



Safe Harbor Race Weekend
August 12-15, 2021 | Newport, Rhode Island

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Division 1

SHM RW, LLC is the organizing authority (OA) of Safe Harbor Race Weekend (SHRW) to be held August 12-15, 2021 in Newport, Rhode Island, USA.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The Superyacht Class in Division 2 will have separate Sailing Instructions.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to the RRS do not apply except for the prescriptions 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1 and 88.2.
- 1.3 The ORC rating system rules and regulations.
- 1.4 PHRF regulations as administered by the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Narragansett Bay (PHRF-NB). There are no crew weight limits.
- 1.5 Nearshore category of the US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) and associated Appendices ('SER'). In the event of conflict between SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
- 1.6 Any applicable local maritime authority rules and regulations.
- 1.7 Racing Rules are changed as follows: Rule 51 – to allow for the use of water ballast or canting keels for boats rated with such. Rule 52 – to allow the use of stored power.
- 1.8 [NP] Protocols regarding the Covid-19 may be published at any time. They will state if they have the status of a rule. All regatta participants are required to make themselves aware of any protocols set forth by the organizing authority and must comply with those prescriptions at all times during the regatta

Note: RRS 47 (Trash Disposal) will be in effect. Disposable sail stops for spinnakers will not be allowed.

2 COMMUNICATIONS: NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VHF CHANNELS

- 2.1 Notices, including race documents, results and amendments, will be posted on the online official notice board (ONB) located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=14287>
- 2.2 Protest Committee information, including protest time limits and hearing schedules, will be posted on the online notice board: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=14287>.

- 2.3** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 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.
- 2.4** In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by hail on the race committee channel. The race committee will make one sound before making the announcement.
- 2.5** The race committee VHF channel will be channel 71. (The superyacht division will use VHF 72)
- 2.6** Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee.
- 2.7** [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.
- 2.8** The Safe Harbor Race Weekend regatta office is located at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard in the regatta tent on the northwest corner of the property.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1** The race committee will broadcast the division rendezvous locations as described in SI 6 at 0930 over the race committee channel. Failure to make this announcement or for a boat to hear this announcement will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.2** When “AP” is signaled ashore, “one minute” is replaced with “not less than one hour”. The warning signal for the first class will be no earlier than 1 hour after the race committee broadcasts that AP is lowered. During a postponement ashore, the race committee will broadcast updates on the race committee channel. This changes RRS 27.3.

4 EVENT AND RACE SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 12	1700-1900	Skippers’ Check-In (Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard)
	1730-1800	Skippers’ Meeting (Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard, regatta tent)
Friday, August 13	0800-0930	Late Check-In (Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard)
	1230	First Warning Signal for the Around-the-Island-Race
	1830-2130	Coastal New England Dinner presented by Wheels Up At Safe Harbor New England Boatworks (wristbands required)
Saturday, August 14	1230	First Warning Signal for all courses
	1900-2200	Talk of the Town Crew Party presented by Oyster (wristbands required) At Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard
Sunday, August 15	1230	First Warning Signal for all courses *
	1700	Final Prize Giving (Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard)

* No warning signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday, August 15

The organizing authority and race committee reserve the right to change the schedule at its discretion, taking into account weather conditions and other factors.

5 CLASSES, RACING FORMATS & CLASS FLAGS

5.1 Classes: The OA will divide boats into classes. The classes will be assigned an alphabetic designation: https://yachtscoring.com/event_scratch_sheet.cfm?eID=14287

5.2 Racing Format: For racing on Friday all classes are scheduled to race the Around Conanicut Island Race. On Saturday and Sunday, ORC and PHRF classes are scheduled to race windward/leeward courses on Narragansett Bay. On Saturday and Sunday, Performance Cruising classes will race navigation courses (using government marks) on Narragansett Bay.

5.3 Class Flags: There will be no class flags.

6 RENDEZVOUS LOCATIONS

6.1 The rendezvous locations are listed below.

6.2 North of Newport Bridge:

Area A Approximately 0.5nm SSW of Halfway Rock
Area B In the vicinity of G “7” QG off Quonset Point
Area C Approximately 1.0nm NNE of Hope Island

6.3 Newport Harbor and near Newport Bridge:

Area D Between Goat Island and Rose Island
Area E West of Rose Island in the vicinity of R “12”
Area F Vicinity of Potter Cove – just north of the west end of the Newport Pell Bridge

6.4 The starting area for the ‘Around Conanicut Island Race’ may be at a location other than rendezvous locations A-F. The race committee will broadcast their intent as stated in SI 3.1.

6.5 When on station, the race committee will announce the position of the signal boat over the race committee channel. Failure to make such an announcement, or the timing of any announcement, shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

7 CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

7.1 [NP] **Shoreside Check-In:** Each boat shall check-in and complete their registration and turn in their crew waivers at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard (1 Washington Street, Newport, RI in the Regatta Tent) on Thursday, August 12 between 1700-1900 or Friday morning, August 13 between 0800-0930. If boats are not able to check-in in person, crew waivers *must* be received by Thursday, August 12 at 1830.

7.2 [NP] **On-Water Check In:** Prior to the first scheduled warning signal each day, boats shall sail on starboard tack or motor by the stern of the race committee signal boat and check in by announcing their sail number and receive acknowledgement from the race committee. There will be no check in by VHF radio.

7.3 [NP] **Boats Retiring** shall inform the race committee on the race committee channel or by calling the Event Manager, Veronica Brown: (401) 855-0945.

8 COURSES AND MARKS

8.1 Courses and marks for the ‘Around Conanicut Island Race’ are described in Exhibit 1.

8.2 Courses and marks for Performance Cruising navigation racing are described in Exhibit 2.

8.3 Courses and marks for windward/leeward racing are described in Exhibit 3.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with a horn and VHF radio transmission only. With the exception of Flag XRAY, there will be no signal flags. This changes rule 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat on the starboard end and the course side of a robotic or inflatable mark at the port end.

9.3 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting time and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number over the race committee channel. Failure to make a broadcast, the timing or order of any such broadcast, will not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.4 The intended order of class starts for the Around-the-Island Race on Friday, August 13 will be broadcast on the race committee channel at 0930 that morning.

9.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A5.

9.6 [NP] Boats whose warning signal have not been made shall keep clear of the starting area from the time of the course signals for the first start in the sequence until the warning signal for their class.

10 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

A course change for any leg of the race will be broadcast over the race committee channel. The change will be signaled before the leading boat in class has begun the leg. This changes RRS 33.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the nearby robotic or inflatable mark for the Around the Island Race and Navigation courses. For windward/leeward courses, the finishing line will be as described in Exhibit 3.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule Appendix V will apply, this changes rule 44.1.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for the Around the Island Race and Navigation courses will be 4 -1/2 hours from the start of each class. Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first boat in class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and scored points as described in SI 15.4. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13.2 The time limit for windward / leeward courses will be 2 hours from the start of each class. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 The intent to protest and the boat being protested shall be communicated on the race committee channel to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity after the boat intending to protest finishes until acknowledged by the race committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

14.2 Written protests or requests for redress shall be submitted through the online protest form as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after the race committee signal boat has docked. The time limit for filing a protest will be posted on the ONB.

14.3 Notice of protest hearings will be posted on the ONB as soon as possible after the conclusion of the protest time limit. Protest time limits will be scheduled to start as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The protest committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt.

14.4 It is each boat's responsibility to determine if she is a party to a protest by checking the ONB or the protest desk at the end of the filing time.

14.5 Protests may be via a conference call format. If so, guidelines for virtual protest hearings will be available on the event website.

15 ARBITRATION

15.1 Arbitration may be held in accordance with Appendix T.

15.2 One representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn.

15.3 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given to the jury and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

16 SCORING

16.1 The Around the Island Race scoring will be included in the series scoring.

16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.

16.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.4 Boats that have started and fail to finish within the finish windows listed in SI 13 for any reason, shall, without a hearing, be scored Time Limited Expired (TLE) by the race committee and be assigned points equal to the number of boats in her class that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit, plus two. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

16.5 Corrected times for PHRF and Performance Cruising classes will be calculated using Time on Time (ToT).

16.6 Corrected times for the ORC Class for the Around Conanicut Island Race will be calculated using the ORC All Purpose (A/P) Single Number Rating. For windward/leeward racing corrected times will be calculated using the Triple Number Ratings with three wind ranges (Low, Medium or High). The decisions on wind range and course classification will be at the sole discretion of the race committee and shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 PRIZES

17.1 Class prizes for each day's racing will be presented daily (Friday at Safe Harbor New England Boatworks during the Coastal New England Dinner presented by Wheels Up at approximately 7:45pm and Saturday at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard during the Talk of the Town Crew Party presented by Oyster at approximately 7:30pm).

17.2 Class prizes for the series and Sunday's daily prizes will be awarded at the final awards ceremony on Sunday, August 15 at the Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard after racing at approximately 5:00pm

18 WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority (SHRW, LLC), all official sponsors, members of the race committee, event volunteers, affiliated companies, their representatives, staff, and their agents will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46 and USSER 1.2, Responsibility.

18.2 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online Waiver & Release of Liability form:

https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents/14287/SHRW_Activity_Waiver_Release_Fillable_Aug6_2021.pdf

The fully executed Waiver & Release of Liability form shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link can be found on the event website.

18.3 Boats will not be scored unless the skipper/person-in-charge has submitted a Waiver & Release of Liability form.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTED AREAS

19.1 [NP] A boat's 'man overboard' (MOB) procedure shall be practiced aboard each boat at least once by the crew racing the regatta prior to the first race of the series. RRS 41 OUTSIDE HELP is changed by adding (e) Help to recover from the water and return any person on board provided the return on board is in the approximate location of the recovery. A boat that has a MOB incident shall immediately stop racing and either recover the person or coordinate recovery of the person with another boat or tender.

19.2 Restricted Channels: Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.

19.3 Newport Security Zone: In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Pell Bridge. The area may be defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove and the line defined by the buoys shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.

19.4 Additional Restricted Areas: There may be additional restricted areas due to Navy activity, shipping or fishing operations may be described in an amendment to the sailing instructions.

20 NOTES

20.1 The event website can be found at: <https://www.shmarinas.com/safe-harbor-race-weekend>

20.2 Address all correspondence and questions pertaining to the regatta to:

Safe Harbor Race Weekend

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- Exhibit 1 Marks and courses for the Around Conanicut Island Race
- Exhibit 2 Marks and courses for the Performance Cruising classes
- Exhibit 3 Marks and courses for Windward/Leeward Courses