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**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**THE MUSEUM OF YACHTING**  
**29th ANNUAL CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA**

Sail Newport is the Organizing Authority for the Classic Yacht Regatta.  
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND  
August 30 & 31, 2008

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 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 The penalty for a boat that has broken a rule, other than a Part 2 rule, shall be at the sole discretion of the protest committee, and may be different than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1(a).

**2. ADVERTISING**

Advertising will be in accordance with Category A of ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

The Museum of Yachting will offer racing for Vintage, Modern Classic, "Good Old Boats" and One-Design yachts in the following divisions:

- (a) For One-Design (& Formula) Classes -- eligibility shall be in accordance with their individual class rules and requirements. Shields, 6 Metre, 12 Metre and S Class are invited as "One Designs"
- (b) For Vintage, Modern Classic, and Good Old Boats (handicap) all boats with a current Classic Rating Formula (CRF) rating certificate.

**4. ENTRY AND SOCIAL FORMS**

Eligible boats must register in advance by completing online registration at [http://www.sailnewport.org/npt/m/\\_general/classicyachtregatta.asp](http://www.sailnewport.org/npt/m/_general/classicyachtregatta.asp). Entries must be received no later August 23rd, 2008 to avoid a late fee of \$50.

**5. RACE HEADQUARTERS**

The Race Headquarters will be at The Museum of Yachting, as will all the social and awards ceremonies.

## 6. FEES

The entry fee is \$250 per boat (includes two days of racing and two dinner tickets). All other social event tickets may be purchased online at the online registration at [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org). The Classic Yacht Regatta socials always sell out - advance reservations are necessary. Entry fee is refundable (minus a \$15 handling fee) if notice of cancellation is received by Sail Newport prior to August 22, 2008. All participating vessels must carry liability insurance. All forms may be downloaded from <http://www.sailnewport.org>. A \$50 late registration fee may be implemented on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. REGISTRATION

All Skippers shall report to Race Headquarters to register and pick up their Skippers Package on Friday, August 29 between 1700 and 1900.

## 8. LIABILITY WAIVER

A liability waiver, available on line or at check in, shall be submitted for each yacht not later than 0930 on Saturday, August 30, 2008 and shall be signed by the skipper and each crewmember. *Yachts without properly signed waivers on file with Sail Newport will not be scored.* In the event of a crew substitution, the new crewmember shall submit a signed waiver to Race Headquarters prior to racing.

## 9. SCHEDULE

### August 29, Friday

1700	Registration Open
1800-2000	Welcome party at MoY

### August 30, Saturday

0900 – 1000	Last Minute Waiver Signing and Check In
0930	Mandatory Skipper's Meeting
1150	Course Signals
1155	Warning Signals (First Class)
1800	Cocktails at MoY
1930	Awards Dinner at MoY

### August 31, Sunday

1030	Classic Yacht Parade Begins at Harbor Entrance
1150	Course Signals Around the Island Race Start will be in the vicinity of the Conanicut Yacht Club in Jamestown. (following Classic Yacht Parade)
1155	Warning Signals (First Class)
1700	Prize Giving at MoY

- 9.1 A mandatory Skippers' Meeting is scheduled for 0930 on Saturday, August 30 at The Museum of Yachting. Scratch sheets and amendments to Sailing Instructions (if any) will be distributed at this time.
- 9.2 One race per day is planned for boats in the larger boat circle. Up to three races may be completed on Saturday on the small boat circle. The warning signal for the first classes on Saturday will be 1155, the warning signal for the first class on Sunday will commence following the Classic Yacht Parade, but will be no earlier than 1155.
- 9.3 One completed race constitutes a series.

## 10. MEASUREMENT

Except for the 12-Metre Class, (who must submit their Class Measurement Certificates,) and other yachts sailing in a One-Design class, each yacht shall submit (email to: [katie.barker@sailnewport.org](mailto:katie.barker@sailnewport.org) or FAX to 401-846-7245) a valid CRF rating certificate to the race committee c/o Sail Newport to complete the online entry process.

## 11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Mandatory Skippers' Meeting held at the Museum 0930 on Saturday, August 30.

## 12. RACING AREA AND COURSES

The Regatta will be sailed in Lower Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound. The Race Committee will designate courses using government marks and special racing marks as specified in the Sailing Instructions. The intention of the Organizing Authority is to have the "Around The Island" race on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. That race will be in conjunction with the Conanicut Yacht Club for Race Management purposes and will be scored by Sail Newport and the Classic Yacht Regatta CRF rating system.

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. The minimum penalty will be 2 places.

## 14. SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCE

14.1 Results for handicap classes will be based on CRF ratings and course distances determined by the Race Committees.

14.2 One-design classes will be scored level.

14.3 Scratch sheets and class assignments (based on boats registered) will be distributed at the Skipper's Meeting on Saturday, August 30 at 9:30am.

14.4 A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores, this alters rule A2.

14.5 In the event that Saturday's racing is postponed and or abandoned for any class, the results for Sunday's race will be used for the Classic Yacht Regatta Awards.

## 15. PRIZES

15.1 Racing awards will be given out on both Saturday and Sunday after racing. Races do not accumulate into an overall score for the 2 days. (Each Day is scored separately) In the case of cancelled racing (or lack of finishers) on Saturday, remaining awards will then be presented based on Sunday's results. Awards are given to 12 Metre, Vintage, Modern, One Design, LaBelle and Good Old Boat Classes in both Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker Sub Groups. Special Designer and Overall awards may be given and those award descriptions will be available in the skipper's packet at Registration.

### 15.2 WoodenBoat Series

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be awarded to the top three yachts in the "Classic" and "Modern" divisions as defined by the WoodenBoat series. Prizes will be awarded at the annual meeting in 2008.

## 16. SAIL AND EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

16.1 Vintage - Only traditionally constructed, woven canvas, nylon, or polyester, (Dacron) sails are permitted. Sails made using laminate or composite construction or materials (such as, but not limited to, Mylar, Kevlar, Vectran, Spectra, Carbon Fiber, etc.), including those sails utilizing advanced shaping technologies (3DL or similar) are not permitted. Maximum headsail LP = 150%. Mizzen staysails are permitted. Spinnakers and Headsails are defined in accordance with 2005-2008 RRS 50.4. Only one jib shall be carried in the fore-triangle at one time: i.e., drop one sail before setting another. This modifies 2005-2008 RRS 50.1. Bona fide double headsail rigs (Cutters) that are indicated as such on their CRF form, may carry a staysail hanked on to the inner forestay, however, all headsails must be tacked on the centerline of the boat, any and all

headsails set flying are not permitted: i.e., all sails set in the fore-triangle must be hanked on the full length of the stay, (except fixed-stay roller furling sails) and, a whisker pole, no greater than 1.25 of the J measurement, may be used to wing out a jib on the side opposite the main boom as long as no other sail, including a staysail, is set in the fore-triangle and it is fixed at the mast while in use.

- 16.2 Modern Classics - Non-spinnaker class is planned, but a spinnaker class may be established if a minimum number of entries (6) warrant.
- 16.3 Spinnaker Class -- A separate class of Vintage yachts using spinnakers may be established if a minimum number of entries warrant.
- 16.4 One Design - One-design classes will race under their own class rules and regulations.

## 17. DOCKAGE AND MOORING

Dockage/rafting is available under direction of the staff at the owners risk and as space is available on a first come first served basis. ***Each yacht must complete a Sail Newport dockage waiver form and turn in to MoY prior to first night's stay on the dock.*** Please bring sufficient dock lines and extra fenders. Participants may make arrangements for commercial moorings or dockage by contacting the following directly: Newport Shipyard (401-846-6000), Goat Island Marina (401-849-5655), Newport Yachting Center (401-847-9047, extension 225), Casey's Marina (401-848-5945) or Oldport Marine for moorings (401-847-9109).

## 18. CLASS FLAGS AND MUSEUM OF YACHTING/PANERAI CLASSIC YACHTS CHALLENGE FLAGS

All boats participating in the Regatta shall fly their designated class flag (distributed with Skipper Package at registration on August 30 **AND** The Museum of Yachting/Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge event flag from their backstay, six feet above the deck, just above their required respective class designation flag. If the yacht has no fixed backstay then the event and class flags may be displayed from a starboard shroud.

## 19. NOTES

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 that may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.

## 20. NYYC INVITATIONAL SERIES FOR VINTAGE AND CLASSIC YACHTS

- 20.1 The NYYC Invitational Series includes the NYYC Annual Regatta, The Olin Stephens Regatta and The Museum of Yachting's Classic Yacht Regatta.
- 20.2 A prize will be awarded to the winning yacht in the 2008 New York Yacht Club Invitational Racing Series for Vintage and Classic Yachts. A second place prize will be awarded if five or more yachts compete in the series, and a third place prize will be awarded if eight or more yachts compete in the series.
- 20.3 Prizes will be awarded at the NYYC Awards Dinner in New York City in November, 2008, to which winners will be invited.

**21. MEDIA RELEASE:** Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, the Museum of Yachting, Sail Newport, the International Yacht Restoration School, Panerai, regatta photographers and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media World-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the Classic Yacht Regatta and all participants therein.

***For further information please visit our website at [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org)***

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