

2016
NEWPORT UNLIMITED REGATTA
Sailing Instructions

August 27 and 28, 2016

Organizing Authority: New England Multihull Association (“NEMA”)
at
Newport Yacht Club & Fort Adams State Park

1. Rules

The Newport Unlimited Regatta (“Regatta”) will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) with US Sailing prescriptions thereto, the Notice of Race, and the NEMA Race Rules, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.

2. Entries

All entrants shall complete registration no later than the Skippers’ Meeting.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be announced at the Skippers’ Meeting.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Skippers’ Meeting.

5. Signals Made Ashore

There will be no signals made ashore.

6. Check In and Retirement

Competitors shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the first warning signal.
Vessels retiring shall inform the Race Committee on VHF channel 73.

7. Schedule of Races

The warning signal for the first race each day is scheduled for 11:00 AM.
Subsequent races will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race.
Competitors are requested to remain in the vicinity of the start after finishing.
The Race Committee will run as many races as practicable each day.
No races will be started after 2:00 PM Sunday.

8. Racing Areas

The racing area will be north of the Newport Bridge between Gould Island and Dyer Island, unless otherwise announced by the Race Committee.

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9. Courses

The courses for all Classes will be generally windward/leeward courses using government marks or drop marks. All classes may race around Conanicut Island on Sunday.

Courses will be displayed on a whiteboard on the starboard side of the committee boat showing the marks to be passed. The first letter will be the first mark of the course, and the last letter will be the finish mark. (Example: I HF). If the finish mark is at the signal boat, it will be designated "F". (See 11.1). If the finish mark is not the starting mark, then the last mark shown will be the finish. The Race Committee may indicate that the course is to be sailed twice around by displaying the number 2 after the course. All government marks shall be passed on the side farthest from the next mark, except all 180° roundings will be made leaving the mark to port.

DROP MARKS: If drop marks are to be used, the course will display "W" followed by a number showing the number of circuits of the course. The range and bearing to the windward mark will also be displayed. . [Example W1 1.2 235 indicates once around with the first mark at a range of 1.2 nautical miles, bearing 235 magnetic] The leeward mark may be the same as the starting mark, or it may be approximately 75 yds. to windward of the starting mark.

If the "Round Conanicut Island" course is used Sunday, then the following restrictions apply:

- Must pass south of green and red BELL "NR" off Beavertail Point.
- Must pass through center span of Jamestown Bridge.
- Must pass North of red BELL "2" NE of Conanicut Pt.
- Must pass between through one of the three center spans of the Newport Bridge.
- Finish between Fl R 6 sec. Beacon at Ft. Adams and Nun "4" E. of Ft. Adams

10. Marks

All drop marks used will be inflatable marks.

All other marks will be government marks.

A keep-away buoy *may* be set off the stern of the Race Committee Boat and is consider an extension of the R.C. Boat.

Restrictions: *All yachts racing under the Newport Bridge must pass through one of the three center spans.*

All yachts must keep clear of the Newport Navy Base Security Zone: Due to Homeland Security Restrictions, all yachts must not pass east of a line starting at a point 200 yards west of the Breakwater light beacon, R 14 Fl 4s BELL and the Red and Green Can off Coasters Harbor Island.

11. The Start

All classes will start using Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 26. The Class Flag will be hoisted at the (five minute) Warning horn. Flag "P" will be hoisted at the (four minute) Prep horn. Flag "P" will be dropped at one minute to the start accompanied by a horn. The Class flag will be lowered at the starting horn. The first starting sequence each day will be at 1100 or one minute after AP comes down. ***There may be a series of short blasts before the start of any race sequence.***

The Starting Line will be between an orange flag on the Committee boat and the starting mark.

Individual recalls will be announced by one blast of the horn and raising of code Flag X.

General recalls will be announced by two blasts of the horn and raising of First Repeater.

Signals will be made by air horn.

11. The Finish

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the finish mark. If you are looking downwind the finish mark will be to the right of the committee boat. The Race Committee may finish the last race on Saturday in the vicinity of Ft. Adams.

If conditions warrant, the Race Committee may shorten the course in accordance with rule 32. The Race Committee may shorten the course at a rounding mark, or at the center span of Newport or Jamestown Bridges.

12. Penalty

RRS 44.1 is modified so that the two-turn penalty anywhere on the course is replaced with a one-turn penalty.

13. Time Limit

For round the buoy racing, the first yacht must finish within 1.5 hours of the start of the race and any yacht that does not finish within 2 hours of the start of the race will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). Any yacht not finishing a Sunday race by 5:00PM will be scored TLE without a hearing.

14. Protest

Protests are strongly discouraged. Protests may be filed according to the NEMA. Race Rules and/or the Racing Rules of Sailing Part 5. Yachts retiring from a race are required to inform the Race Committee on VHF channel 73 before leaving the race course.

15. Scoring

The Low-Point Scoring system as in Appendix A will apply. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be based on the total excluding the worst score. Handicaps will be computed Time on Time. If the "Round Conanicut Island" course is sailed Sunday this race will be scored as two races with the same finish. If the "Round Conanicut Island" race is the throw-out race, only one of the two scores will be removed.

16. Trophies

First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded.

17. Courtesy Broadcasts

The Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts on VHF channel 73 to inform competitors of the order of starting, postponements, general recalls, and other race-related information.

Receiving such information does not break RRS 41.

The absence, inaccuracy or untimeliness of such broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

Race Mark List

- A GR “EP” Bell North of Newport Bridge**
- B R “2” BELL NE of Conanicut I.**
- C G “17” QG ESE of Gould I.**
- D R “14” BELL W of Coasters Harbor**
- E CAN “WR 21” QG S of Prudence I.**
- G NUN “22” SW of Dyer I.**
- H R “24” BELL NW of Dyer I.**
- I RED/GREEN CAN SW of COASTERS HARBOR**
- J R “12” BELL SW of ROSE I.**
- K Gould I.**
- L Bell G “11” NE of The Dumplings**

Note: Letter F will be used to denote the finish if the finish is at the Starting Mark.