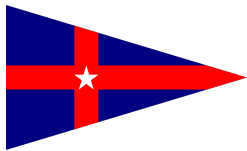




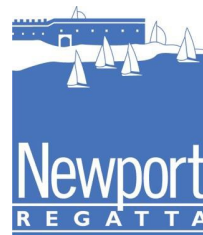
## MAIN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

July 7-9, 2017



*Rhode Island Sailing Events Committee*





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### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The 2017 Newport Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. For the J/70 Class, J/70 Class Rules Part III - Event Rules I.1 and I.3 shall apply. I.3 is amended so that Support Boats can be used to assist competitors in transiting to and from the applicable racing area.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Hospitality Tent next to the Mule Barn.
- 2.2. The Race Committee intends to broadcast pertinent race information (including individual recalls) on a VHF channel assigned to each racing division. Failure of such information to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a). See individual divisional appendix for applicable VHF channel. This does not apply to Divisions 3 and 4.

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 0830 on the day they will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signal Flags will be displayed from the flagpole adjacent to the social tent, at the Waterfront Center.
- 4.2. When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes". When a numeral pennant is displayed beneath code flag "AP," the postponement is applicable to that numbered division only. This changes Race Signal "AP."

### 5. RACING CLASSES AND DIVISIONS \*As amended 7/7/17 "Amendement 1 to the SI"

- 5.1. Rendezvous locations are described in the Division Appendices.

Friday Division Assignments

#### Friday Sailing Division

J70, 110, Melges 20,  
RS Aero

Saturday and  
Sunday Division  
Assignments

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5
J/70	Etchells	505	29er	M32
Swan 42	Ensign	F-18	RS Aero	
Melges 20	J24	VX One	Laser	
		110	2.4mR	
			Comet	

## **6. SCHEDULE OF RACING**

6.1. The Race Committee intends to run as many races as practicable on each day of racing.

### **Friday July 7**

1100  
1300

### **Race Day One**

Initial Warning Signal-110, Melges 20, RS Aero  
Initial Warning Signal-J70

### **Saturday July 8**

1100

### **Race Day Two**

Initial Warning Signal for all classes.

### **Sunday July 9**

1100  
1430  
1500

### **Race Day Three**

Initial Warning Signal for all classes  
No initial Warning Signal will be made after this time for Divisions 1, 2, and 3.  
No initial Warning Signal will be made after this time for Division 4.

## **7. ON THE WATER CHECK-IN**

- 7.1. On each day, prior to the first Warning Signal for each class, each boat shall sail astern of the Race Committee Signal Boat (Signal Boat) and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 7.2. A boat failing to properly check in may be scored DNC for the first race of that day without a hearing. This changes rule A5.

## **8. DIVISION APPENDICES**

- 8.1. The appropriate Division Appendix is attached to these SIs, within which a description of class flags, courses, starting procedures, change of course procedures, finishing procedures, marks, time limit(s), and applicable VHF channel will be provided.

## **9. RECALLS**

- 9.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail premature starters. Recalls may also be announced on the applicable VHF Channel. Failure to make or receive this communication shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **10. SCORING**

- 10.1. The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2. One race shall constitute a series.
- 10.3. A boat's worst finish may 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.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1. The first sentence of rule 44.1 is altered so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turns Penalty."
- 11.2. In instances where SI 11.1 conflicts with a class rule, that class rule shall prevail.
- 11.3. 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(a).

## **12. PROTESTS**

- 12.1. Boats are strongly urged to report their intent to protest to the Race Committee upon finishing.
- 12.2. Protests shall be submitted on the forms available in the Sail Newport Waterfront Center and lodged with the Protest Committee Secretary there within the protest time limit.
- 12.3. The protest time limit is one hour following the docking of the Signal Boat for the applicable division.
- 12.4. Hearing times will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.
- 12.5. Infringements of Main SI 7, 13, and 14 are not protestable by another boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

### **13. RETIRING FROM A RACE**

- 13.1. A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area or, if not possible, said boat shall notify a Race Committee representative at Sail Newport upon arriving ashore in person or by phone (401-846-1983).

### **14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 14.1. 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 who may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.
- 14.2. The naval facilities at Coddington Cove and Coasters Harbor are surrounded by an Exclusionary Zone marked on NOAA Chart 13223 For the purposes of rules 19 and 20, the line indicated on this chart shall be considered an obstruction. Vessels navigating inside the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval Authorities.

### **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 15.1. 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.

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