



2009 New England SOLO/TWIN

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NOTICE OF RACE

July 23 – July 25, 2009

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The New England SOLO/TWIN Championships are separate races starting in Newport, RI on Friday, July 24, and organized by the Newport Yacht Club and Goat Island Yacht Club, Ltd. The divisions will consist of the following:

- Single-handed Monohull Spinnaker • Single-handed Monohull Cruising Canvas
- Double-handed Monohull Spinnaker • Double-handed Monohull Cruising Canvas • Double-handed Multihull

The intent of these races is to encourage competition in the tradition of shorthanded sailing and passage making. While recognizing the inherent danger in the sport, this event is organized to promote and to help develop techniques and equipment, which will foster safe and seamanlike shorthanded sailing. Because the completion of each race is a singular accomplishment, all who finish will be considered winners of the event.

2. RULES

2.1 The New England SOLO/TWIN Championships will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012; the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association (*US Sailing*); the International Rules of the Road (refer to USCG booklet 1690); Inland or International (as appropriate) Regulations (COLREGS) for preventing collisions at sea; the Announcement of Race; this Notice of Race; the Sailing Instructions; and amendments or addendums to any of the aforementioned.

2.2 A yacht's auxiliary engine may only be used in emergencies or, with the gears disengaged, to charge batteries. Whenever the engine is used, the time and reason for use must be logged.

3. ADVERTISING

The New England SOLO/TWIN Championship is classified as a Category A event, in accordance with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 20, ADVERTISING CODE.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The New England SOLO/TWIN Championships are open to offshore sailing yachts at least 24 feet and no more than 60 feet LOA. Classes within the divisions will be established following close of entries and are determined by handicap ratings. Class scratch sheets will be provided at the Skippers' Meeting at 0900 hours on Friday, July 24. ATTENDANCE AT THE SKIPPER'S MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL RACE ENTRANTS.

4.2 Rating Certificates

4.2.1. Monohull entries must have a valid 2009 rating certificate from Performance Handicap Rated Fleet-Narragansett Bay (PHRF-NB). Entries in the Monohull Cruising Canvas divisions will use PHRF-NB Non-Spinnaker ratings. PHRF-NB ratings applications may be obtained from Pat Beausoleil at PHRF-NB, PO Box 356, Washington, NC 27889 (401) 253-0207 weekdays, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. A copy of the rating certificate must be submitted to SOLO/TWIN Event Organizers by the close of entries Monday, July 21. Rating applications, with required fee, should be submitted to PHRF-NB by Friday, June 15 to ensure return by entry deadline. No PHRF-NB application will be processed without payment of processing fee.

4.2.2. Multihull entries must have a valid 2009 handicap rating from the New England Multihull Association (NEMA). A copy of the rating certificate must be submitted to the SOLO/TWIN Event Organizers by the close of entries Tuesday July 21.

4.2.3. **NOTE: Participants must conform to all conditions and terms of the rating certificates submitted with their entry. Violation of those conditions may result in a penalty, including disqualification.**

4.4 Previous SOLO/TWIN participants are automatically qualified, as are participants in longer shorthanded races, such as the Bermuda One-Two.

4.5 New entrants in the SOLO/TWIN must provide the event organizers with a written statement of sailing experience, including evidence of at least one non-stop single-handed (SOLO) or double-handed (TWIN) passage of 25 miles or more. If the 25-mile passage is to be made in the year of the race, it must be completed by no later than Monday, July 14. Statement(s) of experience for all entrants must be included with entry form.

4.6 The elder skipper shall not be less than 21 years old and the younger of a twin entry shall not be less than 16 years old.

4.7 The event organizers reserve the right to reject entries for any reason that it deems sufficient. In the event that any entrant has made false statements, entry will be refused and the entry fee will be forfeit.

5. SCHEDULE

July 14 — 2400	Deadline for completing qualifying passage(s)
July 22 — 2400	Close of entries
July 23 — 1600-2000	Check-in by representative(s) of each entering boat, Newport YC
July 24 — 0800	Deadline for registering any changes in crew list
July 24 — 0900	Skippers' Meeting, Newport Yacht Club (mandatory attendance)
July 24 — 1150	Warning signal for the first class start
July 25 — 1700	Awards Reception, Newport YC (approximate time)

6. FEES

6.1 \$45.00 – Single-handed Entry; \$65.00 – Double-handed Entry.

6.2 Once an entry is accepted, the entry fee is non-refundable. Unique situations causing withdrawal may be considered for refunds by the event organizers.

7. MANDATORY CHECK-IN

A representative from each boat entered must check in with the race organizers on Thursday, July 23 between 1600 and 2000 hours. Regatta representatives will be on duty at the Newport Yacht Club; they will monitor VHF Channel #72 and the NYC telephone at (401) 846-9410 choose 6. At check-in, any outstanding fees and/or paperwork are due, including a copy of the yacht's PHRF-NB or NEMA rating certificate and the Required Safety Equipment check list, properly completed and signed by the entrant(s), attesting that all the required equipment is on board and ready for use. Failure to complete registration could result in disqualification of the entrant. **NOTE:** *Any changes in the crew list will require updated personal information and signature on the waiver. Changes in the crew list will be accepted no later than, 0800 on Friday, July 24, prior to the start of the Skippers' Meeting.*

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions are supplied to entrants upon checking in on Thursday, July 23 between 1600 and 2000 hours at Event Headquarters at the Newport Yacht Club.

9. RACE COURSE

The courses will consist of ocean triangles of 65-125 miles in length, which will begin and end in Narragansett Bay, and which will vary for the Monohulls, Multihulls and Cruising Canvas divisions. There will be provisions for shorter courses, which will be included within the Sailing Instructions.

10. SAIL LIMITATIONS

10.1 A yacht sailing in a Cruising Canvas class may use only one headsail at a time, except briefly during a headsail change. Any headsail in use must be affixed to the headstay for the entire length of its luff. A yacht may, however, also use a single working forestaysail, provided that sail is a part of that yacht's normal rated sail configuration.

11. TIME ALLOWANCES/SCORING

Ratings will be applied Time-On-Time to determine finish positions. There will be no time limit set for the completion of these races.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The race committee will monitor VHF Channel 72. All competitors will attempt to make radio contact with other participants and/or the race committee during the race at appointed times, as described within the sailing instructions.

13. AWARDS:

Awards will be presented to yachts placing first, second and third in each class within each division.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 Responsibility: The decisions to enter, to start, and to continue racing are entirely the participants' responsibility. Every participant must recognize the risk inherent in such a venture and take full responsibility for the safety and well being of themselves, their vessels, and the other people and vessels they may encounter during the event. By electing to participate, each participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the event organizers, the Newport and the Goat Island Yacht Clubs, their officers, and all affiliated parties from any loss or damage to his or her person or property.

14.2 Questions, proof of qualifying passage(s), entry fee, statement(s) of qualifications, and completed race entries — exclusive of requests for PHRF-NB or NEMA rating certificates — should be directed to: New England SOLO/TWIN Championships, c/o Newport Yacht Club, 110 Long Wharf, Newport, RI 02840. www.newportyachtclub.org

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