



Newport Regatta® July 7 – 8, 2018  
NOTICE OF RACE

Thank you to the following supporting organizations:  
Rhode Island Sailing Events Committee and the City of Newport





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### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) and Host is Sail Newport.

### 2. RULES

2.1. The 2018 Newport Regatta® will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2. US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER)

- i. All yachts shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the USSER and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable.
- ii. USSER 2.4.1 through 2.4.8 regarding Hull and Structure: Lifelines shall apply, except that yachts not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt for these requirements and shall wear approved PFDs at all times while racing.
- iii. In the event of a conflict between these Requirements and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.

2.3. Class rules which may prohibit the use of VHF radios while racing are waived for the duration of this event for the purpose of safety and for receiving pertinent race information.

2.4. Where there is a conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail except that neither shall alter any class rules other than that which is listed in NOR 2.3. This changes rule 63.7.

### 3. ADVERTISING

3.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 and the applicable class rules.

3.2. Boats are strongly urged to refrain from displaying advertising that may conflict with event sponsors.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. The 2018 Newport Regatta® is open to all eligible sailboats in the following classes: J24, 110, 2.4mR, 210, 29er, 505, Ensign, Etchells, F18, VX One, M32, Star, Viper 640, J70, A-Class Cat, C&C 30, J22, Melges 20, Melges 32, Laser, Laser Radial and RS Aero.

4.2. One-Design Classes with a minimum of twelve entries wishing to participate that are not listed on the Newport Regatta website may contact Matt Duggan (matt.duggan@sailnewport.org) to request inclusion in the regatta.

4.3. A minimum of twelve boats shall be required for an individual One-Design start.

4.4. If minimum class entry requirement is not satisfied, that class may be canceled or consolidated into a mixed fleet to expedite racing at the discretion of the OA.

4.5. The OA reserves the right to accept entries that may not satisfy these requirements.

## 5. ENTRY

5.1. Entries for all boats will be accepted through the online registration at [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org). Entry fees are listed on the website.

5.2. The entry deadline is June 30. Entries received after June 30 will be subject to a late fee. Competitors may register late on-site at Sail Newport on Friday, July 6 from 1600 until 1900 or, on Saturday, July 7 from 0800 until 0900 and will be subject to an additional \$55 late entry fee, \$35 for dinghy classes.

5.3. Entry is not considered complete unless accompanied by the appropriate entry fee and all crew have completed a Crew Waiver by the time of sailing (available at [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org)).

5.4. Entry fee is refundable (minus a \$35 handling fee) if notice of cancellation is received and acknowledged by 1900 on July 5. Unless cancellation is received and acknowledged, the boat's entry will not be removed from the scratch sheet nor will there be a refund.

5.5. The OA reserves the right to accept entries beyond stated deadlines.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1. It is the intent of the OA and Race Committee to conduct as many races as practical on each day of racing.

6.2. All classes will race Saturday and Sunday.

Friday, July 6

1600-1900 Late on-site Registration, Waiver drop off, and Check-in for all classes

Saturday, July 7 Race Day

0800-0900 Late on-site Registration, Waiver drop off, and Check-in 1100 Initial Warning Signal for all classes

1630-2030 Regatta Party

Sunday, July 8 Race Day

1100 Initial Warning Signal for all classes

1430 No initial Warning Signal shall be made after this time for any Division except Division 4 (Dinghy Classes)

1500 No initial Warning Signal shall be made after this time for Division 4 After racing Awards ceremony and competitor reception

## 7. MEASUREMENT AND WEIGH-IN

7.1. Measurement requirements will be in adherence to individual class rules.

7.2. For classes where weigh-in is required for this event, space will be made available during registration. Class measurement and weigh-ins will be managed by identified class or local fleet representatives ([www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org)).

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. SIs will be available online by 1700 on July 3rd and during Registration and Check-in.

## 9. COURSES AND RACING AREA

9.1. Racing will be held on Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound.

9.2. The OA will divide the classes into appropriate divisions for optimum racing. Specific course details for individual divisions will be outlined in the SIs and their applicable Class Appendix.

9.3. Competitors in Friday's classes are reminded that their divisional assignment may change for Saturday and Sunday racing.

## 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. The first sentence of rule 44.1 is altered so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turns Penalty."

10.2. In instances where NOR 10.1 conflicts with a class rule, that class rule shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

10.3. The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1.

## 11. SCORING

11.1. The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix A will apply.

11.2. One race shall constitute a series

11.3. A boat's worst finish will be discarded after a class has completed six races. Two races may be discarded if a class completes twelve or more races. This changes rule A2.

## 12. PRIZES

12.1. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of entrants for each class.

12.2. The Dr. Robin Wallace Trophy will be presented to the outstanding boat of the regatta as determined by the OA.

12.3. A Sportsmanship Trophy may be presented to a sailor, volunteer, or team who, in the opinion of the OA, best exemplifies sportsmanship.

12.4. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA and may be based on criteria other than scores.

## 13. PERSONAL FLOTATION

13.1. The wearing of personal flotation shall be subject to class rules and is highly recommended for all competitors.

13.2. For the dinghy classes: each competitor must wear a U.S. Coast Guard or equivalent home country authority approved PFD, properly secured at all times, from the time the boat leaves the dock to the time the boat returns to the dock, unless when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal flotation. This changes rule 40.

## 14. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

14.1. Hoist use and dockage is included in the entry fee for keelboat classes. Dockage is available at Sail Newport's Alosin Piers on a first-come, first-served basis. Competitors are advised to bring sufficient dock lines and fenders. Boats may raft at owners' discretion.

14.2. For dinghy classes, land storage will be available as directed by Sail Newport Staff.

14.3. Boats intending to arrive at Sail Newport prior to Thursday, July 5, or stay beyond 1700 on Monday July 9 must make arrangements with Sail Newport by contacting Nick Mauprivez by phone (401-846-1983) or via email ([nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org](mailto:nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org))

14.4. Boats may make alternative arrangements for dockage by contacting the Newport Shipyard (401-846-6000), Goat Island Marina (401-849-5655), or Casey's Marina (401-848-5945). Mooring arrangements can be made by calling Oldport Marine (401-847-9109) or Newport Harbormaster (401-845-5815).

## 15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1. All keelboats must be in the water by 2000 on July 6, unless arrangements have been made with Nick Mauprivez.

15.2. Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except in an emergency or with written approval from the Protest Committee.

15.3. NOR 15.1 and 15.2 shall not apply to the dry sailing classes; these may launch and retrieve using the Sail Newport hoists each day of the event.

15.4. Upon completion of the event, boats are requested to adhere to the haul-out procedures provided to competitors at Registration/Check-in. Competitors are reminded that the gin pole at the Admiral's Pier will be unavailable for use during the time of keelboat haul-out so as to expedite the process. Local boats, when possible, are encouraged to stay in the water and will be provided dockage at the Alofsin Piers.

15.5. Sail Newport Staff will be available upon request to assist in the hauling of boats remaining in the water after the conclusion of the event.

## 16. IDENTIFICATION

16.1. A regatta wristband is required for entrance into the Hospitality Tent located at the Sail Newport Waterfront Center during social events.

16.2. Vouchers for wristbands will be made available at Check-in for each skipper and a designated amount for crew as is indicated on the registration website. Vouchers may be exchanged for a wristband at Check-in or at the entrance of the Hospitality Tent during social events.

16.3. The wristband includes entrance to the Friday, Saturday and Sunday social events and will serve as identification relative to age (over/under 21).

16.4. Each individual must present a valid photo ID together with a voucher to receive a wristband. If no valid photo ID is presented, the individual will receive an "under 21" wristband and will be precluded from consuming alcoholic beverages.

16.5. Additional guest wristbands will be available for purchase at Check-in and at the Hospitality Tent entrance each evening.

## 17. CODE OF CONDUCT

17.1. All competitors, coaches, and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, the facility, and Fort Adams State Park. Any competitor who violates this trust in any manner, including the consumption of beer or other alcoholic beverage by a minor, may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against him or her to the Protest Committee and/or the appropriate class association. Penalties imposed by the OA and/or the Protest Committee may include disqualification of the boat with which the competitor is associated, notification of law enforcement and/or parents, or other penalties the Protest Committee or the OA may deem appropriate. Any coach or family member who violates this trust may have a complaint lodged against him or her to the appropriate class association.

## 18. EVENT HEADQUARTERS

18.1. Event Headquarters will be in the Sail Newport Main Office, located in Fort Adams State Park.

18.2. The Regatta Tent will be located immediately to the north of the Main Office Building.

## 19. MEDIA RIGHTS

19.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

## 20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1. 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 rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, the State of Rhode Island, 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.

## 21. FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1. For further information please contact:

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