

## 2008 Halloween Howl

Hosted by Sail Newport

October 25 – 26, 2008

Newport, RI

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



### 1 RULES

1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.2 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

### 2 ENTRIES

Sailors may enter by completing on-line registration at [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org) or on-site at check-in. There will be no Green Opti Fleet in this regatta. Opti Competitors who turn sixteen (16) in 2008 are not eligible. Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of racing.

### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be hailed from the Race Committee Signal Boat. A Notice Board will be located inside the Sail Newport Main Office.

### 4 REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### Saturday, October 25

0830-1000 Registration at Sail Newport  
1030 Mandatory Skipper's Mtg.  
1045 Mandatory Coach/Parent Mtg.  
1100 Harbor Start  
1200 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal  
After Racing Snack

#### Sunday, October 26

0800-0900 Laser Class Check-In  
0900 Mandatory Skipper's Mtg.  
0915 Mandatory Coach/Parent Mtg.  
0930 Harbor Start  
1030 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal  
1430 No Sequence will start after  
After Racing Awards and refreshments

### 5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be near the entrance to Newport Harbor or between Rose and Goat Islands.

### 6 COURSES

6.1 Windward/Leeward (indicated as W) and/or Triangle (indicated as T) and/or Gold Cup (indicated as G) courses will be used.

6.2 All turning marks are to be left to port.

6.3 Boats are prohibited from crossing the starting and/or finishing line while not in the act of starting or finishing. Boats that cross the start and/or finishing line while not starting or finishing will be scored "DSQ."

### 7 MARKS

Original turning marks will be inflated orange buoys. Start and finish marks will be inflated yellow buoys. There will not be change marks.

### 8 STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the nearby orange inflatable mark on the port side of the RC Signal Boat (with the RC Signal Boat facing upwind).

### 9 THE START

Races will be started as follows using RRS 26.

Example starting sequence:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Time To Start</b>	<b>Signals</b>
Warning	5 Minutes	Class Flag Displayed; One Sound
Preparatory	4 Minutes	Flag P, I, Z or Black Displayed; One Sound
1 Minute	1 Minute	Flag P, I, Z or Black Lowered; One Long Sound
Start	NONE	Class Flag Lowered; One Sound

## 10 CLASS FLAGS

The following corresponding flags will be displayed with the warning signal for the applicable class. Please note: there will be no set order for the starting of classes.

Class	Numeral Pennant
Optimist	1
Laser	2

## 11 CHANGE OF COURSE

A change of course after the start may be done by the RC to square the course to the wind. RRS 33 is modified to provide that the bearing to the new mark will not be displayed. The existing mark will be simply pulled to the new wind direction. Code Flag C will not be flown. This changes RRS 33.

## 12 FINISHING LINE

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the RC Signal Boat and the nearby orange mark on the **Starboard side** of the RC Signal Boat (with the RC Signal Boat facing upwind).

## 13 TIME LIMIT

**13.1** The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish shall be 60 minutes.

**13.2** A boat failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class finishes will be scored DNF. *This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A5.*

## 14 PROTESTS

**14.1** Protest flags **are required** for all classes. This changes RRS 61.1 (a)(2).

**14.2** All protests shall be filed with the Jury Secretary at the protest desk inside the Sail Newport Main Office no later than thirty minutes after the finish boat docking time. The docking time (beginning of protest time) will be posted on the Official Notice Board inside the Sail Newport Main Office.

**14.3** Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within thirty minutes after the end of protest time. This notice constitutes the notice required by rule 63.2.

## 15 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply. One race shall constitute a series. A boat's worst finish may be discarded after their class has completed five or more races.

## 16 SAFETY

**16.1** When a competitor leaves the racing area before the end of racing each day, he/she shall notify the race committee or a support boat. If someone is unable to notify the race committee afloat, they shall notify the safety person ashore before leaving the harbor area. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction may result in the Race Committee protesting the sailor. The possible penalty may be up to and including ineligibility to participate in this regatta again.

**16.2** Each competitor shall wear adequate personal buoyancy, properly secured at all times on the water except temporarily when adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. A whistle shall be attached to the life jacket. A loop shall also be tied at the end of the painter.

**16.3** Any competitor who fails to comply with the requirements in rule 14.1 – 14.2 may be disqualified from all races.

## APPENDIX 1: Courses – See separate page

**Special Note - Please pay special attention to commercial traffic, cruise ship tenders and other craft. Thank You!**