Thursday evening is at 6:00 p.m. for the first of three 20 minute races.

The Series was founded in 1999 by local sailors with a goal to foster sailing yacht racing on Block Island. The Series is run by Block Island Community Sailing as an advanced racing clinic with coaching and a weekly newsletter on the Racing Rules of Sailing, boat speed techniques, and racing tactics. Regatta chairman Henry duPont, who is also a CGSP Director, said "This sailing series would not have been possible without the work of CGSP and the Harbors Department to preserve and protect the Great Salt Pond." The racing format is typically a windward/leeward course set in the recreational area in the northern section of the Great Salt Pond. The courses are typically about a mile and a half or twenty minutes long which allows three races to be run each evening. This year the series strictly adhered to RI DOH, DEM, and US Sailing Covid-19 regatta regulations.

For more information about this event for next year, go to [sailbi.org](http://sailbi.org)



**Top photo:** Racers which include three Colgate 26s and a J-24. **Left photo:** Presentation of the Thursday Night Sailing Race Committee Awards by BICS Director Jake Fiechter to Race Committee members Elizabeth Moss, Sue Pazos, and Race Chairman Henry duPont **Right photo:** The BICS Race Committee boat underway to set the Race Course under pandemic conditions.

**OUR MISSION:** To protect and enhance the environmental quality of the Great Salt Pond, including its shorelines and wetlands, and to promote appropriate and productive uses of the Pond's resources by residents, visitors and local businesses.

**FUNDING:** Individual contributions, membership dues, special events, program grants. IRS 501(c)3 non-profit. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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