

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB 2021 FROSTBITE SERIES
NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
REGISTRATION OPENS 4 December 2020

Special Note: COVID Guidance:

The fleet will be adhering to COVID health and safety guidance as established by the host club. If any **competitor feels sick, for any reason, do not sail**. Instructions about boat exchanges and dis-infecting prior to use will be issued at the beginning of each day of racing and will be posted racing dock. **Food from outside is not be allowed in the club**. Use of the club facility will be limited and announced during the first day of racing.

1. Rules

Racing shall be conducted in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 the US SAILING's prescriptions thereto, and these sailing instructions until 31 January 2021. Thereafter, the fleet will race using the new Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024.

- Special Note: No one likes to protest but sometimes it is needed when another sailor has gained an advantage by not following the racing rules of sailing. – Know the rules - Sail by the rules – **Use the rules as shield - not a sword**.

2. Entries

Due to COVID restrictions, registration will be capped at 30 participants for the 2021 season. First priority will be afforded to Newport Yacht members from 5 December to 9 December. Second priority will be offered to those who qualified in the 2020 season from 10 December to 14 December. Third priority will be 15 December to 20 December and will be filled a on first come, first serve basis. Registration will be closed 20 December or when 30 qualified registrants have been received.

3. Notices to competitors

Notices will be on the Frostbite desk during the race day.

4. Schedule: Dates and Location

Racing will begin on 1 January and will continue on consecutive Sundays through 18 April. The Race Committee will attempt to conduct a minimum of six races on each day, daylight and weather permitting. Races will be conducted approximately between 1200 and 1600 hours. To assist in launching and rigging the boats and setting up the divisions, all racers should check in by 1130. All races will be sailed in the inner harbor, directly in front of the Newport Yacht Club. There will be no racing on Easter, 11 April.

20/20 Rule

Races will not be started if the temperature is less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit or the wind is more than 20 knots.

5. Courses

Courses and mark roundings will be announced verbally to all skippers prior to the start of each race. Addendum to these Sailing Instructions showing courses will be posted and discussed prior to race day. Courses will also be posted on a White Board. Traditionally, courses sailed are Windward-port, Leeward-port, Windward-Starboard, reach leg to finish at dock; Windward-starboard, Reach-starboard jibe, Leeward-starboard, Windward-starboard, reach to finish at dock; Windward-port, Leeward-port, Windward-Finish at boat. These courses will be discussed at first day of sailing.

6. Starting and Finishing

The starting line will normally be between the “Crash Boat” and starting mark. The sound signals will be made with the ‘Ollie’ automated start system using Rule 26 of the RRS. See the Chart below:

Fair Start/Recall

The Race Committee will signal a fair start by shouting “**ALL CLEAR.**” In the event of a premature start, the Race Committee will **attempt** to notify the competitors by calling out their sail number.

It is the responsibility of each skipper to start properly.

Starting sequence

Rule 26 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be replaced by the following:

Sounds	Time Remaining
5 short blasts	Several seconds to start of sequence
3 long blasts	3 min. to start
2 long blasts	2 min. to start
1 long blast and 3 short blasts	1 min. 30 sec. to start
1 long blast	1 min. to start
3 short blasts	30 sec. to start
2 short blasts	20 sec. to start
1 short blast	10 sec. to start
1 short blast for each second	5, 4, 3, 2, 1 sec. to start
1 long blast	START

7. Assumption of risk

In accordance with section 7-6-9 of Rhode Island General Law, competitors waive any liability that the Newport Yacht Club, its officers, agents, or employees might have for bodily injury. It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to decide whether or not to start or continue a race.

8. Qualification

The number of races sailed by the competitor who has sailed the most races in the season shall serve as the basis for qualifying. A competitor qualifies if he/she has sailed at least 60% of that number.

9. Fouls and Protests

Note that there is no requirement for a red flag in *Rule 61.1(a), Informing the Protestee*, of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* for boats of the size we are using. The Two Turns Penalty, *Rules 44.1 and 44.2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing* is **replaced by a One Turn Penalty**: one tack and one jibe. Written protests shall be filed within one-half hour of the last race of the day if the foul was not exonerated by one of the parties taking a penalty turn. The parties involved must be available for a hearing when the protest is filed.

10. Special Instructions

a. Registration and waiver forms must be filled out and submitted by the first race day. **A registration fee must be paid by each competitor by the start of the second race day. The fees are:**

NYC Member: \$100.00

Non-Member Resident: \$175

Non-Member/Non-Resident: \$200

Juniors – (under 18): \$50.00

- b. Each competitor must sign-in by 1200 hours on each race day. Failure to do so may jeopardize the competitor's opportunity to race that day.
 - c. Participants are required to wear, **WITHOUT EXCEPTION**, a properly secured flotation device, that is not an inflatable while racing or while in the crash boat or on the dock. No one should be on the dock alone.
 - d. Participants under 18 years of age are required to wear dry suits while racing or while in the crash boat.
 - e. **If a boat capsizes**, the race will be terminated immediately, so that the crash boat can render assistance to the disabled boat right away. **All racers not involved in assisting shall return to the dock and tie up.**
 - f. Boats should not be sailed until the crash boat is manned, ready and underway.
 - g. Minimal age is 14 years old unless specifically cleared by the Frostbite Committee.
 - h. All racers will be broken into two fleets, A, B, (we have only 12 boats). The current standings will determine the break between the fleets. Boat rotations and swaps will be using the Fleet Race Direct Swap. Before the first race, each racer will blind draw a sail number and that will determine the sequence of boats that racer will use. Using this method, if a racer draws an odd number such number 1, that sailor will proceed up to the next numbered boat 2, for the second race and so on. If a racer draws an even number for the first race such as 4, that sailor will proceed down to the next numbered boat for the second race 3, and so on. If there are more racers than the number of boats in each class, an X will be added to the draw of sail numbers. An X drawn is a qualifier for that race. A rotation chart will be available for competitors to view during the day of racing. Boats will be rotated from A division to B division after a set determined number of races. Traditionally, boats are exchanged after the completion of one race per division. It's possible that the fleet will rotate boats after sailing two races per division.
- Note:
While the A fleet is racing, the B fleet will start and finish the race and man the crash boat for the A fleet, and vice versa for when the B fleet races. If a fleet has racers who draw an X, those racers should be available to man the crash boat for that fleet's race.

11. Scoring

Rules A2 Series Scores and A4 Low Point and Bonus Point Systems, of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be replaced by the Cox-Sprague scoring system. Breakdowns are scored as qualifiers.

12. Reporting Damage

Please notify the Frostbite Committee if there is any mechanical or structural problem with the hull or rigging of any boat. We will attempt to fix it by the next week of racing.

13. Organizing Authority and Host Facility

Newport Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority, host facility and the owner of the boats being used. It is expected that competitors will treat the boats, the facility and fellow competitors with respect and good sportsmanship.