



NEWPORT SAILING WEEK



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Newport, RI
June 25 - 26, 2015

STAR – VX ONE – SHIELDS – ENSIGN - 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.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the BNSW hospitality tent.
- 2.2. The Race Committee (RC) intends to broadcast pertinent race information on VHF 73. 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 and sent via email through the Yacht Scoring system.
- 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 73, displayed with the corresponding flag from the official flagpole and sent out via email through the Yacht Scoring system.
 - Rendezvous A: In the vicinity of Potter Cove, northwest 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. The RC intends to run as many races as practicable on each day. For each class, 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	25 Jun	0900	Rendezvous location announcement
		1100	First Warning Signal
Sun	26 Jun	0900	Rendezvous location announcement
		1100	First Warning Signal
		1600	No warning 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.

- Star Numeral Pennant 1
- VX One Numeral Pennant 2
- Shields Numeral Pennant 3
- Classic Day Racers Numeral Pennant 4
- Ensign Numeral Pennant 5

8. COURSES

8.1. For all classes, the courses will be windward/leeward in configuration with port roundings. Offset and gate marks may 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)
- Course 7: Start – 1 – 1a – BACARDI Finish

The BACARDI Finish may be used for the last race of each day consisting of one windward leg with a Finish off Fort Adams between a Race Committee boat displaying a blue flag and a nearby mark. All government marks must be honored after the windward mark and if the leg requires going under the Newport Pell Bridge the center span must be used.

8.2. The RC may set a long windward mark and a short windward mark. Boats whose course designation includes the letter “L” shall use the long windward mark and corresponding offset as Marks 1 and 1a.

8.3. Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark positioned to port (looking upwind) of Mark 1.

8.4. 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.

8.5. No later than the Warning Signal, the RC will display the course designation as well as the distance and magnetic bearing to Mark 1.

8.6. 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. MARKS

9.1. The starting mark will be an inflatable buoy.

9.2. Rounding marks will be red inflatable buoys.

- 9.3. Offset marks will be small round orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.4. New (change) marks, as provided in SI 13, will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.5. 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 four 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. 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. The finishing line for odd numbered courses will be approximately 100 yards 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. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 120 minutes.
- 15.2. 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 and may be other than disqualification. *This changes RRS 64.1(a).*

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 Jury Secretary 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 Protest Committee. 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 are not protestable by another 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 three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (c) When four 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 at Sail Newport in person or by phone (401-846-1983) 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 Yachts are exempt.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 21.1. Official Boats will be marked with RC flags.
- 21.2. Safety Boats will be marked with a Medical flag (red cross on a white field).

22. SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1. The NOR states that support boat and coaching requirements will be detailed in the SIs. What do they want us to use?

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, 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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