

41st Annual
Mitchell Columbus Day Regatta
Friday, Oct 11 – Monday, Oct 14, 2024

The Mitchell Columbus Day Regatta is an annual race from Newport to Block Island started in 1984 by Newport Yacht Club member and past commodore Cliff Mitchell and is named in honor of his father Earl L. Mitchell. The regatta is a relaxed event with an emphasis on fun. The race is non-spinnaker only and uses a staggered start with starting times based on PHRF time-on-distance. One-design classes are also possible with a minimum of three boats required for a class. First, second, and third place trophies are awarded in each class, and the John E. Rebello team race recognizes the best combination of finishes amongst teams made up of three boats from different classes.

Note: registration is online via the Newport Yacht Club website. See the *Entry* section below.

Schedule of Events

Friday

6:00pm **Skippers Meeting**
Get official start times and sailing instructions

Saturday

9:00am **Start - Newport**
Newport. The first boat will start at 9:00am, and the rest will follow based on handicap.

6:00pm **Finish - New Harbor, Block Island**
If you can't finish by 6:00pm give up, turn on your engine and come in for beer.

Sunday

10:00am **Bloody Mary Contest**
Bring your own concoction.

12:00pm **Hors d'oeuvres and Costume Contest**
On the dock. Be ready to present your best hors d'oeuvres for judging in taste and presentation. Partaking requires participation! Wear your best costume for a contest with a kid-(and adult) friendly prize.

1:00pm **Awards**
On the dock.

Monday

Leave as you so desire or continue to enjoy the island. Be sure to check with your dock mates in case any of them want to leave early.

Dockage

Everyone stays at Payne's Dock. Docking is Mediterranean style (stern to) and basically by the size of the boat. We like to get similar sizes together. Payne's Dock does not monitor the radio. Communication is by hollering, whistles. It takes a while to get this many boats secured so please be patient.

Daily dockage rates for the event are as follows:

20 to 30 feet \$35.00
31 to 40 feet \$39.00
41 to 90 feet \$44.00

There is also a charge for electricity if hooked up: \$40 per day per plug.

Payne's Dock likes cash, but will also take checks and credit cards. Bring plenty of quarters for the showers.

Entry

To register go to: <https://www.newportyachtclub.org/sailing/offshore/mitchell-regattas/>

1. Registration Form with fee via credit card \$60 (plus late fee if applicable, described below)
2. Upload existing PHRF-NB certificate or select "I will send later" if you don't have one, or are not racing (e.g. powerboat)
3. If you would like to race, but don't have a PHRF-NB certificate, please email brianpclayton@gmail.com with any other rating certificates you might have for your boat, and as basic details like make, model, year, headsail sizes, engine and prop type.

Note: Registration must be received no later than the Wednesday immediately before the event, otherwise a \$20 late fee will be assessed automatically.