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NEWPORT SAILING WEEK

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Newport, RI
June 27 - 28, 2015**

J/70 – VIPER 640 – VX ONE – CLASSIC DAY RACERS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The Classic Rating Formula handicap system will be used to score Classic Day Racers.
- 1.3. RRS 44.1 is changed so that “One-Turn Penalty” replaces “Two-Turns Penalty.”
- 1.4. Additional changes to RRS are incorporated within these SIs.
- 1.5. For the J/70 class, Rule I.1 of J/70 Class Rules Part III Section I (Spare Gennaker) shall apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at BNSW hospitality tent.
- 2.2. The Race Committee (RC) intends to broadcast pertinent race information on VHF 69. Failure of such information to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at Newport Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When code flag “AP” is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes.” *This changes Race Signal “AP.”*

5. RENDEZVOUS LOCATIONS

- 5.1. The rendezvous location will be announced daily at 0900 on VHF, and a corresponding flag will be displayed from the flagpole.
 - Rendezvous A: In the vicinity of Potter Cove, north of the Newport (Pell) Bridge.
 - Rendezvous B: In the vicinity of Halfway Rock in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.
 - Rendezvous C: 1 nm SE (140° mag) from R “2” Bell South of Brenton Reef in Rhode Island Sound.
 - Rendezvous D: 0.5 nm SW (240° mag) from R “2” Bell South of Brenton Reef in Rhode Island Sound.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. For Classic Day Racers, a maximum of two races will be held per day.

6.2. For all other classes, not more than five races will be held on Saturday; and not more than four races will be held on Sunday.

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sat	27 Jun	0900	Rendezvous Location Announcement (VHF)
		1100	First Warning Signal
Sun	28 Jun	0900	Rendezvous Location Announcement (VHF)
		1100	First Warning Signal
		1500	No initial warning signal after this time

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. For the purposes of RRS 26, the numeral pennants listed below will be used as Class Flags.

- Viper 640 Numeral Pennant 1
- VX One Numeral Pennant 2
- J/70 Numeral Pennant 3
- Classic Day Racers Numeral Pennant 4

8. COURSES:

8.1. For Classic Day Racers:

- 8.1.1. No later than the Warning Signal, the RC will display the course designation from the Signal Boat.
- 8.1.2. Courses will be selected utilizing government buoys and Special Race Marks as listed on the 2015 – 2017 South Bay Race Chart (available at Newport Yacht Club and at Sail Newport Dock Office).
- 8.1.3. Rounding marks for each course will be posted on a white board from the Signal Boat in order of rounding, with the subscript indicating the side to which the mark shall be left (“P” means leave to port, “S” means leave to starboard).
- 8.1.4. The RC may elect to position an inflatable mark (Mark “W”) to achieve a desired course configuration. If used, the RC shall fly code flag “W” with the course signals and post the approximate distance (in nautical miles) and bearing (degrees magnetic) to the special mark from the Signal Boat.
- 8.1.5. The finish mark shall be the last mark listed on the white board, with two subscripts, which shall indicate the side to be left, and its rank as the finish mark. Examples:
 - “**13 P FIN**” means finish at Mark 13, leaving it to port.
 - “**W 0.4 NM 005° P FIN**” means finish at inflatable Mark W, leaving it to port. This mark will be located approximately 0.4 nautical miles, at a bearing of 005 degrees (magnetic), from the Signal Boat’s location at the start of the race.
- 8.1.6. The finishing line shall be a line through the finish mark at a 90° angle to the last leg, and of the shortest practicable length. It is not necessary to round the finish mark.
- 8.1.7. The RC **does not intend** to have a boat present to record Classic Day Racer results. Each boat shall be responsible to record her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats, and to report this information to the RC on VHF 69 at the first reasonable opportunity. Finish time may be reported as GPS time, or as time elapsed from the start of the race.
- 8.1.8. Passage under the Newport (Pell) Bridge and the Jamestown (Verrazzano) Bridge shall be made through the center span only.
- 8.1.9. For the purpose of RRS 32.2(c), the center spans of the Jamestown Bridge and the Newport Bridge shall be considered gates.

8.2. For all other classes:

- 8.2.1. No later than the Warning Signal, the RC will display the course designation as well as the distance and magnetic bearing to Mark 1.
- 8.2.2. The courses will be windward/leeward in configuration. Offset and gate marks will be used.
 - Course 2: Start – 1 – 1a – Finish (Downwind)
 - Course 3: Start – 1 – 1a – Gate – Finish (Upwind)
 - Course 4: Start – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Finish (Downwind)
 - Course 5: Start – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Gate – Finish (Upwind)
 - Course 6: Start – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Finish (Downwind)
- 8.2.3. Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark positioned to port (looking upwind) of Mark 1.
- 8.2.4. In the event that the gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing single mark to port. The gate may be laid after the starting signal and, except when there is a change of course, will be positioned to windward of the RC Signal Boat.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The RC may deploy a “keep away” buoy astern of the RC Boat. There shall be no penalty for contact made with the buoy or its line.
- 9.2. The starting mark will be an orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.3. For Classic Day Racers, refer to SI 8.1 for rounding and finishing marks.
- 9.4. For all other classes:
 - 9.4.1. Rounding marks will be red inflatable buoys.
 - 9.4.2. Offset marks will be small round orange inflatable buoys.
 - 9.4.3. New (change) marks, as provided in SI 13, will be orange inflatable buoys.
 - 9.4.4. The finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. Refer to SI 22.4.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting order for the first race each day will be in the order shown in SI 7.1. The RC reserves the right to alter the sequence of starts for subsequent races.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the nearby starting mark at the port end of the line.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.*

12. RECALLS

- 12.1. The RC will attempt to hail premature starters. Recalls may also be announced on the applicable VHF channel. Neither the order of hail, nor failure to make or receive this communication, shall be grounds for redress by a boat. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2. In the case of a change, the offset mark shall be omitted.
- 13.3. A leg may be changed up to 005° in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length without a signal or change of mark color. *This changes RRS 33.*

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. For Classic Day Racers, refer to SI 8.1.5, 8.1.6 and 8.1.7.
- 14.2. For all other classes:
 - 14.2.1. The finishing line for even numbered courses will be between a blue flag on the RC Boat and the nearby inflatable mark on its starboard side (facing upwind). For races finishing downwind, neither gate mark has a required side on the finish leg.
 - 14.2.2. The finishing line for odd numbered courses will be to windward of the furthest windward mark and will be between a blue flag on the RC Boat and the nearby inflatable mark on its port side (facing upwind). For races finishing upwind, neither Mark 1 nor Mark 1a has a required side on the finish leg.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. Classic Day Racers shall have no time limits.
- 15.2. For all other classes:
 - 15.2.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 120 minutes.
 - 15.2.2. Any boat failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in its class has sailed the course and finished will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. These boats will score points equal to the number of boats that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit plus 1 point. *This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.*

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1. The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC) and may be other than disqualification. *This changes RRS 64.1(a).*
- 16.2. The penalty for breaking SI 22 will be at the discretion of the PC up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boat.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. Protest forms will be available at the official notice board.
- 17.2. Protests shall be lodged with the PC within 60 minutes after the docking of the signal boat.
- 17.3. Requests for Scoring Review (including OCS) shall be filed within the protest time limit on forms available at the official notice board. Such a request will be reviewed by the RC before being scheduled for a hearing by the PC. If unresolved, it shall be considered a request for redress and will be considered to have met the protest time limit. *This changes RRS 63.1.*
- 17.4. Hearing times will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.
- 17.5. Infringements of SIs 19, 20 and 23 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. *This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

18. SCORING

- 18.1. Classic Day Racers will be scored per the Classic Rating Formula handicap system.
- 18.2. Series scores:
 - (a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - (b) When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (c) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. To ensure the safety of all boats, competitors are requested to check-in with the RC by sailing past the signal boat prior to the start of racing every day.
- 19.2. A boat that retires from a race (and/or leaves the racing area before the end of the day) shall notify the RC before leaving the racing area or, if that is not possible, shall notify a RC representative from Sail Newport in person or by phone (415-516-8389) upon arriving ashore.

- 19.3. Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have the right of way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.
- 19.4. The naval facilities at Coddington Cove and Coasters Harbor are surrounded by an Exclusionary Zone marked by white navigational aids. For the purposes of RRS 19 and 20, the line between any two of these white buoys and the area that they mark shall be considered an obstruction. Vessels navigating inside the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval Authorities.
- 19.5. Each owner/skipper is requested to familiarize and share with crew the safety and first-aid notice found in the skipper bag.

20. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 20.1. If provided by the OA, competitors shall place one bow sticker on either side of their bow in a position outlined in the provided North Sails Skipper's Folder. Classic Day Racers are exempt from this requirement.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 21.1. Official Boats will be marked with RC flags.
- 21.2. A support boat will be marked with a Sail Newport flag (blue logo with white background).

22. SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1. Coach boats and private spectator boats are expected to monitor the RC on VHF and render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the RC.
- 22.2. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have finished racing.
- 22.3. A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing supplied by the organizer and available to all participants.

23. TRASH

- 23.1. Competitors shall adhere to RRS 55 and not intentionally dispose of trash in the water.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Overall prizes will be awarded for the first through third place.
- 24.2. Class specific and/or special awards may be awarded based on criteria other than results at the discretion of the OA.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, Sail Newport, the State of Rhode Island, Newport Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. Rule 82 will not apply to the event in accordance with US Sailing regulations.

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

26.1. For further information, competitors may contact STUDIOMILANO or Sail Newport.

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Appendix A

Course Diagram (for all classes *except* Classic Day Racers)

