



NEWPORT SAILING WEEK



June 22 – 25

Sailing Instructions

STUDIOMILANO is the Organizing Authority.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this Sailing Instruction means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification

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. US Sailing Prescription V1 will apply.
- 1.4. Class rules prohibiting the use of marine band radios and cellular telephones will not apply. All boats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio while sailing in these events. [DP]
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the BNSW hospitality tent located at Newport Shipyard.
- 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 Shipyard 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 90 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.



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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
Fri	23 Jun	0900	Rendezvous location announcement
		1100	First Warning Signal (Star Class only)
Sat	24 Jun	0900	Rendezvous location announcement
		1100	First Warning Signal (All classes)
Sun	25 Jun	0900	Rendezvous location announcement
		1100	First Warning Signal (All classes)
		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

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.



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9. MARKS

- 9.1. The starting mark will be a yellow 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. THE START

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. 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.

11. RECALLS

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).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. In the case of a change, the offset mark shall be omitted.
- 12.3. 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.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. 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.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes.
- 14.2. 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 2 point. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.



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15. PENALTY SYSTEM

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).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protest forms will be available at the official notice board.

16.2. Protests shall be lodged with the Jury Secretary within 60 minutes after the docking of the signal boat.

16.3. 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.

16.4. Hearing times will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.

16.5. Infringements of SIs 19, 20 and 23 are not protestable by another boat.

This changes RRS 60.1(a).

17. SCORING

17.1. Classic Day Racers will be scored per the Classic Rating Formula handicap system. S-Class will be scored as One Design

17.2. 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.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. 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.

18.2. 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 Newport Shipyard upon arriving ashore. [DP]

18.3. 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.

18.4. 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.

18.5. Each owner/skipper is requested to familiarize and share with crew the safety and first-aid notice found in the skipper bag.

19. EVENT ADVERTISING

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. [DP]



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20. OFFICIAL BOATS

20.1. Official Boats will be marked with RC flags.

20.2. Safety Boats will be marked with a Medical flag (red cross on a white field).

21. SUPPORT BOATS

21.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the course areas where boats are racing. [DP]

22. TRASH

Competitors shall adhere to RRS 55 and not intentionally dispose of trash in the water. [DP]

23. PRIZES

23.1. Overall prizes will be awarded for the first through third place.

23.2. Class specific and/or special awards may be awarded based on criteria other than results at the discretion of the OA.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25 COMPETITORS' CONDUCT

The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew before, during and after racing. In case of conduct that the Race Committee considers to be a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with a reasonable request by the Race Committee, the boat whose crew was at fault may be disqualified and/or subject to protest by the Protest Committee under RRS 69. It is the Protest Committee's intention to invoke this Instruction and RRS 69 in appropriate cases.