

2023
NEWPORT UNLIMITED REGATTA
NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: New England Multihull Association ("NEMA") and the Newport
Yacht Club
at
Fort Adams State Park

1 Rules

1.1 The Newport Unlimited Regatta ("Regatta") will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") with US Sailing prescriptions thereto, this Notice of Race, and the NEMA Race Rules, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1** The Regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2023 NEMA rating certificate with a rating of 110 or less.
- 2.2** A minimum of five (5) paid entries by 1700 on August 18, 2023 may be required for the Regatta to go forward, at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

3 Entry & Fees

- 3.1** Entries will be accepted in the order that complete entry forms, fees, and certificates (if required) are received.
- 3.2** Entries will not be accepted after 0900 on Saturday, August 19, 2023
- 3.3** Entry may be submitted on line at: www.yachtscoring.com
- 3.4** The entry fee is \$175.00.
- 3.5** Late registration begins at 5pm Friday, August 11. There is no late fee, but late registrants are not guaranteed dinner. Please register ASAP to we order enough food for everyone.
- 3.6** Entry fees are non-refundable, unless there are insufficient entries to hold the Regatta (ref. NOR 2.2).
- 3.7** Entry fee includes racing entry for both days and two (2) dinner tickets for the Saturday night gathering at Newport Yacht Club. Additional dinner tickets are \$30 each. A cash bar will also be available.

4 Berthing

- 4.1** Anchorage: Anchoring in Newport is free. Anchored vessels must be attended overnight. See Appendix I for anchorage locations.
- 4.1.1** Inner harbor: Well protected except in a northwesterly. Very close to town, Ft Adams docks and Newport Yacht Club.
- 4.1.2** Rose Island Sound: Somewhat exposed, especially in a southwesterly. Far from everything.
- 4.2** Ft Adams: Dockage at Ft Adams must be reserved in advance via DockWa. We have a \$0.50/ft discount. To get the discount, enter "Newport Unlimited Discount" in the comments section when you reserve. The price will be \$4.75/ft after the discount.
- 4.3** Transient Moorings

- 4.3.1 City Moorings: Hail the Harbormaster on VHF Channel 16 for transient moorings upon arrival. \$50/night at last check.
- 4.3.2 Old Port: Transient Moorings can now be reserved on DockWa.com. \$60/night at last check. You can also hail OldPort on Channel 68 upon arrival, however last-minute availability is low probability.
- 4.4 Rafting: Newport Harbor allows rafting with other moored boats, with the permission of the owner. The limit is two boats per mooring. At least one boat must be occupied overnight by someone capable of operating the vessel.

5 Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available no later than one day before the start of the regatta, and at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 5.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be communicated at the Skipper's Meeting.

6 Schedule

6.1 Saturday, August 19

- 0900 Mandatory Skippers' Meeting at Sail Newport docks.
- 1100 First Signal
- Post Race Dinner at Newport Yacht Club

6.2 Sunday, August 20

- 1000 First Signal (may be postponed pending forecast)
- 1400 No Warning Signal after this time
- Post Race Awards & Cash Bar at Newport Yacht Club

7 Racing Area & Courses

- 7.1 Racing on Saturday and Sunday will be conducted in Narragansett Bay.
- 7.2 Racing on Saturday is expected to be on short courses. Up to four races are planned, weather permitting.
- 7.3 Course on Sunday is expected to be a distance race around Narragansett Bay.
- 7.4 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions and announced at the Skippers Meeting. The RC may at its discretion choose to switch days between the short course and long distance based on the weather.

8 Scoring

- 8.1 The race shall be scored using current year NEMA rating certificates and handicaps (time-on-time) for NEMA competitors.
- 8.2 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A shall apply.
- 8.3 One race shall constitute a series.

9 Penalties

- 9.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 9.2 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be at the sole discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.1.

10 Prizes

10.1 Prizes shall be awarded for first and second places. If there are more than six competitors, a prize for third place shall be included.

11 Radio Communication

11.1 The Race Committee may use VHF radio for courtesy communications.

11.2 The VHF channel for courtesy communications is intended to be channel 73.

11.3 Any changes to this shall be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

12 Contact Information

12.1 Regatta: On-site Race Chair Avram Dorfman, dorfman@est.org, (401) 225-4545

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Sailing is an inherently dangerous activity. All competitors are participating in the Regatta solely at their own risk. Competitors are advised to pay particular attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in the Regatta, all competitors agree to forever waive any and all claims against the New England Multihull Association, Newport Yacht Club, Sail Newport, the Race Committee, and their respective officers, directors, agents, employees, and volunteers (collectively, "Releasees"), including but not limited to claims arising from the Releasees' own negligence, arising out of or in connection with any aspect of the Regatta. By participating in the Regatta, all competitors agree to expressly assume any and all risks associated with participation in same, including risk of injury, damage, and loss of life, and all competitors further agree to assume financial responsibility for any injury or damage caused by themselves or their boat(s) to others and shall hold the Releasees harmless from any claim arising from that competitor's acts or omissions in connection with their participation in the Regatta.

Appendix I Newport Anchorages



Welcome to
NEWPORT HARBOR

The Home of Maritime Commerce & Yachting



WELCOME TO NEWPORT HARBOR

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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| Emergency | 911 |
| Police | 401-847-1212 |
| Fire | 401-846-2211 |
| Hospital | 401-846-6400 |
| Harbormaster: Stephen Land | 401-845-5815 |
| Channels | 14 & 16 |
| Marine Safety Office (USCG) | |
| Oil or hazardous substance spills | 401-435-2300 |
| US Customs & Immigration | 800-973-2867 |
| To report smuggling/drugs | 800-BE-ALERT |

Important Points to Remember

- **Quiet hours** on the harbor are 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- **Speed limit** is 5 mph (no wake)
- **No discharge** in Newport Harbor or Narragansett Bay
- **Use pump out stations**
- **Navigation Laws:** US Code of Federal Regulations, "Rules of the Road", and State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management boating laws apply

NO-DISCHARGE HARBOR

QUIET HOURS 10 P.M. - 8 A.M.

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