

2017
NEWPORT UNLIMITED REGATTA
NOTICE OF RACE
August 26 and 27, 2017

Organizing Authority: New England Multihull Association ("NEMA") and the
Newport Yacht Club
at
Newport Yacht Club & Fort Adams State Park

1.0 Rules

1.1 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, this Notice of Race, and the NEMA Race Rules, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 All competitors and support personnel shall comply with the parking, launching and hauling, and support boat regulations, and shall comply with reasonable requests from regatta officials. The competitor and the boat with which he/she is associated may be penalized at the discretion of the protest committee for violation of this rule.

2.0 Eligibility

2.1 The Regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2017 NEMA rating certificate, with a rating of 110 or less and F-18 Catamaran class members.

2.2 A minimum of six (6) paid entries by 1700 on August 26, 2017 may be required for the Regatta to go forward, at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

3.0 Entry & Fees

3.1 Entries will be accepted in the order that complete entry forms, fees, and certificates (if required) are received.

3.2 Entries will not be accepted after 1000 on Saturday, August 26, 2017

3.3 Entry may be submitted online at:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15263>

Online entry is preferred. If necessary, entry forms, fees, and certificates (if required) may be sent to the Race Chair, Steven Parks, at 1329 Green End Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842; or delivered to the Race Chair by hand prior to 1000 on Saturday, August 26, 2017.

3.4 The entry fee shall be \$105 for NEMA class boats, \$75 for F-18 Catamarans.

3.5 Entry fees are non-refundable, unless there are insufficient entries to hold the Regatta (see NOR 2.2).

3.6 Dockage may be available, for a fee, at Fort Adams. It is typically limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Dockage arrangements are made directly with Sail Newport. Limited moorings may also be available at the Newport Yacht Club. Mooring arrangements are made directly with the Newport Yacht Club.

3.7 There is a dinner the evening of Saturday, August 26, that all competitors are encouraged to attend. The fee is \$25 per person.

4.0 Sailing Instructions

4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skipper's Meeting.

5.0 Schedule

Saturday, August 26	0800-0900	On-site registration and check-in at Sail Newport docks.
	0900	Mandatory Skippers' Meeting at Sail Newport docks.
	1100	First Signal.
	1800-2100	Social and dinner at Newport Yacht Club.
Sunday, August 27	1100	First Signal.
	1400	No Warning Signal after this time.
	ASAP	Prize giving to follow at Sail Newport docks following the finish of the final race.

6.0 Racing Area & Courses

6.1 Racing on Saturday shall take place in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.

6.2 Courses on Saturday shall consist of drop marks and/or Government marks.

6.3 Courses on Sunday may consist of a race around all or part of Conanicut Island, or may consist of drop marks and/or Government marks.

7.0 Scoring

7.1 The race shall be scored using 2017 NEMA rating certificates and handicaps (time-on-time). F-18 Catamaran scoring shall be one design scoring.

7.2 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A shall apply.

7.3 One race shall constitute a series.

7.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.0 Penalties

8.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

8.2 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be at the sole discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.1.

9.0 Prizes

9.1 Prizes shall be awarded for first through third places.

10.0 Radio Communication

10.1 The Race Committee may use VHF radio for courtesy communications.

10.2 The VHF channel for courtesy communications shall be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

11.0 Contact Information

11.1 Regatta: Steven Parks, (401) 529-5243, sparks.ri@cox.net.

11.2 Dockage: Nick Mauprivez (401) 846-1983 nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org

11.3 Moorings: Newport Yacht Club Dock Office (401) 846-9410

12.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

12.1 Sailing is an inherently dangerous activity. All competitors are participating in the Regatta solely at their own risk. Competitors are advised to pay particular attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in the Regatta, all competitors agree to forever waive any and all claims against the New England Multihull Association, Newport Yacht Club, Sail Newport, the Race Committee, and their respective officers, directors, agents, employees, and volunteers (collectively, "Releasees"), including but not limited to claims arising from the Releasees' own negligence, arising out of or in connection with any aspect of the Regatta. By participating in the Regatta, all competitors agree to expressly assume any and all risks associated with participation in same, including risk of injury, damage, and loss of life, and all competitors further agree to assume financial responsibility for any injury or damage caused by themselves or their boat(s) to others and shall hold the Releasees harmless from any claim arising from that competitor's acts or omissions in connection with their participation in the Regatta.