



2021 NEWPORT YACHT CLUB RACING DIRECTORY

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2021 racing season. On the following pages you will find the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) for the One-Design Series and the PHRF / Cruising Class Series. **Each team should read the NOR and SI carefully as some instructions have changed from last year.** Some of the key information and requirements are noted below; however, the list is not all inclusive and does not supplant each team's need to read the entire document.

The Newport Yacht Club (NYC) 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 2021-2024***. 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 if you have any questions at regatta@newportyachtclub.org.

COVID-19 STATEMENT

All participants are required to follow the latest COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines as published by the state of Rhode Island.

<https://reopeningri.com/parks-recreation>

In general:

- The Race Committee is responsible for running the event. Each boat and crew are responsible for policing themselves.
- Wearing of masks is encouraged.

Contact Tracing:

- The NYC will maintain records of all boats participating in each race and the point of contact for that boat based on registration.
- Boat skippers / owners are responsible for maintaining a crew roster for each race in which they participate.

SCHEDULE

NYC is running the following race series for the 2021 season. Note that this year there is no warm-up series.

One-Design – Tuesday night

Series I	01 June – 13 July
Series II	20 July – 31 August
Ensign Class (spinnaker, single series)	01 June – 31 August

PHRF / Cruising Class – Wednesday night

Series I	02 June – 14 July
Series II	21 July – 01 September
Ensign Class (non-spinnaker, single series)	02 June – 01 September

REGISTRATION, PAYMENT, AND PROOF OF INSURANCE

Registration and payment must be completed online.

One-Design - Tuesday night registration:

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

PHRF / Cruising - Wednesday night registration:

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

Proof of insurance is required for each entrant, with the exception of the Sail Newport J/22 charter boats. E-mail or mail evidence of insurance, and if applicable, a copy of the PHRF certificate to:

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

Email to: regatta@newportyachtclub.org, Attn: Regatta Committee.

PARTICIPANT ASSISTANCE TO RACE COMMITTEE

Unlike in years past, for the 2021 season, in support of COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, race participants are not asked to assist the Race Committee (RC).

PHRF CLASSES

The split of the PHRF class is determined based on entries, ratings and feedback from participants. The split will be announced on the club website and Notice Board before the first day of racing for the series. It is likely that there will be one spinnaker PHRF class and potentially two non-spinnaker PHRF classes. There must be at least **two (2)** boats registered, with valid 2021 PHRF certificates from PHRF-NB, in each class 24 hours in advance of the first race for the class to be scored.

J/22 CLASS

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

Each Sail Newport J/22 crew shall pick a **Team Name**. **THIS IS MANDATORY!!!** The team name is used instead of the skipper's name in scoring. Each Sail Newport J22 is **required** to give the Race Committee your **Team Name** when you check in on each race day.

Sail Newport COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines are available at the Sail Newport website: <https://sailnewport.org>.

REQUIRED U.S. COAST GUARD NOTICES

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

- If a **competing** boat causes an underway commercial vessel to sound three (3) or more sound signals, the competitor is subject to protest by the RC.
- All participants are subject to the Inland Rules of the Road. Boats do not automatically become “stand-on” or “privileged” by virtue of their participation.
- Teams are not exempt from following Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road, which prohibits interference with “a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway” and must navigate safely. (*Note the preamble to Part 2 of the RRS.*)
- In restricted visibility, participants must comply with the Inland Rules of the Road sound signal requirements. (*Rule 19 and Rule 35 Inland Rules of the Road*)

WEATHER GUIDELINES FOR RACE POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION

First and foremost, it is the **individual skipper’s responsibility** to decide whether the conditions are appropriate for his/her crew and boat. (*RRS 3 – Decision to Race*)

The NYC Race Committee uses the following weather **guidelines** in judging whether racing should be postponed or cancelled on any given day. All decisions will be made based on weather observations at 1700 hours (5:00 pm) on the evening of the race. Word will be communicated by appropriate (RRS inside back cover) flag signals at NYC and broadcast over VHF channel 73.

Wind

- Criteria:
 - Sustained winds greater than 20 knots or below 5 knots – Race canceled
 - Sustained winds of 18-20 knots -- racing is at the discretion of the RC
- Sources for wind information include but are not limited to:
 - NYC Clubhouse Weather Station
 - Sailflow (www.sailflow.com) (Rose Island Station)
 - NOAA Station NWPR1 – Newport (Coasters Harbor) (http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=nwpr1)

Fog

- Criteria:
 - Visibility less than 1 nm – Race postponed or canceled
 - Consideration will be given to the forecast and stability of the conditions keeping in mind that not all boats racing are equipped with the necessary navigation systems or lights to operate safely in restricted visibility.
- Determination of visibility:
 - If the New York Yacht Club flagstaff is visible from NYC, visibility is approx. 1 nm.
 - Weather service forecast such as NOAA VHF weather broadcasts and website – www.weather.gov/box
 - Captain’s on-scene conditions report from a vessel underway.
- See Rule 35 of the Inland Rules of the Road for sound signal requirements in restricted visibility.

Rain / Lightning

- Criteria:
 - Thunderstorms or lightning forecast or observed within 10 miles of NYC – Race delayed until storm passes or canceled.
 - Rain alone will not necessarily be a reason to cancel racing.
- Sources for severe weather include but are not limited to:
 - Weather service forecast such as NOAA (www.weather.gov/box)
 - Marine weather broadcast on VHF

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2021 ONE-DESIGN – TUESDAY NIGHT SERIES

Series I 01 June – 13 July
 Series II 20 July – 31 August
 Ensign Class (spinnaker, single series) 01 June – 31 August

ONE-DESIGN NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

All participants shall abide by the current COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines as established by the state of Rhode Island. See the COVID-19 statement on page 1.

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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

2. RULES

- 2.1 Racing is 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 that is available to all boats.
- 2.3 Rules 29.2 (General Recall), 44.1 (Taking a Penalty), and 64.2 (Penalties) 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 Summer Series. Racing is open to all eligible, registered boats. 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.

4. FEES AND REGISTRATION

4.1 Entry fees.

SERIES	NYC MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Series I	\$90	\$100
Series II	\$90	\$100
Series I & II <i>(10% discount if registered for both at the same time)</i>	\$162	\$180
Ensign Class	\$162	\$180

- 4.1.1 Add a \$25 late fee for registrations submitted after 05/31/2021.
- 4.1.2 *US Sailing* members receive a 10% discount.
- 4.2 To be properly registered, online registration must be completed and proof of liability insurance must be received at least 24 hours prior to the first race in which the competitor will be scored.

4.2.1 Complete registration and payment online at
<http://www.newportyachtclub.org/Racing/onshore/OneDesign/one-design>

4.2.2 Email or mail proof of liability insurance to:
Mail to: Newport Yacht Club - Regatta Committee
110 Long Wharf
Newport, RI 02840

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

4.2.3 **Sail Newport J/22** charter boats do not have to send proof of insurance.

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

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The One-Design Summer series are conducted on Tuesday evenings.

Series I 01 June – 13 July
Series II 20 July – 31 August
Ensign Class (spinnaker, single series) 01 June – 31 August

5.2 The scheduled time of the **warning signal** for the first race is **1800 hours (6:00 pm)**.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions are included within this Racing Directory and are posted on the NYC website:

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

7. VENUE

7.1 All races are conducted on Narragansett Bay.

7.2 In general, the starting area is in the vicinity west of Goat Island and north of Fort Adams.

8. COURSES

8.1 The RC will post courses using a combination of government and special marks. Refer to the Sailing Instructions for a more detailed description of the courses.

8.2 A chart indicating the location of marks and a list of possible courses (the South Bay Race Chart) is available from the NYC Club Steward Office or Dock Office, or from Sail Newport.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 Rule 44.1(Taking a Penalty) 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 throw-out for every four races completed. A DNC (Did not compete) is an allowable throw-out.

10.3 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 3, Decision to Race.*) The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the series.

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2021 ONE-DESIGN – TUESDAY NIGHT SERIES

Series I	01 June – 13 July
Series II	20 July – 31 August
Ensign Class (spinnaker, single series)	01 June – 31 August

ONE-DESIGN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 29.2 (General Recall) 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 (Taking a Penalty) is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty. A boat that accepted an Alternative Penalty and completed its turn must notify the Race Committee (RC) to that effect after finishing.
- 1.4 Rule 64.2 (Penalties) is amended as follows: The penalty, if any, for infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification.

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 2.1 The One-Design Summer series are conducted on Tuesday evenings.
Series I

Series I	01 June – 13 July
Series II	20 July – 31 August
Ensign Class (spinnaker, single series)	01 June – 31 August

- 2.2 The scheduled time of the **warning signal** for the first race is **1800 hours (6:00 pm)**.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and changes to the SI will be posted on the Regatta bulletin board located at the NYC and on the NYC website at <http://www.newportyachtclub.org>.
- 3.2 Any changes to the SI will be posted on the NYC bulletin board five days before they are to take effect and will 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 (5:00 pm). An earlier broadcast may be made.
- 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 (Starting Races).

4.2.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1800 hours (6:00 pm). 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 start / finish line is 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 The warning signal for each class shall consist of the class flags as described in the table below.

Class	Class Designator	Class Flag
J/22 (Sail Newport charter fleet)	J22	J22 Class Flag
Ensign	*E*	Ensign Class Flag
S Boats	S	S Boat Class Flag

6 **THE START SEQUENCE**

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 are 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 properly starts, 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 RC 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 (Pell) Bridge.

10.3 **Competitors shall pass under the Newport (Pell) Bridge only through the center span in order to accommodate the ongoing construction projects.**

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line is 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 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee))

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 before 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 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.

13.2 Any boat that finishes more than 30 minutes after the first boat in its class that sails the course and finishes, or more than 30 minutes after sunset, whichever comes first, will be scored DNF (Did not finish) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 (Low Point System), A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), and 63.1 (Requirements for a Hearing).

14. PROTESTS

14.1 A protesting boat shall comply with Rule 61.1 (Informing the Protestee) 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 no later than 2100 (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 NYC first floor or email them to: Regatta@NewportYachtClub.org

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Races will be scored using the low point system described in RRS *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 throw-out for every four races completed. A DNC (Did Not Compete) is an allowable throw-out.
- 15.4 Unregistered boats will not be scored.
- 15.5 All boats are 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 **must** 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 **must** inform the Race Committee as soon as possible, either directly or on VHF Channel 73. Any boat 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 PFD Requirement
- 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 Rule 4 (Decision to Race).

END OF ONE-DESIGN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB

2021 PHRF / CRUISING CLASS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

Series I 02 June – 14 July
Series II 21 July – 01 September
Ensign Class (non-spinnaker, single series) 02 June – 01 September

PHRF / CRUISING CLASS NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

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1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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

2. RULES

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

2.2 PHRF boats will be governed by PHRF-NB.

2.3 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 that is available to all boats.

2.4 Rules 29.2 (General Recall), 44.1 (Taking a Penalty), and 64.2 (Penalties) are amended. The amendments are described in the Sailing Instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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

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

4. FEES AND REGISTRATION

4.1 Entry fees.

SERIES	NYC MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Series I	\$90	\$100
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4.1.1 Add a \$25 late fee for registrations submitted after 05/31/2021.

4.1.2 *US Sailing* members receive a 10% discount.

4.2 To be properly registered, online registration must be completed and proof of liability insurance and a valid 2021 PHRF of Narragansett Bay (PHRF-NB) rating certificate must be received at least 24 hours prior to the first race in which the competitor will be scored.

4.2.1 Complete registration and payment online at

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

4.2.2 Email or mail proof of liability insurance and PHRF-NB rating certificate to:

Mail to: Newport Yacht Club - Regatta Committee
110 Long Wharf
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Email to: office@newportyachtclub.org, Attn: Regatta Committee.

4.2.3 **Sail Newport J/22** charter boats do not have to send proof of insurance.

4.2.4 A non-current PHRF-NB certificate or a certificate from outside Narragansett Bay will not be accepted.

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

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Both PHRF / Cruising Class Summer Series and the Ensign Class (non-spinnaker) Series are conducted on Wednesday evenings.

Series I 02 June – 14 July
Series II 21 July – 01 September
Ensign Class (non-spinnaker, single series) 02 June – 01 September

5.2 The scheduled time of the **warning signal** for the first race is **1800 hours (6:00 pm)**.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions are included in this Racing Directory and are posted on the NYC website

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7. VENUE

7.1 All races are conducted on Narragansett Bay.

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8. COURSES

8.1 The RC 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

8.2 A chart indicating the location of marks and a list of possible courses (the South Bay Race Chart) is available at the NYC Club Steward Office or Dock Office or at Sail Newport.

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.
- 9.2 A class consists of two or more boats.
- 9.3 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

- 10.1 Rule 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The scoring system is the low-point system as described in RRS *Appendix A*.
- 11.2 There will be one throw-out for every four races completed. A DNC (Did not compete) is an allowable throw-out.
- 11.3 One race shall constitute a series.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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 - 13.1.3 First place only for classes that consist of fewer than 4 boats registered in that class.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk. (*See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race.*) The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the series.

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2021 PHRF / CRUISING CLASS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

Series I	02 June – 14 July
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Ensign Class (non-spinnaker, single series)	02 June – 01 September

PHRF / CRUISING CLASS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 29.2 (General Recall) 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 (Taking a Penalty) is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty. A boat that accepted an Alternative Penalty and completed its turn must notify the Race Committee to that effect after finishing.
- 1.4 Rule 64.2 (Penalties) is amended as follows: The penalty, if any, for infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification.

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 2.1 The PHRF / Cruising Class Series and Ensign Class (Non-spinnaker) Series are conducted on Wednesday evenings.

Series I	02 June – 14 July
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- 2.2 The scheduled time of the **warning signal** for the first race is **1800 hours (6:00 pm)**.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and changes to the SI will be posted on the NYC Regatta bulletin board located at the NYC and on the NYC website at <http://www.newportyachtclub.org>.
- 3.2 Any changes to the SI 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 (5:00 pm).

- 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 (Starting Races).
- 4.2.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1800 hours (6:00 pm). 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 start / finish line is 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

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

CLASS	CLASS FLAG	PHRF RATING
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 SEQUENCE

- 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, east of Rose Island, and north of Fort Adams.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The courses are 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 properly starts, 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 (Pell) Bridge.

10.3 **Competitors shall pass under the Newport (Pell) Bridge through the center span only. This to accommodate the ongoing construction projects.**

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line is 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 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee))

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 before 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 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.

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 (Did not finish) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 (Low Point System), A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), and 63.1 (Requirements for a Hearing).

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1 A protesting boat shall comply with RRS 61.1 (Informing the Protestee) and shall notify the Race Committee upon finishing its race.
- 14.2 Protests shall be filed at NYC by 2100 hours (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: Regatta@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 throw-out for every four races completed. A DNC (Did not compete) is an allowable throw-out.
- 15.4 Unregistered boats will not be scored.
- 15.5 All boats will be scored based on their registered sail number, or in the case of the J/22 class, the registered Team Name.

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 **must** inform the Race Committee as soon as possible either directly or on VHF Channel 73. Any boat 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 PFD REQUIREMENT

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 Rule 3 (Decision to Race).

END OF PHRF/CRUISING CLASS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS