



August 15-16, 2020

Venue: Sail Newport, Fort Adams State Park, Newport, RI
Organizing Authority: North East NACRA Sailing Association
Sponsored by: Narragansett Athletic Sailing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Each competing boat shall conform to her Class Rules.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick shall be used as the handicap system. Neither crew weight nor wind modifications will be used.
- 1.4 Official documents, including sailing instructions and course descriptions, will be available online only (at yachtscoring.com). Paper copies will not be provided.
- 1.5 Class rules restricting the use of radios shall not be grounds for protests during this regatta. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6 Additional local regulations related to COVID-19 are in effect. Refer to NOR 6.
- 1.7 Possession and/or consumption of alcohol is not permitted at Fort Adams.

2 Safety Regulations

- 2.1 Boats are required to check in at the Race Committee (RC) Signal Vessel before the start of the race each day.
- 2.2 Boats must inform the RC (on VHF channel 71 or via cell phone) immediately upon retiring or making any change of plans other than completing the race course.
- 2.3 All class required safety equipment is mandatory.
- 2.4 Refer to the NOR for additional safety requirements (including required equipment and inspections).
- 2.5 Refer to the NOR for COVID-19 related information and requirements.
 - 2.5.1 All competitors must wear a mask at all times while ashore.
 - 2.5.2 In instances where a mask cannot be worn, competitors must keep 6' of distance between people not on the boat they are sailing on.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on yachtscoring.com. There will be no physical notice board for this regatta.
- 3.2 Sailors are strongly encouraged to monitor VHF channel 71 prior to the start and for 5 minutes thereafter for any RC information. Failure of RC VHF communications shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0930 (or removal of AP ashore, whichever is later) on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 Oral changes may be provided on the water. Code flag L over code flag C will be hoisted to indicate an oral change to the sailing instructions is being communicated.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole near the southern end of the Sail Newport property (in the vicinity of the catamaran staging field).
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

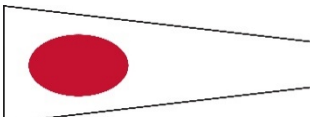

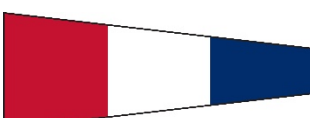
6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 One distance race each day for (two) consecutive days, event schedule is as follows.
- 6.2 Refer to the NOR for additional scheduling notes.

DAY	TIME	EVENT
FRIDAY	1600-1900	Inspections
SATURDAY	0800-0900	Inspections
	1100	Warning Signal
SUNDAY	1000	Warning Signal

7 Class Flags

- 7.1 Refer to the table below. It is the intention of the RC to start the divisions in numerical order; however, the RC reserves the right to combine starts of multiple classes.

CLASS FLAG	CLASS
	Open Spin, Formula 18
	Trimarans
	Open Non-Spin, Hobie 16

8 Racing Areas

- 8.1 The racing area will be Narragansett Bay (including the East and West Passages as far north as Providence, RI and as far NE as Fall River, MA), Rhode Island Sound and the Sakonnet River.

9 Courses

- 9.1 The final courses to be sailed will be posted online, no later than 60 minutes prior to each start (or removal of AP ashore, whichever is later).
- 9.2 All posted speed limits shall be observed, including, but not limited to, Newport Harbor, Brenton Cove and the Tiverton Basin. Neither the RC nor the OA assume any responsibility for breaches of any navigational laws by competitors in this regatta.

10 Marks

- 10.1 Marks to be used may include land masses (islands), structures (bridges, lighthouses, etc.), government marks, and/or marks set by the RC.

11 Areas that are Obstructions

- 11.1 The naval facilities at Coddington Cove and Coasters Harbor are surrounded by an Exclusionary Zone. Vessels navigating inside the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval Authorities. In the event that the Exclusionary Zone is marked by white navigational aids, the line between any two of these white buoys and the area that they mark shall be considered an obstruction.

12 The Start

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and a mark (may be an inflatable, government, or local race mark), located in the Newport area.
- 12.2 Unless described with the final daily course description, the start mark will be G3 (southeast corner of Rose Island).
- 12.3 A boat shall not start later than twenty (20) minutes after her starting signal. Such boats shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

13 Recalls

- 13.1 As a courtesy, the RC will attempt to announce OCS boats via VHF. Neither failure of the RC to make the announcement, nor the order of the announcement, nor failure of a boat to hear the announcement shall be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.2 A boat that is scored OCS will be assessed a 20 minute penalty to her corrected finish time. This changes RRS A4.2.

14 Changes After the Start

- 14.1 Due to the nature of the race, there is no practical means to change the course once the race is started.
- 14.2 The RC may shorten the race at any mark of the course, per RRS 32.2.

15 The Finish

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and a mark (may be an inflatable, government, or local race mark), located in the Newport area.
- 15.2 Unless described with the final daily course description, the start mark will be R12 (southwest corner of Rose Island).
- 15.3 Pursuant to the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34: If a finishing mark is missing but another one remains in place, the finishing line is a line through the remaining mark at a 90° angle to the last leg and of the shortest practicable length. If the RC is absent when a boat finishes, she should report to the RC her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 15.4 FINISHING ON THE WATER: Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

16 Penalty System

- 16.1 For all boats, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 16.2 Except as noted in SI 16.3, 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 RRS 64.1(a).
- 16.3 The Organizing Authority has a zero-tolerance policy regarding breaches of SI 1.7 (Alcohol Prohibition). Penalties will be as follows:
 - 16.3.1 If a boat is protested as a result of any member of her crew or support person(s) observed consuming alcohol at Fort Adams during this event, she will be protested. If the Protest Committee finds that SI 1.7 was broken, the boat will be disqualified from the regatta.
 - 16.3.2 Individuals observed possessing alcohol at Fort Adams during this event may be subjected to penalties imposed by local law enforcement.

17 Time Limits

- 17.1 Time limits to reach key marks of the course will be posted with the course description.
- 17.2 If a boat fails to reach a mark by its designated time limit, she shall:
 - 17.2.1 Immediately attempt to notify the RC (via VHF or phone) of her intended route to return to Sail Newport.
 - 17.2.2 Continue to attempt to notify the RC if unsuccessful on the first attempt.
 - 17.2.3 Advise the RC of changes in status en route to Sail Newport.
- 17.3 Unless she retires, a boat failing to reach a mark by its designated time limit will be scored by adding 20 minutes to the time of the last proper finisher of that day.

18 Protests

- 18.1 Protests shall be emailed to the PRO (and copy the Event Chair) within one (1) hour after the last boat in your class finishes.
- 18.2 Upon finishing, boats are strongly urged to inform the RC of their intent to protest to help expedite the hearing process.
- 18.3 A notice will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit, listing the parties and witnesses involved in a protest, the approximate order for hearings and the starting time and place for the first hearing. Protests may be facilitated via Zoom (or similar solution).
- 18.4 Due to the nature of the race, if all parties and witnesses are present, protests may be heard prior to all boats finishing.

19 Scoring and Prizes

- 19.1 Scoring will consist of the combined times of both days adjusted with the Portsmouth Handicap System (DPN numbers). Neither crew weight nor wind modifications will be used. The lowest overall corrected time wins.
- 19.2 Prizes will be awarded per the NOR.

20 Assistance

- 20.1 Any boat receiving outside assistance will be scored with a time of 45 minutes added onto the time of the last proper finisher of that day. The RC, US Coast Guard and state or local maritime authorities may decide when a boat needs assistance.
- 20.2 In order to request assistance from the RC, hail on VHF channel 71 or via cell phone.**

21 Disclaimer of Liability

21.1 By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by NENSA at Sail Newport, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk (see RRS 4 – “Decision to Race”); that NENSA or Sail Newport, and its volunteers, officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she or any heir, representative, successor or assignee may have against NENSA, Sail Newport and its volunteers, officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors or agents arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.

A reminder to competitors: 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.