



# 2017 NEWPORT YACHT CLUB RACING DIRECTORY

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the 2017 racing season. On the following pages you will find the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the One Design Series and the PHRF / Cruising Class Series. Each team should read the NOR and SIs carefully as some instructions have changed from last year. The following is a list of some of the more important requirements. The list is not all inclusive and does not supplant your need to read the entire document.

The Newport Yacht Club Regatta Committee's goal is to provide racing participants with a safe, fair and fun experience. We encourage all competitors to study the ***Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017-2020***. A free copy of the rules may be obtained by becoming a member of US Sailing, or may be purchased from various retail sources. Feel free to contact the Regatta Committee chair if you have any questions - Nancy Parrillo (nparrillo@cox.net).

## **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR**

### **SCHEDULE**

NYC will be running **two** Sumer Series for one-designs as well as PHRF/Cruising classes. There will also be a warm up series in May for which there is no charge. There will not be racing on July 4th this year.

**Spring Warm Up Series** (all boats welcome) – May 17, 24 & 31

#### **One-Design – Tuesday night**

Summer Series 1: June 6 – July 18, excluding July 4

Summer Series 2: July 25 – Aug 29

Ensign Class (spinnaker) – One series on Tuesday nights, June 6 – Aug 29, excluding July 4

#### **PHRF/ Cruising Class – Wednesday night**

Summer Series 1: June 7 – July 19

Summer Series 2: July 26 – Aug 30

Ensign Class (non-spinnaker) – One series on Wed. nights, June 7 – Aug 30

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration and payment is online. Entrants must email or mail evidence of insurance and PHRF certificate, where applicable. Sail Newport J/22 charter boats do not have to send proof of insurance.

Mail to: Newport Yacht Club Regatta Committee, 110 Long Wharf, Newport, RI 02840

Email to: office@newportyachtclub.org, attn.: Regatta Committee.

#### **Tuesday night One-Design registration:**

<http://www.newportyachtclub.org/Racing/onshore/OneDesign/one-design>

#### **Wednesday night PHRF/Cruising registration:**

<http://www.newportyachtclub.org/Racing/onshore/PHRF/phrf>

## **PARTICIPANT ASSISTANCE TO RACE COMMITTEE**

For the 2017 season, race participants will assist the Race Committee to encourage the exchange of ideas, learning and fun. Each participating boat will be required to assist the Race Committee once during the season. The boat will be awarded average points for that series, replacing the worst score, if the boat does not race in their series.

Boats may also volunteer for Race Committee on a night that their boat does not normally race or on a weekend regatta, thus not missing any races in the series. In this case, no scores will be adjusted.

Boats failing to volunteer will receive a DNE (disqualification that is not excludable) replacing their worse score. This score cannot be discarded.

Please sign up **at least one week in advance** on the NYC bulletin board, or by contacting Nancy Parrillo ([nparrillo@cox.net](mailto:nparrillo@cox.net) or 508-574-1144). Please notify Nancy at least 48 hours ahead if you have to cancel so we can ensure proper staffing. Thank you.

## **PHRF CLASSES**

The split of the PHRF class will be determined based on entries, ratings and feedback from participants. The split will be announced on the club website and Notice Board well before the first day of racing for the series. It is likely that there will be one spinnaker PHRF class and two non-spinnaker PHRF classes. There must be at least **two** boats registered, with valid 2017 PHRF certificates from PHRF-NB, in each class 24 hours in advance of the first race for the class to be scored. *Matt: Is there a process for challenging the splits?*

## **J/22 CLASS**

The J/22s chartered from Sail Newport are not class legal and therefore will sail as a separate class, racing as a spinnaker class on Tuesdays and non-spinnaker on Wednesdays. If 3 or more non-Sail Newport J/22's are properly registered, they will be given a separate class. Alternatively, non-Sail Newport J/22s with valid rating certificates may sail as PHRF entrants on Wednesday nights.

Each Sail Newport 2J/22 crew shall pick a **Team Name**. These Team Names will be used instead of the skipper's name in scoring. Be sure to give the Race Committee your **Team Name** when you check in.

## **REQUIRED COAST GUARD NOTICES**

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

- If a competing yacht causes an underway commercial vessel to sound 3 or more sound signals, the competitor is subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- All participants are subject to the Navigation Rules of the Road. You do not automatically become "stand-on" or "privileged" by virtue of your participation.
- You 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." Note the preamble to Part 2 of the RRS.
- In decreased visibility (less than two nautical miles), participants must comply with the COLREGS sound signal requirements.

## **GUIDELINES FOR CANCELLING RACING DUE TO WEATHER**

First and foremost, **it is the individual skipper's responsibility** to decide whether the conditions are appropriate for his/her crew and boat. (RRS 4)

The NYC Race Committee will use the following **GUIDELINES** in judging whether racing should be cancelled on any given day. All decisions will be made based on weather observations at 1700. Word will be communicated by appropriate flag signals at NYC and broadcast over VHF channel 73.

### **WIND**

- Sustained winds greater than 25 knots or below 5 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.

### **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 not all boats racing will have electronics to navigate and may lack the ability to see others or to determine where they are.
- Newport harbor webcams are available at [www.riyachting.com](http://www.riyachting.com).

### **RAIN/LIGHTNING**

- When thunderstorms or lightning are predicted or observed within 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.

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**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Newport Yacht Club (NYC).

**2. RULES**

2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 Class rules that 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 and NOAA weather.

2.3 Rules 29.2, 44.1 and 64.1 are amended. The amendments are described in the sailing instructions.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 All One-Design class boats are invited to race in the Warm Up, both Summer Series. Racing is open to all eligible boats that have registered. To compete and be scored, a boat must be properly registered with the NYC Regatta Committee as required by paragraph 4 of this NOR.

3.2 NYC will provide a start for any one-design class with **two** or more boats that are properly registered at least 24 hours before a race.

3.3 Boats that provide Race Committee assistance with a regular crew member will receive a series average score (computed after throwouts are discarded) replacing their worst score. Limit once per series, per boat. Boats that do not provide assistance will receive "DNE," replacing their worst score. Boats that provide assistance on a night other than their registered series night will receive no scoring adjustment.

**4. FEES AND REGISTRATION**

4.1 Complete registration and payment online at

<http://www.newportyachtclub.org/Racing/onshore/OneDesign/one-design>

To be properly registered, online registration must be completed and the following documents must be received at least 24 hours prior to the first race in which the competitor will be scored:

4.1.1 Email or mail evidence of liability insurance to: [office@newportyachtclub.org](mailto:office@newportyachtclub.org) or NYC Regatta Committee, 110 Long Wharf, Newport, RI 02840. Sail Newport J/22 charter boats do not have to send proof of insurance.

4.1.2 Entry fees are as follows. Add late fee of \$25 if registering after the first day of racing. US Sailing members receive a 10% discount.

		NYC Member	Nonmember
Spring Warm Up	May 17, 24, & 31	<b>free</b>	<b>free</b>
Summer Series 1	June 6 – July 18	\$90	\$100
Summer Series 2	July 25 - Aug 29	\$90	\$100
Ensign Class	June 6 – Aug 29	\$180	\$200

4.2 The OA reserves the right to accept or deny entries submitted beyond deadlines.

## 5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The Summer series will be conducted on Tuesday evenings. The Spring Warm-up Series will be held on Wednesdays.

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## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions are available in this Racing Directory and on the NYC website, <http://www.newportyachtclub.org/Racing/onshore/OneDesign/one-design>

## 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 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 from the NYC Club Steward Office or Dock Office, or from Sail Newport. The Race Committee will post 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 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty.

## 10. SCORING

10.1 The scoring system is the low point system as described in RRS Appendix A.

10.2 There will be one throwout for every four races completed, except for the Ensign class which will have one throwout for every 6 races completed. A DNC (Did Not Compete) is an allowable throwout.

10.3 A boat that volunteers for race committee by providing a regular crew member will be awarded average points for that series (computed after throwouts are discarded), replacing the worst score, if the boat does not race in their series. Limit once per series, per boat.

10.4 Boats failing to volunteer will receive a DNE (disqualification that is not excludable) replacing their worse score. This score cannot be discarded.

10.5 One race shall constitute a series.

**11. RADIO & MOBILE PHONE 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 applies to mobile telephones. At its discretion, the Race Committee may communicate with the fleet, a class or individual competitors using VHF Channel 73.

**12. PRIZES**

12.1 Prizes will be awarded for each series based on the number of entrants in each class.

12.1.1 The first three places in each class if there are 7 or more boats registered in that class.

12.1.2 First and second places for classes that consist of 4 to 6 boats registered in that class.

12.1.3 First place only for classes that consist of fewer 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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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 29.2 is amended as follows: A recalled class will restart after all subsequent classes in the original starting sequence. The warning signal for the recalled class will be 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 approximately one minute after the start of the previously recalled class.
- 1.3 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty. A boat that has accepted an Alternative Penalty and completed its turn must notify the Race Committee to that effect after finishing.
- 1.4 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 The Summer series will be conducted on Tuesday evenings. The Warm Up Series will be held on Wednesday evenings.

**Warm Up Series: May 17, 24, & 31**  
**Summer Series 1: June 6 – July 18**  
**Summer Series 2: July 25 – Aug 29**  
**Ensign Class Series: June 6 – Aug 29**

There will not be racing on July 4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be 1800 hours.

**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 NYC and the NYC website.
- 3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the NYC 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 NYC and broadcast on VHF Channel 73 at 1700 hours. An earlier broadcast may occur.
  - 4.1.2 Code flags "N" over "A" coincident with 3 sound signals means "All racing is abandoned, no more racing today."
  - 4.1.3 When flag AP (postponement) is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 4.2 STARTING AREA SIGNALS
  - 4.2.1 Starting signals will be made in accordance with the RRS Rule 26.



- 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 The starting/finishing line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the port end starting mark.
- 4.2.4 **Boats in a class whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.**
- 4.2.5 A boat shall not start later than **4 minutes** after its starting signal.
- 4.2.6 Two or more boats of the same class must start within their time limit for a race to be scored for that class.
- 4.2.7 At its discretion, the Race Committee may communicate with competitors using VHF Channel 73.

**5. RACING CLASSES AND FLAGS**

5.1

Class	Class Designator	Class Flag
J22 (Sail Newport charter fleet)	J22	J22 Class Flag
Ensign	*E*	Ensign Class Flag
S Boats	S	S Boat Class Flag

The

warning signal for each class shall consist of the class flags as described in the table below.

**6 THE START**

- 6.1 The Race Committee intends to conduct rolling starts, whereby the start of one class will be concurrent with the warning for the next class.
- 6.2 Two or more classes may be started at the same time. Multiple class flags will be made 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 be in the vicinity west of Goat Island and north of Fort Adams.

**8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The courses will be selected from the South Bay Race Chart (Narragansett Bay, RI).
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 **Once a boat has started properly, she shall not sail through the start/finish line other than to finish unless the start/finish mark is also a mark of the course.** The start/finish line is an obstruction except when starting or finishing.

**9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks used will be a combination of government selected from the current edition of the South Bay Race Chart. The course number for each class will be posted under the class designator on the starboard side of the signal boat.

**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 shall pass under the Newport (Pell) Bridge only through the center**

**span in order to accommodate the ongoing painting project.**

## **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 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 RSS Appendix A. (This changes A5.)
- 11.3 The RC reserves the option to run additional races. To indicate racing, code flag "R" (yellow cross on red square) 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. When a course is shortened (code flag "S"), the finish will be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the nearby mark.

## **13. TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1 The time limit for all classes is 30 minutes after sunset as published in Eldridge.
- 13.2 Any boat that finishes more than 30 minutes after the first boat in its class that sails the course and finishes, or 30 minutes after sunset, whichever comes first, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules A4, A5 and 63.1.

## **14. PROTESTS**

- 14.1 A protesting boat shall comply with RRS 61.1 and shall notify the Race Committee of their intent to protest upon finishing the race in which the incident occurred.
- 14.2 Protests shall be filed at NYC by 9:00 PM on the day after the race. Protest forms are available at NYC or on the US Sailing website. Protestors may deposit completed forms in the Regatta Committee box located in the hallway on the first floor of the Newport Yacht Club or email them to: Office@NewportYachtClub.org.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1 Races will be scored using the low point system described in *Appendix A*.
- 15.2 Each yacht entered in a series shall be scored for each race started by the Race Committee and not subsequently abandoned.
- 15.3 There will be one throwout for every four races completed, except for the Ensign Class which will have one throwout for every 6 races completed. A DNC (Did Not Compete) is an allowable throwout.
- 15.4 A boat that volunteers for race committee by providing a regular crew member will be awarded average points for that series (computed after throwouts are discarded), replacing the worst score, if the boat does not race in their series. Limit once per series, per boat.
- 15.5 Boats failing to volunteer will receive a DNE (disqualification that is not excludable) replacing their worse score. This score cannot be discarded.
- 15.6 Unregistered boats will not be scored.
- 15.7 All boats will be scored based on their registered sail number, or, in the case of the J/22 class, the registered Team Name.

## **16. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- 16.1 CHECKING IN - Each boat shall sail by the Race Committee boat before their preparatory signal to hail her sail number, the class in which she will race, and her Team Name where applicable. Each boat shall receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee.
- 16.2 WITHDRAWAL - Boats withdrawing from a race shall inform the Race Committee as

soon as possible, either directly or on VHF Channel 73. Any yacht unable to contact the RC directly shall report its withdrawal to the NYC Dock Office (Tel: 401-846-9410) and ask to have the information relayed to the Race Committee.

- 16.3 **Children under 13 years of age shall wear a USCG approved Personal Floatation Device whenever they are aboard a boat unless they are below decks or in an enclosed cabin.**

**17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1 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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4.1.2 For all PHRF/cruising class boats, send a valid 2017 PHRF of Narragansett Bay (PHRF-NB) rating certificate. A non-current PHRF certificate, or certificate from outside Narragansett Bay will not be accepted.

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## **9. CLASS ASSIGNMENT**

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

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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## **11. SCORING**

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**2. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

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**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 NYC bulletin board located.
- 3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the NYC 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 NYC and broadcast on VHF Channel 73 at 1700 hours.
  - 4.1.2 Code flags "N" over "A" followed by 3 sound signals means "All racing is abandoned, no more racing today."
  - 4.1.3 When flag AP (postponement) is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 4.2 STARTING AREA SIGNALS
  - 4.2.1 Starting signals will be made in accordance with the RRS Rule 26.
  - 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" coincident with 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 on the Race Committee signal boat and the port-end starting mark.
- 4.2.5 **Boats in a class 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**

The warning signal for each class shall consist of the numeric pennant or class flag as described in the table below.

<b>Class</b>	<b>CLASS FLAG</b>	<b>PHRF RATING</b>
Multihulls	Pennant 4	N/A
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
J/22 Sail Newport Charter Fleet	J22	N/A
Ensign	*E*	N/A

**6.0 THE START**

- 6.1 The Race Committee intends to conduct rolling starts, whereby the start of one class will be concurrent with the warning for the next class.
- 6.2 Two or more classes may be started at the same time. Multiple class flags will be made 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 Race Chart.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 **Once a boat has properly started, she shall not sail through the start/finish line other than to finish unless the start/finish mark is also a mark of the course.** The start/finish line is an obstruction except when starting or finishing.

**9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks used will be a combination of government marks selected from the current edition of the South Bay Race Chart. The course number for each class will be posted under the class designator on the starboard side of the signal boat.



## **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 shall pass under the Newport (Pell) Bridge only through the center span. This to accommodate the ongoing painting project.**

## **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 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 RSS Appendix A. (This changes A5.)
- 11.3 The race committee reserves the option to run additional races. To indicate racing, code flag "R" (yellow cross on red square) 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. When a course is shortened (code flag "S"), the finish will be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the nearby mark.

## **13. TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1 The time limit for all classes is 30 minutes after sunset as published in Eldridge.
- 13.2 Any boat that finishes more than 30 minutes after the first boat in its class that sails the course and finishes, or 30 minutes after sunset, whichever comes first, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules A4, A5 and 63.1.

## **14. PROTESTS**

- 14.1 A protesting boat shall comply with RRS 61.1 and shall notify the Race Committee upon finishing its race.
- 14.2 Protests shall be filed at NYC by 9:00 PM on the day after the race. Protest forms are available at NYC and on the US Sailing website. 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).

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1 Races will be scored using the low point system described in *Appendix A*.
- 15.2 Each yacht entered in a series shall be scored for each race started by the Race Committee and not subsequently abandoned.
- 15.3 There will be one throwout for every four races completed, except for the Ensign Class which will have one throwout for every 6 races completed. A DNC (Did Not Compete) is an allowable throwout.
- 15.4 A boat that volunteers for race committee by providing a regular crew member will be awarded average points for that series (computed after throwouts are discarded), replacing the worst score, if the boat does not race in their series. Limit once per series, per boat.
- 15.5 Boats failing to volunteer will receive a DNE (disqualification that is not excludable) replacing their worse score. This score cannot be discarded.
- 15.6 Unregistered boats will not be scored.
- 15.7 All boats will be scored based on their registered sail number, or, in the case of the J/22 class, the registered Team Name.

**16. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- 16.1 CHECKING IN - Each boat shall sail by the Race Committee boat before their preparatory signal to hail her sail number, the class in which she will be racing, and her Team Name where applicable. Each boat shall receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee.
- 16.2 WITHDRAWAL - Boats withdrawing from a race shall so inform the Race Committee as soon as possible either directly or on VHF Channel 73. Any yacht unable to contact the RC directly shall report its withdrawal to the NYC Dock Office (Tel: 401-846-9410) and ask to have the information relayed to the Race Committee.
- 16.3 **Children under 13 years of age shall wear a USCG approved Personal Floatation Device whenever they are aboard a boat unless they are below decks or in an enclosed cabin.**

**17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1 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**