



# The 2015 Newport Regatta®

**July 10 – 12, 2015**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

Hosted by Sail Newport



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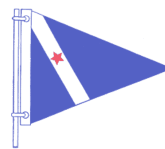
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## **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Sail Newport.

## **2. RULES**

2.1. The 2015 Newport Regatta® will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2. Class rules which may prohibit the use of VHF radios while racing are waived for the duration of this event for the purpose of safety and for receiving pertinent race information.

2.3. Where there is a conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail except that neither shall alter any class rules other than that which is listed in NOR 2.2. This changes rule 63.7.

## **3. ADVERTISING**

3.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 and the applicable class rules.

3.2. Boats are strongly urged to refrain from displaying advertising that may conflict with event sponsors.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY**

4.1. The 2015 Newport Regatta® is open to all eligible sailboats in the following classes: 505, 12 Metre, 2.4mR, 49er, A Class Cat, Byte CII, Comet, Ensign, Etchells, F-18, FD, J/22, J/24, J/70, Laser Full Rig, Laser Radial, Melges 20, Melges 32, Skud, Sonar, Star, Sunfish, Swan 42, Viper and VX One.

4.2. Classes wishing to participate that are not listed in NOR 4.1 shall contact Chris Jensen ([chris@sailnewport.org](mailto:chris@sailnewport.org)) to request inclusion in the regatta.

4.3. A minimum of eight boats shall be required for an individual One-Design class start.

4.4. If minimum class entry requirement is not satisfied, that class may be canceled or consolidated into a mixed fleet to expedite racing at the discretion of the OA.

4.5. The OA reserves the right to accept entries that may not satisfy these requirements.

## **5. ENTRY**

5.1. Entries for all boats will be accepted through the online registration at [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org). Entry fees are listed on the website.

5.2. Classes racing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday may register on-site at Sail Newport on Friday, July 10 from 0800 until 0900 but will be subject to an additional \$20 late entry fee. These classes include 12 Metre, F-18, FD and Star.

5.3. Dinghy classes racing Saturday and Sunday only may register on-site at Sail Newport on Saturday, July 11 from 0800 until 0900 but will be subject to a \$20 late entry fee. These classes include: F-18, 49er, A Class Cats, Comet, FD, Viper 640, VX One, 505, Byte CII, Sunfish, Laser, Laser Radial, and 2.4mR.

5.4. The early entry deadline for classes not listed in NOR 5.2 or 5.3 is July 2. Any registrants in these classes after July 3 will be subject to a \$50 late entry fee. No entrants in these classes will be accepted after 1900 on July 9.

5.5. Entry is not considered complete unless accompanied by the appropriate entry fee and all crew have completed a Crew Waiver by the time of sailing (available at [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org)).

5.6. Entry fee is refundable (minus a \$30 handling fee) if notice of cancellation is received and acknowledged by 1900 on July 9. Unless cancellation is received and acknowledged, the boat's entry will not be removed from the scratch sheet.

5.7. The OA reserves the right to accept entries beyond stated deadlines.

## **6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

6.1. It is the intent of the OA and Race Committee to conduct as many races as practicable on each day of racing.

6.2. The following classes will race on Friday: 12 Metre, F-18, FD and Star.

6.3. All classes will race Saturday and Sunday.

<b>Thursday, July 9</b> 1600-1900	<b>Registration Check-in</b> Late on-site Registration, Waiver drop off, and Check-in
<b>Friday, July 10</b> 0800-0900 1100 1600-1900	<b>Race Day – Friday classes</b> Late on-site Registration, Waiver drop off, and Check-in for Friday classes only Initial Warning Signal for Friday classes only Late on-site Registration, Waiver drop off, and Check-in
<b>Saturday, July 11</b> 0800-0900 1100 1630-2030	<b>Race Day</b> Late on-site Registration, Waiver drop off, and Check-in for <i>dinghy</i> classes only Initial Warning Signal for all classes Regatta Party
<b>Sunday, July 12</b> 1100 1430  1500 After racing	<b>Race Day</b> Initial Warning Signal for all classes No initial Warning Signal shall be made after this time for any Division except Division 3 No initial Warning Signal shall be made after this time for Division 3 Awards ceremony and competitor reception

## 7. MEASUREMENT AND WEIGH-IN

- 7.1. Measurement requirements will be in adherence to individual class rules.
- 7.2. For classes where weigh-in is required for this event, space will be made available during registration. Class weigh-ins will be managed by identified class or local fleet representatives ([www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org)).

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. SIs will be available online by 1700 on July 9 and during Registration and Check-in.

## 9. COURSES AND RACING AREA

- 9.1. Racing will be held on Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound.
- 9.2. The OA will divide the classes into appropriate divisions for optimum racing. Specific course details for individual divisions will be outlined in the SIs and their applicable Class Appendix.
- 9.3. Competitors in Friday's classes are reminded that their divisional assignment may change for Saturday and Sunday racing.

## 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. The first sentence of rule 44.1 is altered so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turns Penalty."
- 10.2. In instances where NOR 10.1 conflicts with a class rule, that class rule shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.
- 10.3. 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.

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. One race shall constitute a series.
- 11.3. A boat's worst finish will 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.

## 12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of entrants for each class.
- 12.2. The Dr. Robin Wallace Trophy will be presented to the outstanding boat of the regatta as determined by the OA.
- 12.3. A Sportsmanship Trophy may be presented to a sailor, volunteer, or team who, in the opinion of the OA, best exemplifies sportsmanship.
- 12.4. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA and may be based on criteria other than scores.

### **13. PERSONAL FLOTATION**

- 13.1. The wearing of personal flotation shall be subject to class rules and is highly recommended for all competitors.
- 13.2. For the dinghy classes: each competitor must wear a U.S. Coast Guard or equivalent home country authority approved PFD, properly secured at all times, from the time the boat leaves the dock to the time the boat returns to the dock, unless when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal flotation. This changes rule 40.

### **14. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING**

- 14.1. Hoist use and dockage is included in the entry fee for keelboat classes. Dockage is available at Sail Newport's Alofsin Piers on a first-come, first-served basis. Competitors are advised to bring sufficient dock lines and fenders. Boats may raft at owners' discretion.
- 14.2. For dinghy classes, land storage will be available as directed by Sail Newport staff.
- 14.3. Boats intending to arrive at Sail Newport prior to Thursday, July 9 (Friday sailing classes only) or Friday, July 10 (all other classes) or stay beyond 1700 on Monday July 13 must make arrangements with Sail Newport by contacting Vinnie Pattavina by phone (401-846-1983) or via email ([vinnie@sailnewport.org](mailto:vinnie@sailnewport.org)).
- 14.4. Boats may make alternative arrangements for dockage by contacting the Newport Shipyard (401-846-6000), Goat Island Marina (401-849-5655), Newport Yachting Center (401-846-1600), or Casey's Marina (401-848-5945). Mooring arrangements can be made by calling Oldport Marine (401-847-9109) or Newport Harbormaster (401-845-5815).

### **15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 15.1. All keelboats must be in the water by 2000 on July 10.
- 15.2. Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except in an emergency or with written approval from the Protest Committee.
- 15.3. NOR 15.1 and 15.2 shall not apply to the 2.4mR, Skud, Comet, Star, VX One, or Viper classes; these may launch and haul using the Sail Newport hoists each day of the event.
- 15.4. Upon completion of the event, boats are requested to adhere to the haul-out procedures provided to competitors at Registration/Check-in. Competitors are reminded that the gin pole at the Admiral's Pier will be unavailable for use during the time of keelboat haul-out so as to expedite the process. Local boats, when possible, are encouraged to stay in the water and will be provided dockage at the Alofsin Piers.
- 15.5. Sail Newport Staff will be available upon request to assist in the hauling of boats remaining in the water after the conclusion of the event.

### **16. IDENTIFICATION**

- 16.1. A regatta wristband is required for entrance into the Hospitality Tent located at the Sail Newport Waterfront Center during social events.
- 16.2. Vouchers for wristbands will be made available at Check-in for each skipper and a designated amount for crew as is indicated on the registration website. Vouchers may be exchanged for a wristband at Check-in or at the entrance of the Hospitality Tent during social events.
- 16.3. The wristband includes entrance to the Friday, Saturday and Sunday social events and will serve as identification relative to age (over/under 21).
- 16.4. Each individual must present a valid photo ID together with a voucher to receive a wristband. If no valid photo ID is presented, the individual will receive an "under 21" wristband and will be precluded from consuming alcoholic beverages.
- 16.5. Additional guest wristbands will be available for purchase at Check-in and at the Hospitality Tent entrance each evening.

### **17. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 17.1. All competitors, coaches, and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, the facility, and Fort Adams State Park. Any competitor who violates this trust in any manner, including the consumption of beer or other alcoholic beverage by a minor, may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against him or her to the Protest Committee and/or the appropriate class association. Penalties imposed by the OA and/or the Protest Committee may include disqualification of the

boat with which the competitor is associated, notification of law enforcement and/or parents, or other penalties the Protest Committee or the OA may deem appropriate. Any coach or family member who violates this trust may have a complaint lodged against him or her to the appropriate class association.

## **18. EVENT HEADQUARTERS**

18.1. Event Headquarters will be in the Sail Newport Waterfront Center, located in Fort Adams State Park.

18.2. The Regatta Tent will be located next to the Waterfront Center on the Sail Newport property and will host social events and awards.

## **19. MEDIA RIGHTS**

19.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

20.1. 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.

## **21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

21.1. For further information please contact:

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