



**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
NEWPORT CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA**

**Presented by IYRS**

August 31-September 1, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Including amendment #1 and #2)

The Newport Classic Yacht Regatta presented by IYRS (NCYR) is part of the Classic Yachts Challenge Series (CYCS) which also includes The Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta (Marblehead, MA), The Nantucket Regatta (Nantucket, MA), The Nantucket Opera House Cup Regatta (Nantucket, MA), and The Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta (Bristol, RI).

The Organizing Authority (OA) for the Newport Classic Yacht Regatta presented by IYRS (NCYR) is Ida Lewis Yacht Club.

**1. RULES**

**1.1.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-2020), US Sailing Prescriptions and the [2019 Classic Yachts Challenge Notice of Series](#).

**1.2.** For the purposes of rules 14 and 44.1, any contact between boats shall be considered serious damage. This changes rule 44.1.

**1.3.** In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

**1.4.** Crew Waiver: No crew shall be aboard a yacht while racing unless he/she has executed an online Crew Waiver Form available at [Yacht Scoring Crew Waiver](#). Registration will not be complete without receipt of a Crew Waiver Form from each person competing.

**1.5.** A boat touching the Race Committee signal boat or the buoys attached to the signal boat at any time will be scored DSQ for that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS** Notices to competitors, including protest notices, will be posted on the official notice board located in Restoration Hall at IYRS. An unofficial notice board will be available at [Yacht Scoring Notice Board](#).

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0830 hrs on the day they are to take effect; except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**4.1.** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the IYRS flagpole.

**4.2.** When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP; and an announcement regarding the Race Committee intentions will be made on VHF channel 79A.

**4.3.** The Race Committee will make announcements concerning postponements, courses, premature starters, etc., on VHF Channel 79A. Failure of the Race Committee to make such announcements, or failure of competitors to receive or hear such announcements will not be grounds for redress.

#### **5. SCHEDULE**

##### **Saturday, August 31**

0800-0930 Check-in for NCYR at Restoration Hall at IYRS, Newport

0930 Mandatory Skippers' Meeting at IYRS, Newport

1155 First Warning Signal

1800 Cocktail Party at IYRS, Newport

##### **Sunday, September 1**

1000 Classic Yacht Parade

1155 First Warning Signal

1800 Cocktails, Dinner and Awards at IYRS, Newport

#### **6. CLASS FLAGS**

**6.1.** An amendment will be issued at the skippers meeting listing the classes, anticipated starting order, ratings if applicable and class flags. Please be aware that boats in different divisions may be in the same start, and that not all the boats in a division may be in the same start.

**6.2.** Each boat shall start in the starting group they are assigned.

**6.3.** While racing, each boat shall display the numerical pennant for her respective division from her backstay no less than six (6) feet above the deck.

## **7. CHECK IN AND RETIREMENT**

**7.1.** Prior to the first warning signal, all boats shall check in with the Race Committee by hailing the Race Committee on VHF CHANNEL 69 with their boat name and sail number until the Race Committee affirmatively responds

**7.2.** Boats retiring shall inform the Race Committee by contacting them on VHF Channel 79A.

## **8. RACING AREA**

**8.1.** The waters of Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound.

**8.2.** Boats will rendezvous each day between Rose and Goat Islands.

## **9. THE COURSES**

**9.1.** The courses will be navigator courses chosen by the Race Committee using the South Bay Race Chart (a copy of which will be available at the Skippers Meeting) buoys plus the additional marks listed below.

**9.2.** The Course for each starting group will be posted on a white board on the starboard side of the Race Committee Signal Boat no later than the warning signal, and will be announced on VHF channel 79A.

**9.3.** Additional marks not displayed on the race chart:

Special Race Mark: The Race Committee may elect to position a special mark to achieve a particular course configuration. If used, the distance and bearing to the special mark from the committee boat or from the prior mark will be displayed below the posted course. In some cases, the direct line from the committee boat to the special mark may be across land:

1. Special Race Marks #1 and # 2 will be Yellow Tetrahedrons.

2. Special Race Mark #3 will be a large Orange Round Mark (Dumpy).

Marks for each course will be posted on a white board from the committee boat in order of rounding, with the subscript for each mark designating the required side, P means leave to Port, and S means leave to starboard. The race committee will also announce the courses on VHF 79A.

**Marks to be Observed:** Passage under the Newport Pell Bridge and/or the Jamestown Verrazano Bridge shall be made through the center span only. For purposes of RRS 32.2(c), the center span of the both bridges shall be considered gates.

## **10. THE START**

**10.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

**10.2** The starting line will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby mark.

**10.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other starting groups.

**10.4** A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **11. THE FINISH**

**11.1.** The finish line will be between a staff flying a solid blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and a nearby white Bacardi inflatable mark.

**11.2.** The Race Committee intends to locate the finish line in the approximate vicinity of the starting line.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

**12.1.** The Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be 20% of the number of boats entered in the applicable class. The minimum penalty shall be 2 places.

**12.2.** The penalty, if any, for a violation of a rule other than a rule of Part 2, shall be at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee, and may be other than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1.

**13. TIME LIMIT** The time limit for each class shall be 5 hours.

## **14. PROTESTS**

**14.1.** A yacht's intention to protest shall be communicated to the Race Committee upon finishing the race in which the protest occurred. This modifies RRS 61.1(a).

**14.2.** Protest forms will be available from the Protest Secretary located at IYRS. Written protests shall be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than one hour after the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**14.3.** Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible and the Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of yachts who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of Restoration Hall at IYRS.

**14.4.** When a yacht has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any yacht to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under RRS 63.3(b).

**14.5.** RRS 63.5 is modified by adding, "A protest involving contact may be heard by the Protest Committee even if the requirements of RRS 61.1 (a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled."

**14.6.** The penalty for a yacht that has broken a rule other than a rule of Part 2 shall be at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1 (a).

**14.7.** Rating protests must be filed by 0930 on Saturday August 31, 2019.

## **15. SCORING**

**15.1.** One completed race constitutes a series.

**15.2.** A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores. This alters rule A2.

**15.3.** Handicap classes will be scored based on CRF Mk II ratings.

**15.4.** One-Design and Formula classes will be scored level.

**15.5.** Boats eligible for the CYC Series will be scored in accordance with the 2019 CYC Series Regulations.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

**16.1.** All boats must carry a radio capable of making and receiving VHF transmissions.

**16.2.** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats.

**17. SAFETY** *All boats not within their starting sequence must stay well clear of the starting area. Boats failing to comply with this requirement may be protested by the Race Committee and risk a penalty assigned by the Protest Committee.*

**18. INFORMATION** Additional information is available in the [Notice of Race](#) or may be received from Jenny Holmqvist at [events@iyrs.edu](mailto:events@iyrs.edu) , 401- 848-5777 x 231 (O), 401-207-9321 (C).