

# 2012 NEWPORT YACHT CLUB RACING DIRECTORY

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the 2012 racing season. On the following pages you will find the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the Summer One Design Series and the Summer Cruising Classes Series. Each team should read the NOR and SI's carefully. Some instructions have changed from last year. The following is a list of some of the more important requirements that you should be aware of. However, this list is not comprehensive, and does not supplant the need to read the entire SI's.

### **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM PRIOR YEARS**

#### **RACE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:**

Each night's Race Committee is manned by volunteers who give up their Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in order to make the racing fun and fair. However, at times it is difficult to find enough volunteers to run a smooth and efficient race. There is a requirement that each entrant provide one race committee volunteer at least once during the racing season. This will also help promote the exchange of ideas and experiences between the Race Committee and the competitors. The details are spelled out under ELIGIBILITY in the Notice of Race. **PLEASE READ THIS REQUIREMENT CAREFULLY. Providing a volunteer is a requirement of entry.** Thus if an entrant does not meet this requirement by the end of the season, they will be deemed not eligible and will not be scored. Race Committee volunteers should be ready to leave the dock at 5:00 pm.

#### **STARTING SEQUENCE:**

We will be using the standard Rule 26 starting sequence (5 minute rolling starts) for both Tuesday and Wednesday night races.

#### **TIME LIMITS**

For One-Design racing, any boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat in its class will be scored DNF. For both One-Design and PHRF racing, all boats finishing later than 30 minutes after sunset will be scored DNF.

#### **PHRF CLASSES**

There will be two non-spinnaker PHRF classes this year, one for those with a PHRF rating of below 190 (Class II) and one for those with a PHRF rating of 190 or higher (Class III). There must be at least three boats registered in each class for the class 24 hours in advance of the first race to be scored.

#### **SAIL NEWPORT J/22 CLASS**

The J/22 boats chartered from Sail Newport will sail as a separate class, sailing as a spinnaker class on Tuesday's and non-spinnaker on Wednesday's. If 3 or more non-Sail Newport J/22's are properly registered, they will be given a separate class. Otherwise, it is suggested that they sail as PHRF entrants on Wednesday nights.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Racing for the Summer Series will begin on Tuesday/Wednesday June 5/6 through August 28/29. If enough boats/teams are interested, the Regatta Committee will run informal practice races beginning May 15/16 through May 29/30.

## MISCELANEOUS

Note that this year we are **requiring Team Names** for the J/22 class. These Team Names will be used in scoring, rather than the skipper's name. When checking in with the Race Committee prior to racing, be sure to give the Committee your Team Name.

We encourage all competitors to read the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS) for 2009-2012**. A free copy of the rules can be obtained by becoming a member of US Sailing, or can be purchased from various retail sources.

Feel free to contact the Regatta Committee members if you have any questions concerning the NOR's and SI's.

## **REQUIRED COAST GUARD NOTICES**

Operating in a negligent manner (as determined by the Coast Guard) may cause this event to be terminated.

In decreased visibility (less than two nautical miles), participants must comply with the COLREGS sound signal requirements.

All participants are subject to the Navigation Rules of the Road. They do not automatically become "stand-on" or "privileged" by virtue of participation in the event, and are not exempt from following Rule 9 of the Navigation Rules, which prohibits interference with vessels that can only navigate within "narrow channels or fairways."

**HAPPY SAILS – The Regatta Committee**

**NEWPORT YACHT CLUB**  
**2012 ONE-DESIGN SUMMER SERIES**  
**JUNE 5, 2012 THROUGH AUGUST 28, 2012**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is Newport Yacht Club (NYC) Regatta Committee.

**2. RULES**

- 2.1 Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in: (1) the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). 2009-2012, any amendments thereto and the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing; (2) class association rules; (3) this 2012 Notice of Race; (4) the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2 Where there is conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter any class rules except that which is listed in NOR 2.3. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.3 Class rules that may prohibit the use of VHF radios while racing are waived for the duration of the series for the purpose of safety and for receiving pertinent race information.
- 2.4 Racing Rule 29.2 is amended as follows: A recalled class will not start until after all subsequent classes in the original starting sequence. The warning signal for the recalled class will be at or within approximately one minute after the start of the last scheduled class. If there is more than one general recall, class order will be maintained with the warning signal of each general recalled class being sounded at or within approximately one minute after the start of the previously recalled class.
- 2.5 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 are amended to require a One -Turn penalty as an Alternative Penalty, and that having taken such penalty the skipper shall advise the race committee to that effect after finishing.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 All One-Design class boats are invited to race in The One-Design series. Racing is open to all eligible boats that have registered to race. To compete and be scored, a boat must be properly registered with the Newport Yacht Club Regatta Committee as required by paragraph 4 of this NOR.
- 3.2 The Newport Yacht Club will provide a placement in the starting sequence for any one-design class with three or more boats that are properly registered at least 24 hours before a race.
- 3.3 Restriction on the number of boats applies: A minimum of 3 properly registered boats for each class 24 hours prior to a race is required.
- 3.4 In addition, each entrant is required to provide one race committee volunteer at least once during the racing season. Each such volunteer should be one of the entrant's regular racing crew. Entrants may provide a volunteer on the nights they are NOT racing (i.e. Tuesday night one design volunteers for Wednesday night PHRF racing, and vice versa). There must be at least one volunteer provided each night, but there may be more than one since there may be more entrants than there are races. There should be no need to sail short-handed or not sail at all due to no crew since entrants can provide volunteers on non-racing nights. However, if they are unable to race because of this requirement, they will be scored with their series average score for that missed race. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Club bulletin board. **Note that providing a volunteer is a requirement of entry.** Thus if an entrant does not meet this requirement by the end of the series, they will be deemed not eligible for the series and will not be scored.

#### **4. FEES AND REGISTRATION**

- 4.1 In addition to 3.4 above, to be properly registered the following documents must be submitted to the Newport Yacht Club Regatta Committee, 110 Long Wharf, Newport, RI 02840, at least 24 hours prior to the first race in which the competitor will be scored:
  - 4.1.1 Completed registration form.
  - 4.1.2 A check made payable to the Newport Yacht Club for the appropriate entry fee of \$80 for NYC members or \$90 for non-members (US Sailing members receive a 10% discount with a valid membership number entered on the registration form).
  - 4.1.3 A RELEASE, WAIVER AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE signed by the yacht owner and/or skipper.
  - 4.1.4 Evidence of liability insurance for each boat entered.
- 4.2 The OA reserves the right to accept or deny entries beyond stated deadlines.

#### **5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 Racing for the Summer One Design series will begin on June 5, 2012 and will continue on each following Tuesday evening through August 28, 2012. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each evening will be 1800 local time.

#### **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1 The sailing instructions are available in this Sailing Directory and at on the NYC web site, <http://www.newportyachtclub.org/>.

#### **7. VENUE**

- 7.1 Racing will be held on Narragansett Bay.
- 7.2 The starting area will generally be in the vicinity west of Goat Island, east of Rose Island and north of Fort Adams.

#### **8. COURSES**

- 8.1 A chart indicating the location of marks and a list of possible courses (the South Bay chart) is available at the NYC Club Steward office or the NYC Dock Office. The Race Committee, while on the water prior to each race, will post specific courses, using a combination of government and special marks. Refer to the Sailing Instructions for a more detailed description of the courses.

#### **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 in the RRS are amended to a One -Turn penalty as an Alternative Penalty.

#### **10. SCORING**

- 10.1 The scoring system is the low-point system as described in RRS Appendix A.
- 10.2 A boat's series score shall be the sum of her best two finishes out of every three races completed, except that all scores resulting from disqualification shall be counted as part of the best finishes.
- 10.3 One race shall constitute a series.

#### **11. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. At its discretion, the Race Committee may communicate with competitors using VHF Channel 73.

**12. PRIZES**

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded based on the number entrants in each class.
- 12.2 The first three places in each class if there are 7 or more boats registered in that class.
- 12.3 First and second places for classes that consist of 4 to 6 boats registered in that class.
- 12.4 First place only for classes that consist of less than 4 boats registered in that class.

**13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 13.1 Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

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- 1.2 Racing Rule 29.2 is amended as follows: A recalled class will not start until after all subsequent classes in the original starting sequence. The warning signal for the recalled class will be at or within approximately one minute after the start of the last scheduled class. If there is more than one general recall, class order will be maintained with the warning signal of each general recalled class being sounded at or within approximately one minute after the start of the previously recalled class.
- 1.3 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are amended as follows: The first sentences of RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are altered so that "Two-Turn Penalty" has been deleted.
- 1.4 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are further amended to require a boat that has accepted an Alternative Penalty and completed its turn to notify the race committee to that effect after finishing.
- 1.5 Rule 64.1(a) has been amended as follows: The penalty, if any, for infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification.

**2. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 2.1 Racing for the Summer One Design series will begin on June 5, 2012 and will continue on each following Tuesday evening through August 28, 2012. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each evening will be 1800 local time.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta bulletin board located at the Newport Yacht Club.
- 3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Regatta bulletin board five days before they are to take effect and may be posted on the NYC web site at <http://www.newportyachtclub.org>.

**4. RACE COMMITTEE SIGNALS**

- 4.1 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
  - 4.1.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagstaff at the Newport Yacht Club and broadcast on VHF Channel 73 at or before 1700 hours.
  - 4.1.2 Code flags "N" over "A" followed by 3 sound signals means "All racing is abandoned, no more racing today."
- 4.2 STARTING AREA SIGNALS
  - 4.2.1 Starting signals will be made in accordance with the RRS Rule 26 (**5 minute sequence**).
  - 4.2.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1800 hours. Course(s) will be displayed on the starboard side of the Race Committee boat. Information for each class reads top to bottom below the designator numeral or class insignia for each class.

- 4.2.3 Code flags "N" over "A" followed by 3 sound signals means "All racing is abandoned, no more racing today."
- 4.2.4 The starting/finishing line will be between the orange flag or shape on the Race Committee boat and the port-end starting mark. The committee boat may have an attached "keep-off" marker that is deemed to be a permanent part of the committee boat and not an obstruction (thus RRS 19 does not apply).
- 4.2.5 **Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.**
- 4.2.6 A boat shall not start later than **4 minutes** after its starting signal.
- 4.2.7 Two or more boats of the same class must start within the time limit for a race to be scored for that class.
- 4.2.8 At its discretion, the Race Committee may communicate with competitors using VHF Channel 73.

## 5. RACING CLASSES AND FLAGS

- 5.1 In order to avoid confusion, it is recommended that each one-design class provide the Race Committee with a Class flag to be used as the warning signal for the start of that class. Otherwise the warning signal for each class shall consist of the numeric pennants as described in the table below. The pennant number does NOT indicate the order of starts, which may be changed by the Race Committee by hailing boats prior to the hoisting of the first warning signal.  
Other classes eligible for a start will be assigned a designator, a flag and a position in the starting sequence by the race committee and posted on the Regatta Committee bulletin board at the Club, or announced on channel 73 or by hailing the competitors.

Class	Designator	Warning Signal
Viper	V	Pennant 1 or Viper Class Flag
J22 (Sail Newport)	J22	Pennant 3 or J22 Class Flag
Ensign	*E*	Pennant 4 or Ensign Class Flag
S Boats	S	Pennant 5 or S Boat Class Flag

## 6 STARTING SEQUENCE

- 6.1 The starting sequence will be RRS 26 and is provided below. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes Before Starting Signal
Warning	Class Flag, 1 sound	5
Preparatory	Code Flag "P", 1 sound	4
Prep Down	Prep Flag removed, 1 long sound	1
Start	Class flag removed, 1 sound	0

- 6.2 Each class start is independent of another unless indicated as below. A short delay may take place between class start and the ensuing warning signal. However, it is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct rolling starts, whereby the start of one class will be concurrent with the warning for the next class, including any class restarting as a result of a general recall (see section 1, Rules, changes to Rule 29.2).
- 6.3 Two or more classes may be started at the same time. Multiple class flags will be flown as the warning signal in this case.

## 7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Racing will be held on Narragansett Bay.
- 7.2 The starting area will generally be in the vicinity west of Goat Island, east of Rose Island and north of Fort Adams.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be selected from the current South Bay course chart,
- 8.2 **SPECIAL COURSES:** The race committee reserves the option to select courses that are not listed on the South Bay chart. With this option, code flag "O" (red/yellow diagonal) will be displayed. Instead of a course number, individual marks as described on the South Bay chart will be posted under the class designator on the committee boat in the order they are to be rounded and will indicate the side (P or S) to round each mark.
- 8.3 A number in parentheses below a course indicates the number of laps to be sailed, one (1) being understood. For instance, a number two in parentheses (2) under a course indicates that the entire course is to be sailed twice around. However, this does not include sailing through the start/finish line during subsequent laps unless the start/finish mark is also a mark of the course. See 8.4 below.
- 8.4 **Once a boat has properly started, it shall not sail through the start/finish line other than to finish unless the start/finish mark is also a mark of the course.**

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks used will be a combination of government and special marks and selected from the current edition of the South Bay Racing Chart. The course number for each class will be posted under the class designator on the starboard side of the signal boat. Round marks in the order listed. Leave each mark on the side indicated by the letter following the mark as indicated on the South Bay Chart (p = port, s = starboard).

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: the area of Dumplings or between those rocks and Jamestown shore; the rock near Fort Wetherill and the Jamestown shore; Citing Rock east of Rose Island and Rose Island.
- 10.2 Competitors shall not sail between Rose Island and the Newport Bridge.
- 10.3 **Competitors are not to pass through the outer two of the center three spans of the Newport Bridge to accommodate the ongoing painting project and associated barges moored in those vicinities.**

## 11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the orange flag displayed on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end orange starting mark.
- 11.2 Boats starting later than four (4) minutes after their starting signal will be scored "Did not Start" and will be scored according to RRS Appendix A (A4.2 and A5).
- 11.3 The RC reserves the option to run additional races. To indicate racing, code flag "R" (Romeo) will be displayed on the signal boat when the first boat in a class finishes. A class designator posted on the course board will indicate an additional race for that class.

## 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between the orange flag displayed on the signal boat and the orange starting mark.

## 13. PENALTIES

- 13.1. The first sentence of RRS 44.1 and 44.2 is altered so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turn Penalty."
- 13.2 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are amended to require a boat that has accepted an Alternative Penalty and completed its turn to notify the race committee to that effect after finishing.
- 13.3 The penalty, if any, for infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes

RRS 64.1(a).

**13.4 Competitors who dispose of trash in the water will be scored as DSQ.**

**14. TIME LIMIT**

**14.1** The first boat in a class must finish no later than 30 minutes after sunset for the race to be scored. Any boat not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class or within 30 minutes after sunset will be scored DNF.

**15. PROTESTS**

**15.1** A protesting boat **must** notify the Race Committee upon finishing its race.

**15.2** Protests shall be filed at the Newport Yacht Club by 9:00 PM on the day after the race. A protest form is included in this Directory. Additional forms are available at Newport Yacht Club. Protestors may deposit completed forms in the Regatta Committee box located in the hallway on the first floor of the Club or email them to: [Office@NewportYachtClub.org](mailto:Office@NewportYachtClub.org)

**16. SCORING**

**16.1** Races will be scored using the low point system of the *RRS Appendix A, A4 (Low Point and Bonus Systems)*.

**16.2** Each yacht entered in a series shall be scored for each race started by the race committee and not subsequently abandoned.

**16.3** A boat's series score shall be the sum of her best two finishes out of every three races completed, except that all scores resulting from disqualification shall be counted as part of the best finishes.

**16.4** No unregistered boat will be scored.

**16.5** All boats will be scored based on their registered sail number, or, in the case of the J/22 class, the registered Team Name. Boats sailing under Team Names just check in with the Race Committee prior to the start of the first race each evening and notify the Committee of the Team Name under which they are sailing.

**17. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**17.1** CHECKING IN - Each boat shall sail by the Race Committee before the preparatory signal for its class to identify by voice its sail-number, the Team Name and the class in which it will be racing, and receive acknowledgement from the race committee.

**17.2** WITHDRAWAL - Boats withdrawing from a race they have started shall so inform the race committee as soon as possible either directly or on Channel 73. Any yacht unable to contact the RC directly shall report its withdrawal to the NYC Dock Office (Tel: 846-9410) and ask to have the information relayed to the Race Committee. **Note: This is mandatory. Failure to notify will result in a DNC for that evening's race(s).**

**17.3** **For all children less than 13 years of age, it is a USCG and NYC requirement that they wear a Personal Floatation Device whenever they are aboard a boat unless they are below decks or in an enclosed cabin.**

**18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**18.1** Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage or injury. Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk and are reminded to adhere to RRS 4, Decision to Race.

**END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 All cruising class boats are invited to race in the Summer Class series. Racing is open to all eligible boats that have registered to race. To compete and be scored, a boat must be properly registered with the Newport Yacht Club Regatta Committee as required by paragraph 4 of this NOR.

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#### **5. SCHEDULE**

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#### **9. CLASS ASSIGNMENT**

- 9.1 Class assignments and starting sequence are described in 5.1 of the Sailing Instructions. Any changes will be posted on the NYC racing bulletin board and may be posted on the NYC website. A class consists of three or more boats. There will be a separate, non-spinnaker start for the eligible one-design classes in the Summer Series if three or more boats are registered 48 hours before the first warning signal.

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- 1.5 Rule 64.1(a) has been amended as follows: The penalty, if any, for infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification.

**2. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 2.1 Racing for the Summer PHRF series will begin on June 6, 2012 and will continue on each following Wednesday evening through August 29, 2012. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each evening will be 1800 local time.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta bulletin board located at the Newport Yacht Club.
- 3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Regatta bulletin board five days before they are to take effect and may be posted on the NYC web site at <http://www.newportyachtclub.org>.

**4. RACE COMMITTEE SIGNALS**

**4.1 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagstaff at the Newport Yacht Club and broadcast on VHF Channel 73 at or before 1700 hours.
- 4.1.2 Code flags "N" over "A" followed by 3 sound signals means "All racing is abandoned, no more racing today."

**4.2 STARTING AREA SIGNALS**

- 4.2.1 Starting signals will be made in accordance with the RRS Rule 26 (**5 minute sequence**).
- 4.2.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1800 hours. Course(s) will be displayed on the starboard side of the Race Committee boat. Information for each class reads top to bottom below the designator numeral or class insignia for each class.
- 4.2.3 Code flags "N" over "A" followed by 3 sound signals means "All racing is abandoned, no more racing today."
- 4.2.4 The starting/finishing line will be between the orange flag or shape on the Race Committee

boat and the port-end starting mark. The committee boat may have an attached “keep-off” marker that is deemed to be a permanent part of the committee boat and not an obstruction (thus RRS 19 does not apply).

- 4.2.5 **Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.**
- 4.2.6 A boat shall not start later than **4 minutes** after its starting signal.
- 4.2.7 Two or more boats of the same class must start within the time limit for a race to be scored for that class.
- 4.2.8 At its discretion, the Race Committee may communicate with competitors using VHF Channel 73.

## 5. RACING CLASSES AND FLAGS

- 5.1 The warning signal for each class shall consist of the numeric pennants as described in the table below. The pennant number does NOT indicate the order of starts, which may be changed by the Race Committee by hailing boats prior to the hoisting of the first warning signal. PHRF Class divisions will be based on the ratings of registered boats. Any changes to these class divisions will be posted on the NYC Race Committee bulletin board 24 hours prior to the first warning signal of the first race in the series.

Class	Warning Signal	PHRF RATING
PHRF Class I	Pennant 1	Spinnaker
PHRF Class II	Pennant 2	Non-spinnaker Below 190
PHRF Class III	Pennant 3	Non-spinnaker 190 or Above*
Ensign	*E*	N/A
J22 (Sail Newport)	Pennant 5	N/A (Non-spinnaker)

## 6.0 STARTING SEQUENCE

- 6.1 The starting sequence will be RRS 26 and is provided below. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes Before Starting Signal
Warning	Class Flag, 1 sound	<b>5</b>
Preparatory	Code Flag “P”, 1 sound	<b>4</b>
Prep Down	Prep Flag removed, 1 long sound	<b>1</b>
Start	Class flag removed, 1 sound	<b>0</b>

- 6.2 Each class start is independent of another unless indicated as below. A short delay may take place between class start and the ensuing warning signal. However, it is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct rolling starts, whereby the start of one class will be concurrent with the warning for the next class, including any class restarting as a result of a general recall (see section 1, Rules, changes to Rule 29.2).
- 6.3 Two or more classes may be started at the same time. Multiple class flags will be flown as the warning signal in this case.

## 7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Racing will be held on Narragansett Bay.
- 7.2 The starting area will generally be in the vicinity west of Goat Island, east of Rose Island and north of Fort Adams.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be selected from the current South Bay course chart,
- 8.2 **SPECIAL COURSES:** The race committee reserves the option to select courses

that are not listed on the South Bay chart. With this option, code flag “O” (red/yellow diagonal) will be displayed. Instead of a course number, individual marks as described on the South Bay chart will be posted under the class designator on the committee boat in the order they are to be rounded and will indicate the side (P or S) to round each mark.

**8.3** A number in parentheses below a course indicates the number of laps to be sailed, one (1) being understood. For instance, a number two in parentheses (2) under a course indicates that the entire course is to be sailed twice around. However, this does not include sailing through the start/finish line during subsequent laps unless the start/finish mark is also a mark of the course. See 8.4 below.

**8.4** **Once a boat has properly started, it shall not sail through the start/finish line other than to finish unless the start/finish mark is also a mark of the course.**

## **9. MARKS**

**9.1** Marks used will be a combination of government and special marks and selected from the current edition of the South Bay Racing Chart. The course number for each class will be posted under the class designator on the starboard side of the signal boat. Round marks in the order listed. Leave each mark on the side indicated by the letter following the mark as indicated on the South Bay Chart (p = port, s = starboard).

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

**10.1** The following areas are designated as obstructions: the area of Dumplings or between those rocks and Jamestown shore; the rock near Fort Wetherill and the Jamestown shore; Citing Rock east of Rose Island and Rose Island.

**10.2** Competitors shall not sail between Rose Island and the Newport Bridge.

**10.3** **Competitors are not to pass through the outer two of the center three spans of the Newport Bridge to accommodate the ongoing painting project and associated barges moored in those vicinities.**

## **11. THE START**

**11.1** The starting line will be between the orange flag displayed on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end orange starting mark.

**11.2** Boats starting later than four (4) minutes after their starting signal will be scored “Did not Start” and will be scored according to RRS Appendix A (A4.2 and A5)

**11.3** The RC reserves the option to run additional races. To indicate racing, code flag “R” (Romeo) will be displayed on the signal boat when the first boat in a class finishes. A class designator posted on the course board will indicate an additional race for that class.

## **12. THE FINISH**

**12.1** The finish line will be between the orange flag displayed on the signal boat and the orange starting mark.

## **13. PENALTIES**

**13.1.** The first sentence of RRS 44.1 and 44.2 is altered so that “One-Turn Penalty” replaces “Two-Turn Penalty.”

**13.2** Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are amended to require a boat that has accepted an Alternative Penalty and completed its turn to notify the race committee to that effect after finishing.

**13.3** The penalty, if any, for infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

**13.4** **Competitors who dispose of trash in the water will be scored as DSQ.**

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

14.1 All boats finishing later than 30 minutes after sunset will be scored DNF.

## 15. PROTESTS

15.1 A protesting boat **must** notify the Race Committee upon finishing its race.

15.2 Protests shall be filed at the Newport Yacht Club by 9:00 PM on the day after the race. A protest form is included in this Directory. Additional forms are available at Newport Yacht Club. Protestors may deposit completed forms in the Regatta Committee box located in the hallway on the first floor of the Club or email them to: [Office@NewportYachtClub.org](mailto:Office@NewportYachtClub.org)

## 16. SCORING

16.1 Races will be scored using the low point system of the *RRS Appendix A, A4 (Low Point and Bonus Systems)*.

16.2 Each yacht entered in a series shall be scored for each race started by the race committee and not subsequently abandoned.

16.3 A boat's series score shall be the sum of her best two finishes out of every three races completed, except that all scores resulting from disqualification shall be counted as part of the best finishes.

16.4 No unregistered boat will be scored.

16.5 All boats will be scored based on their registered sail number, or, in the case of the J/22 class, the registered Team Name. Boats sailing under Team Names just check in with the Race Committee prior to the start of the first race each evening and notify the Committee of the Team Name under which they are sailing.

## 17. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

17.1 CHECKING IN - Each boat shall sail by the Race Committee before the preparatory signal for its class to identify by voice its sail-number, the Team Name and the class in which it will be racing, and receive acknowledgement from the race committee.

17.2 WITHDRAWAL - Boats withdrawing from a race they have started shall so inform the race committee as soon as possible either directly or on Channel 73. Any yacht unable to contact the RC directly shall report its withdrawal to the NYC Dock Office (Tel: 846-9410) and ask to have the information relayed to the Race Committee. **Note: This is mandatory. Failure to notify will result in a DNC for that evening's race(s).**

17.3 **For all children less than 13 years of age, it is a USCG and NYC requirement that they wear a Personal Floatation Device whenever they are aboard a boat unless they are below decks or in an enclosed cabin.**

## 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage or injury. Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk and are reminded to adhere to RRS 4, Decision to Race.

## END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2012 ONE-DESIGN REGISTRATION

Complete this form and sign the liability waiver. Registration fees are \$80 for Newport Yacht Club members, \$90 for non-members. Fee covers both Tuesday and Wednesday racing. US Sailing Members receive a further 10% discount.

Owner/Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_ **US Sailing membership #** \_\_\_\_\_

Team/Boat Name (required for J/22 Class): \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the Regatta Committee, Newport Yacht Club, with entry fee and other documents as indicated below. Make checks payable to the Newport Yacht Club.

**THE REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
NEWPORT YACHT CLUB BEFORE A YACHT WILL BE SCORED IN A RACE**

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

In order to be scored as an eligible boat, each skipper **MUST** submit the following documents with this complete application no less than 24 hours before the first race warning signal:

1. A check for the amount of the registration as indicated above.
2. Evidence of liability insurance.
3. A signed RELEASE, WAIVER AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE form.

### OUR TEAM WILL RACE:

TUESDAY EVENINGS

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (Note: J/22's are non-spinnaker on Wednesday's)

BOTH TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

# 2012 PHRF REGISTRATION

Complete this form and sign the liability waiver. Check off the appropriate spaces for the series you plan to participate in. Registration fees are \$80 for Newport Yacht Club members, \$90 for non-members. Fee covers both Tuesday and Wednesday racing. US Sailing Members receive a further 10% discount.

Owner/Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_ **US Sailing membership #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team/Boat Name (required for J/22 Class):** \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the Regatta Committee, Newport Yacht Club, with entry fee and other documents indicated below. Make checks payable to the Newport Yacht Club.

**THE REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
NEWPORT YACHT CLUB 24 HOURS BEFORE A YACHT WILL BE SCORED IN A RACE**

**Class/Type** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sail #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

## INDICATE TEAM IS SAILING SPINNAKER OR NON-SPINNAKER:

**Spinnaker - PHRF spinnaker rating** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class I**

**Non-spinnaker – PHRF non-spinnaker rating** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class II below 190**

**Class III 190 or above**

In order to be scored as an eligible boat, each skipper **MUST** submit the following documents with this complete application no less than 24 hours before the first race warning signal:

1. A check for the amount of the registration as indicated above.
2. Evidence of liability insurance.
3. A signed **RELEASE, WAIVER AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE** form.
4. All PHRF skippers **MUST** submit a valid 2011 PHRF of Narragansett Bay rating certificate at the time of registration.

**NEWPORT YACHT CLUB  
SPRING AND SUMMER ONE DESIGN AND CRUISING CLASS RACING  
SERIES**

**THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS A RELEASE AND WAIVER  
READ FIRST**

**RELEASE, WAIVER AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE.**

The undersigned acknowledges that in consideration of the efforts of the Newport Yacht Club, for being allowed to participate in these races and the acceptance of this application to race, HE DOES HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS THE UNDERSIGNED MAY HAVE AGAINST THE NEWPORT YACHT CLUB, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OR TRUSTEES AND ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MEASURERS, JUDGES, AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES ARISING OUT OF THE ACTIVITIES REQUIRED FOR THE RACES ON THE WATER, AND DOES FURTHER COVENANT AND AGREE NOT TO SUE OR TO BRING ANY CLAIM OR CLAIMS OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER AGAINST THE NEWPORT YACHT CLUB OR ANY OF THE PERSONS AND OFFICES NAMED, OR UNNAMED, ABOVE WHO MAY BE ACTING ON THE NEWPORT YACHT CLUB'S OR ITS/THEIR BEHALF.

**SKIPPER:**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



**THIS SIDE FOR PROTEST COMMITTEE USE**

*Fill in and check as appropriate*

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Heard together with numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawal requested; signed \_\_\_\_\_  Withdrawal permitted

Protest time limit \_\_\_\_\_

Protest, or request for redress or reopening,  is within time limit.  Time limit extended.

Protestor, or party requesting redress or reopening, represented by \_\_\_\_\_

Other party, or boat being considered for redress, represented by \_\_\_\_\_

Names of witnesses \_\_\_\_\_

Interpreters \_\_\_\_\_

**Remarks**

Objection about interested party..... \_\_\_\_\_

Written protest or request identifies incident ..... \_\_\_\_\_

'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity ..... \_\_\_\_\_

No hail needed, protestee informed at first reasonable opportunity .... \_\_\_\_\_

Red flag conspicuously displayed at first reasonable opportunity ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Red flag seen by race committee at finish ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Protest or request valid, hearing will continue**

**Protest or request invalid, hearing is closed**

**FACTS FOUND**

Diagram of boat \_\_\_\_\_ is endorsed by committee.

Committee's diagram is attached.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

**DECISION**

*Protest*  is dismissed.

Boat(s) \_\_\_\_\_  is (are) disqualified.

is (are) penalized as follows \_\_\_\_\_

*Redress*  is not given.  is given as follows \_\_\_\_\_

*Request to reopen a hearing*  is denied.  is granted.

**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

Members \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date and time \_\_\_\_\_

# **NYC Race Committee Guidelines for Cancelling Racing due to Weather Conditions**

First and foremost, **it is the individual skipper's responsibility** to decide whether the conditions are appropriate for their crew and boat.

The NYC Race Committee will use the following **GUIDELINES** in judging whether racing should be cancelled on any given night. All decisions will be made based on weather observations at 5:00 PM and will be communicated by the appropriate signals at NYC and broadcast over VHF channel 73.

## **WIND**

- Sustained winds greater than 25 knots using inputs from the wind reading on the top of the Hyatt or Rose Island as displayed on Sailflow and other sources. The wind reading in the clubhouse will be used as a guide.
- Sustained Winds of 20-25 knots, racing will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. Realizing that the committee is made up of volunteers, the Race Committee chair for the evening has the same responsibility to their crew as above.
- Sustained winds below 5 knots using inputs from the wind readings on the top of the Hyatt or Rose Island as displayed on Sailflow, and other sources. The wind reading in the clubhouse will be used as a guide.
- Other Newport Weather data is available on line at [www.riyachting.com](http://www.riyachting.com)

## **FOG**

- If the New York Yacht Club flagstaff can be seen from NYC (approx.. 1 nm), racing will most likely be held (see COLREGS sound signal requirements for visibility less than 2 nm). In addition to the harbor view, the Race Committee will use the Newport Harbor webcams to assess fog on the bay. In making a decision the Race Committee recognizes that most boats racing will not have electronics to navigate in the fog. This includes the ability to see others as well as to determine where they are.
- Newport Harbor webcams are available at [www.riyachting.com](http://www.riyachting.com).

## **RAIN/LIGHTENING**

- When thunderstorms and/or lightening are predicted and/or observed within 8-10 miles of NYC racing will be cancelled, or postponed until the storms have passed.
- Rain alone will not necessarily be a reason to cancel racing.