

26th Annual
Earl Mitchell Columbus Day Regatta
Friday, October 9 – Monday, October 12, 2009

The Earl Mitchell Columbus Day Regatta is an annual race from Newport to Block Island started by Newport Yacht Club member and past commodore Cliff Mitchell and is named in honor of his father. The regatta is a relaxed event with an emphasis on fun. The race is non-spinnaker only and uses a staggered start with starting times based on PHRF time-on-distance. One-design classes are also possible with a minimum of three boats required for a class. First, second, and third place trophies are awarded in each class, and the John E. Rebello team race recognizes the best combination of finishes amongst teams made up of three boats from different classes.

Schedule of Events

Friday

7:30pm Skippers Meeting

Get official start times and sailing instructions

Saturday

9:00am Start - Newport

Newport. The first boat will start at 9:00am, and the rest will follow based on handicap.

6:00pm Finish – New Harbor, Block Island

If you can't finish by 6:00pm give up, turn on your engine and come in for beer.

Sunday

3:00pm Hors d'oeuvres

On the dock. Be ready to present your best hors d'oeuvres for judging in taste and presentation. Partaking requires participation!

4:00pm Awards

On the dock.

Monday

Leave as you so desire or continue to enjoy the island. Be sure to check with your dockmates in case any of them want to leave early.

Dockage

Everyone stays at Paynes Dock. Docking is Mediterranean style (stern to) and basically by the size of the boat. We like to get similar sizes together. Paynes Dock does not monitor the radio. Communication is by hollering, whistles. It takes a while to get this many boats secured so please be patient.

Daily dockage rates are as follows:

20 to 30 feet \$26.00
31 to 40 feet \$30.00
41 to 90 feet \$35.00

Paynes Dock likes cash, but will also take checks and credit cards. Bring plenty of quarters for the showers.

Entry

To enter, fill out the necessary forms (attached):

1. Registration Form
2. Existing PHRF Form (if you don't have a Narragansett Bay PHRF rating use below form)
3. Waiver of Liability Form
4. Enclose with a check (payable to Newport Yacht Club)

Mail all of the above to:

Mitchell Regatta
Newport Yacht Club
110 Long Wharf
Newport, RI 02840
Fax (401) 849-9060

Note: All forms must be received by the Wednesday before the Skipper's Meeting on Friday . If you cannot get the form to us by then, email, fax or call us at 401-846-9410. If we receive the forms after the Wednesday before the Friday's Skipper's Meeting then a \$10 late fee will be assessed.

**NEWPORT YACHT CLUB
EARL MITCHELL COLUMBUS DAY REGATTA 2009
REGISTRATION FORM**

(Please Print)

OWNERS NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER
(HOME) _____

PHONE NUMBER
(WORK) _____

BOAT NAME _____

BOAT TYPE/YEAR MANUFACTURED _____ SAIL NUMBER _____
(i.e. Cape Dory 27, Pearson 30)

NB-PHRF Certificate enclosed YES _____ NO _____

Do you want to register for cruising class (Class IV)? YES _____ NO _____

This class is open to people who do not race on a regular basis and are judged (by our independent/unbiased panel) to be a cruising class yacht.

LIST ALL CREW, GUEST AND CHILDREN: (Children must wear certified US Coast Guard life jackets)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____ X \$13.00 = _____ **(EXCLUDE CHILDREN)**

INCLUDES: Beer, Wine, Entertainment, Postage, Phone Calls, Trophies, Extra Hors d'Oeuvres, 6' Gas Grill on dock, and everything else that goes to make up this regatta. **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE YOUR DOCKAGE OR ANY MEALS. A \$10 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED IF FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE SKIPPER'S MEETING.**

The gas grill is available for cooking on Saturday, and Sunday. For those people who haven't been in a while, there are **NO MEALS PROVIDED** (you are on your own, I supply the grill). Team up with your competitors and friends and partake of the food and night life of Block Islands finest restaurants. The Hors d'Oeuvres contest is on Sunday.

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WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

Racing rules are in accordance with the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing. Copies of the rules are available at USSA headquarters (located in Portsmouth).

I _____ (Skipper / Owner / Charter)*** of

The yacht _____ accept full responsibility for the conduct of each member of my crew and guests during the events sponsored by the Newport Yacht Club, including the Memorial Day Regatta and the Columbus Day Regatta. I acknowledge that I have the sole responsibility for the safety of the crew and my yacht.

The Newport Yacht Club is in no way to be held responsible for accidents, damage or injury to property or to yachts, crew, or guests arising from any cause during or related to any race activities. Weather and sea conditions must be evaluated by each skipper and crew and each participant is responsibility for determining whether it is safe for him to participate. The responsibility for wearing a life jacket rests upon the skipper and crew. If assistance is provided by committee vessels and personnel, it is at the risk of the participants.

I hereby agree to all of the conditions for these events and shall inform each member of my crew of these conditions. I hereby warrant that my yacht will be outfitted, equipped and handled in accordance with these conditions; that she will have all required equipment aboard; that she is seaworthy in hull; rig and gear; that she will be competently manned. I agree that the rating with my entry, as filed with the committee, will be the applicable rating for my yacht at the time of the start of the race.

In consideration of your accepting my entry for events sponsored by the Newport Yacht Club I do for myself, my executors, my administrators and assigns waive and release any and all claims that I may have against the Newport Yacht Club, their officers, directors, members, committeemen, race committees, volunteers, employees, and agents, or any one or more of them or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors or any of them arising out of my participation or that of my yacht in the activities, including pre-start and post finish operations and shore activities that may be incurred as a result of any such claim whether valid or not, and I do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless each of them against any such claims that any person, member of my crew or one of my guest or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, and assigns of any of them may have or assert together with any costs and expenses including attorneys fees with respect thereto.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

****Please Circle Appropriate Statement

**NEWPORT YACHT CLUB
COLUMBUS DAY REGATTA
PHRF RATING FORM**

For those yachts that sailed in any of the previous Columbus or Memorial Day Regattas (and were assigned a PHRF) it is not necessary to fill out this form unless you wish to change or update your rating.

All new entrants must fill out this form (or provide a valid NB-PHRF form) in as much detail as possible. This form must be submitted along with the registration form and waiver of liability.

(Please Print)

OWNER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____
(HOME)

PHONE NUMBER: _____
(WORK)

BOAT NAME: _____

BOAT TYPE/MODEL/YEAR MANUFACTURED (i.e. Cape Dory 27) _____

SAIL NUMBER: _____

LARGEST HEADSAIL WITH WHICH YOU WANT TO BE RATED _____
(Yacht is normally rated with a 150% Genoa)

ROLLER FURLED: YES _____ NO _____

RIG: (Check as Applicable)

SLOOP _____ YAWL _____ CUTTER _____ CAT _____ KETCH _____

(Check As Applicable)

OUTBOARD _____ INBOARD _____

PROPELLER:

2 BLADE FIXED _____

3 BLADE FIXED _____

FOLDING _____

FEATHERING _____

KEEL: FULL _____ FIN _____ WINGED _____ ELLIPTICAL _____ CENTERBOARD _____

RUDDER: ATTACHED _____ SKEG _____ SPADE _____ OUTBOARD _____

DRAFT (FT) _____ **WATER LINE LENGTH: (FT)** _____

MODIFICATIONS FROM STANDARD BOAT:
