



2018 Halloween Howl

Hosted by Sail Newport
October 27-28, 2018
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. Appendix T – Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution, Section B, Post-Race Penalties shall apply.

2. SAFETY

- 2.1. Boats are required to check in before the start of the first race each day and/or the first race following any postponement ashore by sailing astern of the Race Committee Signal Boat while on starboard tack, and hailing their sail number and being acknowledged by the race committee.
- 2.2. All class-required safety equipment is mandatory.
- 2.3. Each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock, except briefly while adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.
- 2.4. A waterproof safety whistle, to be used for emergency purposes only, shall be attached with a line to the PFD or clothing.
- 2.5. Boats leaving the racing area before the end of racing on any day shall notify the Race Committee ASAP.
- 2.6. The Race Committee intends to monitor VHF Ch. 79a. Coach and support boats are requested to monitor this channel, and to be available for safety and rescue as needed.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board will be located at the Sail Newport Main Office.
- 3.2. Any change to the SIs will be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located adjacent to the Old Sail Newport Building.
- 4.2. When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes." This changes Race Signal "AP."

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. It is the intention of the Race Committee to run as many races as practicable on each day of racing.

Saturday, October 27 – *Optis only*

DUE TO THE FORECAST, THERE WILL BE NO OPTIMIST SAILING ON SATURDAY

Sunday, October 28 – All classes

0730-0900	Late Registration and Check-in, 29er and Club 420
0900	Mandatory Skippers' Meeting for all classes at the New Sail Newport Building
0915	Mandatory Support Boat/Coaches/Parents Meeting
0930	Harbor Start
1030	Initial Warning Signal
1430	No initial Warning Signal will be made after this time

After Racing Refreshments and Awards

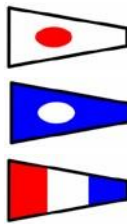
6. RACING AREA, COURSES, AND MARKS

- 6.1. The racing area will be near the entrance to Newport Harbor or between Rose and Goat Islands.
- 6.2. Refer to the attached Course Diagram for a description of the courses and buoys to be used.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flags are as follows. There will be no set starting order.

- Optimist (R, W, B) Numeral Pennant 1
- Club 420 Numeral Pennant 2
- 29er Numeral Pennant 3



8. STARTING AND FINISHING

- 8.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 8.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end (facing upwind), and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end pin boat. In the event that a port end pin boat is not in position, the line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of an inflatable buoy marking the port end of the line.
- 8.3. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the port end (facing upwind), and the course side of an inflatable buoy marking the starboard end of the line.
- 8.4. The start and finish lines will be *closed* while racing. *A boat shall not sail across the start or finish lines while racing except when starting or finishing.*

Example starting sequence:

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

9. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 9.1. The Race Committee may make minor changes to a leg of the course as needed with no visual or sound signals. Change marks will not be used. This changes RRS 33.

10. TIME LIMIT

- 10.1. The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and *finish* in accordance with RRS 28.1 shall be 60 minutes.
- 10.2. The Race Committee may award boats their positions should conditions make it impractical to await their finish. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A5.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS

- 11.1. The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is altered so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turns Penalty."

- 11.2. RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted. All competitors shall display a red protest flag and inform in accordance with RRS 61.1(a).
- 11.3. A competitor shall inform the Race Committee of his or her intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing and prior to any discussion with other competitors, coaches or support boats. This changes RRS 61(a).
- 11.4. The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 11.5. An alleged infringement of SI 2 is not protestable by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 11.6. All protests shall be filed with the Protest Committee Secretary at the protest desk inside the Sail Newport Main Office no later than 30 minutes after the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 11.7. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. Hearing times will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. One race constitutes a series.
- 12.2. RRS A2 is amended so that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score after five (5) races have been completed.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes for the Opti class will be awarded to the first three finishers in each fleet, and top three overall. For the Club 420 and 29er, prizes will be given to the top three finishers.
- 13.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA based on criteria other than scores.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. All coach and support boats are requested to carry a working VHF radio and to monitor the Race Committee channel 79a at all times.
- 14.2. Coach and support boats are expected to follow the instructions of the RC.
- 14.3. Refer to the Course Description for additional restrictions.

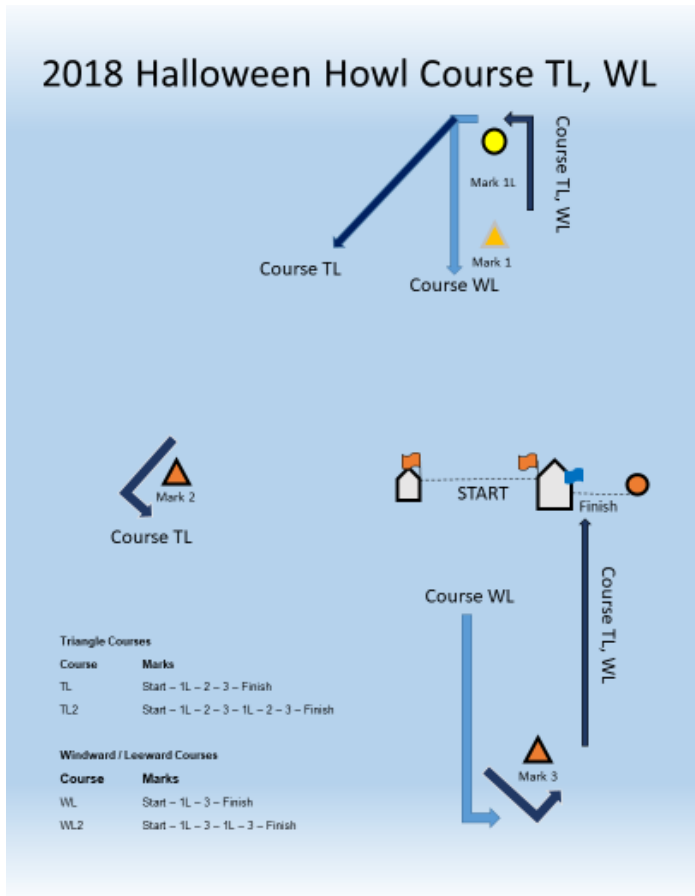
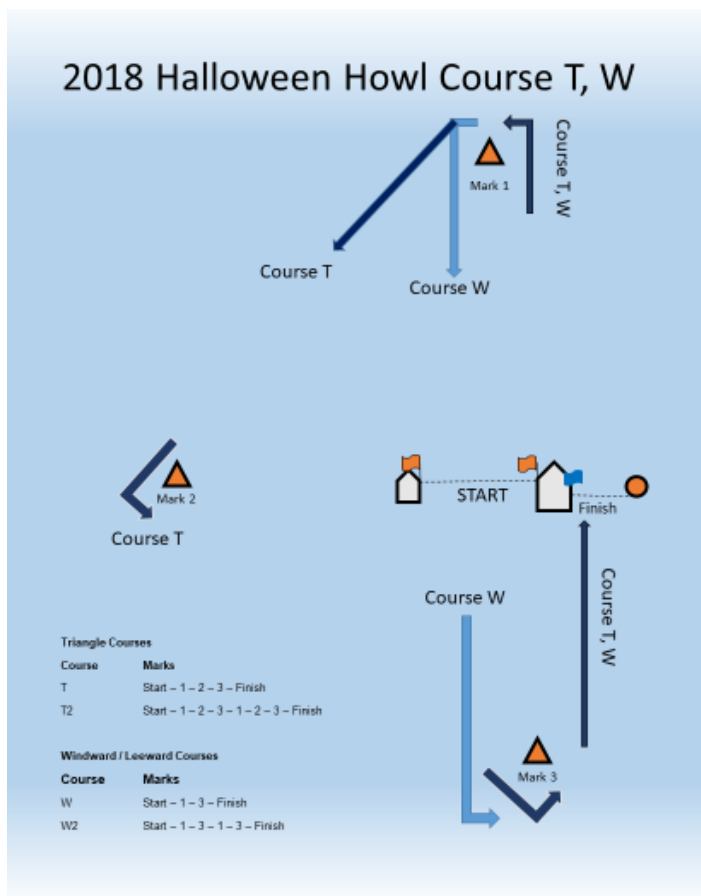
15. LIABILITY

- 15.1. 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 RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, the State of Rhode Island, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, who 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 during shore side or on-the-water activities. 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.

A reminder to competitors: Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have the right of way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.



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COURSES AND MARKS

- Refer to the diagram and table above for course descriptions. With the exception of the finish mark, all marks shall be left to port.
- Two weather marks may be used. A boat shall observe only the weather mark signaled by the RC for her class; the second weather mark is not a mark of her course. (For example, for course TL, race around mark 1L and ignore mark 1.)
- Turning marks will be **orange** inflatable buoys with the exception of 1L which will be a **yellow** inflatable buoy.

RACING AREA, WAITING AREA AND OTHER NOTES

- The racing area is defined as within the perimeter of the marks, and any other area within 100 meters of any boat racing. There will be no "Coaches Corridor" for this event.
- The waiting area for all sailors and coaches shall be to the starboard (right) of the start/finish lines, at a distance of at least 100 meters from the starboard-most mark. All coach boats shall exit the racing area immediately at the warning signal.
- Drawing may not indicate actual mark descriptions. Drawing not to scale.
- The relative distance and angles between all marks is approximate.