



NEW ENGLAND 100

Sailing Instructions

Fort Adams State Park, Newport, RI

July 20-22, 2018

Organizing Authority: NENSA

Sponsored by: NASA

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS – 2017-2020)*.
- 1.2 Each competing boat shall conform to her Class Rules.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick shall be used as the handicap system. Neither crew weight nor wind modifications will be used.
- 1.4 The paper copy of the NOR and SIs, posted on the Official Notice Board, shall prevail in the event of a conflict between the paper and any electronic copy.

2 Safety Regulations

- 2.1 Boats are required to check in by hailing their sail number to the Race Committee (RC) Signal Boat prior to the start of the race each day.
- 2.2 Boats must inform the RC via VHF or cell phone (channel & number to be supplied at Competitors Meeting) immediately upon retiring or making any change of plans other than completing the race course.
- 2.3 All class required safety equipment is mandatory.
- 2.4 Each boat is required to pass a safety equipment inspection to verify that the following equipment is present, prior to completion of registration. A boat may be inspected at any time during the regatta for compliance with these requirements.
 - 2.4.1 On each sailor: 1 whistle & 1 knife
 - 2.4.2 On each boat:
 - Waterproof chart(s) of entire racing area
 - 1 waterproof flashlight (separate from a cell phone)
 - Compass and/or GPS
 - VHF and/or cell phone (waterproof or in waterproof case)

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board
- 3.2 Sailors are strongly encouraged to monitor their VHF (channel to be announced at the Competitors Meeting) prior to the start and 5 minutes thereafter for any RC information. Failure of RC VHF communications shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.3 Class rules restricting the use of radios shall not be grounds for protests during this regatta. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0930 on the day it will take effect.

4.2 Verbal changes may be provided on the water. Code flag L over code flag C will be hoisted to indicate a verbal change to the sailing instructions is being communicated.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be with a flag or flags displayed at a location to be announced at the Competitors Meeting.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 One distance race each day for (two) consecutive days.

Saturday, July 21, 2018		Sunday, July 22, 2018	
0800-0900	Registration & Inspections		
0900	Competitors Meeting	0900	Competitors Meeting
1100	Warning Signal	1000	Warning Signal
After Racing	Dinner	After Racing	Refreshments & Awards

7 Class Flags

- 7.1 All boats will race in a single fleet. Numeral Pennant 1 shall serve as the class flag for the regatta.

8 Racing Areas

- 8.1 The racing area will be Narragansett Bay (East & West Passages and as far north as Providence), coastal Rhode Island Sound from Pt Judith to the Sakonnet River, and the Mt Hope Bay.

9 The Courses

- 9.1 The planned course for each day shall be announced at the Competitors Meeting and posted by 0930 each morning.
- 9.2 2018 New England 100 Courses are posted online and on the Official Notice Board.
- 9.3 All posted speed limits shall be observed, including, but not limited to, Newport Harbor, Brenton Cove and the Tiverton Basin. Neither the RC nor the OA assume any responsibility for breaches of any navigational laws by competitors in this regatta.

10 Marks

- 10.1 Marks to be used may include land masses (islands), structures (bridges, lighthouses, etc.), government marks, and/or marks set by the RC.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks are described in sections 12 and 15.

11 Areas that are Obstructions

- 11.1 The naval facilities at Coddington Cove and Coasters Harbor are surrounded by an Exclusionary Zone. Vessels navigating inside the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval Authorities. In the event that the Exclusionary Zone is marked by white navigational aids, the line between any two of these white buoys and the area that they mark shall be considered an obstruction.

12 The Start

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and a yellow mark or government mark (to be announced at the Competitors Meeting) in the approximate area near Goat and/or Rose Islands.
- 12.2 A boat shall not start later than twenty (20) minutes after her starting signal. Such boats shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

13 Recalls

- 13.1 A boat that is scored OCS shall be assessed a 20 minute penalty to her corrected finish time. This changes RRS A4.2.

14 Changes After the Start

- 14.1 Due to the nature of the race, there are limited means to change the course once the race is started. Any possible changes to a course will be announced at the Competitors Meeting.
- 14.2 The RC may shorten the race at any mark of the course, per RRS 32.2.

15 The Finish

- 15.1 The finish line shall be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and a yellow or government mark. Location (approximate area near Rose and/or Goat Islands) and/or government mark to be announced at the Competitors Meeting.
- 15.2 Pursuant to the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34, if a finishing mark is missing but another one remains in place, the finishing line is a line through the remaining mark at a 90° angle to the last leg and of the shortest practicable length. If the RC is absent when a boat finishes, she should report to the race committee her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 15.3 FINISHING ON THE WATER: Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines method and finish order. This changes RRS 35 and A4 & A5.

16 Penalty System

- 16.1 For all boats, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 16.2 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

17 Time Limits

- 17.1 Time limits to reach key marks of the course are listed in the 2018 New England 100 Courses. Additional time limits may be announced at the Competitors Meeting and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.2 If a boat fails to reach a mark by the designated time limit, they will round that mark and sail back to the finish line by reversing their course sailed from the Start (including any

government mark roundings) and report to the RC. They will be scored by adding 20 minutes to the time of the last proper finisher of that day.

18 Protests

- 18.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the registration table. Protests must be filed with the protest committee within one (1) hour after the last boat in your class finishes.
- 18.2 A notice will be posted on the regatta bulletin board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit, listing the vessels involved in a protest, the approximate order for hearings and the starting time and place for the first hearing.

19 Scoring and Prizes

- 19.1 Scoring will consist of the combined times of both days adjusted with the Portsmouth Handicap System (DPN numbers). Neither crew weight nor wind modifications will be used. The lowest overall corrected time wins.
- 19.2 Prizes will be awarded per the NOR.

20 Assistance

- 20.1 Any boat receiving outside assistance will be scored with a time of 45 minutes added onto the time of the last proper finisher of that day. The race committee, US Coast Guard and state or local maritime authorities may decide when a boat needs assistance.
- 20.2 All competitors acknowledge that by entering this race they are competent enough to self rescue themselves from any situation. There are no chase boats.**
- 20.3 In order to request assistance from the RC, hail on VHF Channel (number to be announced at the Competitors Meeting) or via cell phone number (to be announced at the Competitors Meeting).

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 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 rule 4, Decision to Race. NENSA, the race organizers, including the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Sail Newport, the State of Rhode Island, sponsors, volunteers or any other affiliated organization or official, 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 on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers, sponsors and affiliates 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.