



NOTICE OF RACE

SAIL NEWPORT 2008 BLIND NATIONAL SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Host Site: Sail Newport Sailing Center
August 18, 2008: C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic
August 19 – 20, 2008: Racing
Newport, RI

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is Sail Newport.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The regatta is classified as a Category C event as per ISAF Regulation 20.

2.2 Regatta Rules require that a blind sailor is designated as helmsman and a blind crew member as jib sheet trimmer, while one sighted crew is mainsheet trimmer/ and one sighted crew member is guide and may not physically touch the sails, sheets, or helm.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The regatta is open to teams of four.

3.2 The skipper and one crew member **MUST** be blind or visually impaired with a USABA Classification for Blindness Category B1, B2 or B3. At least One crew member must be fully sighted.

3.3 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to refuse application or may eliminate from competition any sailor(s) who do not meet the standards of safety required by Sail Newport.

4 ENTRIES

There will be an entry fee of \$215 per boat to help offset prizes and miscellaneous expenses. Participation is open to a maximum of eleven (11) completed applications. Entries shall be submitted online at www.sailnewport.org and will be received on a first-come, first-served basis. Entries must be submitted by Friday, August 15, 2008.

5 REGISTRATION

Each skipper or his representative must attend the skippers' meeting to be held at the Sail Newport Sailing Center (Dock Office) at 0900 on Tuesday, August 21, 2007. All participants are required to submit a crew waiver. Crew waiver forms will be available at registration.

6 CLASS

6.1 J/22 (boats will be provided by Sail Newport).

6.2 J/22s will be available for practice on a reservation basis. Call the Sail Newport Dock Office at (401) 849-8385 to schedule a practice time. There is no additional charge for one 3-hour practice.

7 SCHEDULE OF CLINIC AND RACES

Sunday August 17, 2008	
1500 hrs – 1700 hrs	Early Registration for Clinic and Regatta for the Blind Nationals sailors: Regatta tent at Alofsin Piers at Sail Newport
1730 hrs	Clinic opening followed by Picnic Dinner with a speaker

Monday August 18, 2008	
0900 – 1000hrs	Morning Check-in/Registration for Clinic
1000 hrs – 1200 hrs	Clinic
1200 hrs – 1300 hrs	Lunch ashore or on the Water
1300 hrs – 1600 hrs	Practice starts and race for all regatta competitors
1600 hrs – 1700 hrs	Coaches' Review of Days Activities under Tent
1800 hrs	Opening Reception. Location /Regatta Tent at Alofsin Pier at Sail Newport.
Tuesday August 19, 2008	
0900 hrs	Skippers Meeting / Boat Draw for Blind Nationals
1100 hrs – 1600 hrs	First Start, Racing
1600 – 1700	Coaches' Debrief
Wednesday August 20, 2008	
0900 hrs	Boat Draw for Blind Nationals
1000	First Start, Racing
After Racing	Awards and Refreshments at Tent

8 COURSES

Courses will be announced at the skippers' meeting.

9 SCORING

RRS Appendix A2 - Low Point Scoring System will apply. Four races constitute a series for the purpose of determining a winner. One throw-out will be permitted with six races completed.

10 PENALTIES

The Racing Rules of Sailing Part 4 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are modified so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

11 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall teams.

12 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

All participants shall supply and wear PFD's at all times while on the water except temporarily while adding or removing clothing.

13 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions shall be handed out to competitors at the skippers' meeting on August 19.

14 HOUSING

Accommodation assistance is available by contacting Peg Hawkins at the Carroll Center for the Blind.

15 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information contact: Sail Newport, 60 Fort Adams Dr, Newport, RI 02840,
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