

# 2020 Newport Unlimited Regatta

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

August 22-23, 2020

organized by

New England Multihull Association

and the

Newport Yacht Club

Recommended Chart: 13221

### 1. Rules

The Newport Unlimited Regatta (“Regatta”) will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the prescriptions of *US Sailing* Racing Rules, the Rules of the Road (refer to Coast Guard COLREGS), the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, including any additions, changes or amendments of any of the aforementioned. In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.

### 2. Entries

Eligible yachts may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority, New England Multihull Association at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21077>.  
Entries are accepted until 0900 on Saturday, August 22, 2020

### 3. Notices to Competitors

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

### 4. Changes in Sailing Instructions/Skippers’ Meeting

4.1 Additional sailing instructions or changes to the sailing instructions will be issued by the race committee at the Skippers’ Meeting.

4.2 The Skippers’ Meeting will be held at near the Alofsin Pier at Fort Adams at 9:00 Saturday August 22. A representative from each competitor is required to attend. Each yacht is requested to limit skipper meeting attendance.

### 5. Schedule of Race

5.1 The Warning Signal for the first class will be at 1100 hours on each day of racing

5.2 Scratch sheets with lists of classes, code flag designations for each class, and class starting times will be distributed by email prior to the race. Racing is planned for two classes: NEMA handicap multihulls and F-18s

### 5. Check-in

Competitors shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the first warning signal.

### 7. The Courses

7.1 Classes in each division will sail one of the following seven courses. The courses shown will correspond to an alpha International Code Flag, which may be hoisted with and below the Class Code Flag (alternatively the courses may be announced at the Skipper’s Meeting and by Race Committee at the class warning).

7.2 The courses for this race shall be as follows:

**A. The Three Bridges Course** (code flag Alpha): From the start south of the Newport Bridge and west of Rose Island navigate throughout Narragansett Bay to pass completely under the center span of the Newport Pell Bridge, the Jamestown Bridge, and the Mount Hope Bridge. Skippers may choose the course and bridge sequence. Finish is between an orange flag ashore near the Fl R 6 sec beacon at Ft. Adams, and N “4” east of Ft. Adams. Distance: Approximately 29.3 NM.

**B. The Jamestown Course** (code flag Bravo): From the start south of the Newport Bridge and west of Rose Island, yachts will sail around Conanicut Island. The direction will be announced by the Race Committee on the day of the race. Marks of the course include the green and red BELL “NR” off Beavertail Point, the center span of Jamestown Bridge, the red BELL “2” NE of Conanicut Pt., one of the three center spans of the Newport Bridge. Finish is between an orange flag ashore near the Fl R 6 sec. Beacon at Ft. Adams and Nun “4” E. of Ft. Adams. Distance: 19.1 NM

**C. The Prudence and Patience Course** (code flag Charlie): From the start south of the Newport Bridge and west of Rose Island, yachts will sail around Prudence and Patience Islands. Marks of the course include the green and red Nun “RG” 0.55NM North of Providence Point on Prudence island and one of the three center spans of the Newport Bridge. Skippers may choose the direction for rounding the islands. Finish is between Fl R 6 sec. Beacon at Ft. Adams and Nun “4” E. of Ft. Adams. Distance: 24.1 NM

**D. The Hope and Despair Course** (code flag Delta): From the start south of the Newport Bridge and west of Rose Island, yachts will sail around Hope and Despair Islands. Marks of the course include G “1” ENE of Despair Island, and one of the three center spans of the Newport Bridge. Skippers may choose the direction for rounding the islands. Finish is between an orange flag ashore near the Fl R 6 sec. Beacon at Ft. Adams and Nun “4” E. of Ft. Adams. Distance: 15.2 NM

**E. The Dyer Course** (code flag Echo): From the start south of the Newport Bridge and west of Rose Island, yachts will sail around Dyer Island. Marks of the course include Can “7” NE of Dyer Island and one of the three center spans of the Newport Bridge. Skippers may choose the direction for rounding the island. Finish is between an orange flag ashore near the Fl R 6 sec. Beacon at Ft. Adams and Nun “4” E. of Ft. Adams. Distance: 13.3 NM

**F. The Hog Course** (code flag Foxtrot): From the start south of the Newport Bridge and west of Rose Island, yachts will sail around Hog Island. Marks of the course include Nun “RG” 0.8NM north of Hog Island and one of the three center spans of the Newport Bridge. Skippers may choose the direction for rounding the island. Finish is between an orange flag ashore near the Fl R 6 sec. Beacon at Ft. Adams and Nun “4” E. of Ft. Adams. Distance: 22.6 NM

**G. The Aquidneck Course** (code flag Golf): From the start south of the Newport Bridge and west of Rose Island, yachts will sail around Aquidneck Island. The direction will be announced by the Race Committee on the day of the race. Marks of the course include R “4” 1.0 NM south of Castle Hill, Bell “2A” at “Seal Ledge”, R “4” 0.2NM north of Common Fence Point, the center span of Mount Hope Bridge, and one of the three center spans of the Newport Bridge. Finish is between an orange flag ashore near the Fl R 6 sec. Beacon at Ft. Adams and Nun “4” E. of Ft. Adams. Distance: 32.4 NM.

## 8. 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 start 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. The Start will be either South of Rose Island, or West of Rose Island near the Jamestown shore.

## 9. Recalls

**9.1** Individual Recalls will be signaled by International Code Flag “X” and a sound signal for yachts over early. The Race Committee will *attempt* to notify each yacht recalled via VHF on Channel 73. However, it is each yacht’s individual responsibility to start correctly. See RRS 29.1.

**9.2** General Recall will be signaled by International Code Flag “First Substitute”, accompanied by two sound signals, and indicates that the class is recalled for a new start. **When a General Recall has been signaled, starts for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.** See RRS 29.2.

## 10. Postponements

Postponement will be indicated by International Code Flag “AP” (Answering Pennant) accompanied by two sound signals. Postponements will be for an indefinite number of five-minute periods. One minute after the lowering of International Code Flag “AP”, which will be accompanied by one long sound signal, the Warning Signal will be made.

## 11. Penalties

RRS 44.1 is modified in accordance with Appendix V of the U.S. Sailing Prescriptions:

*A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. that the two-turn penalty anywhere on the course is replaced with a one-turn penalty.*

## 12. Withdrawal

In the event a vessel withdraws from the race, for whatever reason, the skipper must notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 73 or via phone immediately. If the need warrants it, this message may be conveyed by a competitor to the Race Committee.

### **13. The Finish**

Unless otherwise announced by the Race Committee, the finish is between an orange flag ashore at Ft. Adams near the Fl R 6 sec. Beacon and Nun "4" E. of Ft. Adams.

### **14. Time Limit**

Yachts not finishing within 2.5 hours of the first finisher shall be scored DNF.

### **15. Scoring**

15.1 Ratings will be applied TIME-ON-TIME to determine finish positions.

15.2 Performance handicaps of the New England Multihull Association (NEMA) will apply for the multihulls.

### **16. Protests/Prizes**

16.1 Protests shall be submitted on standard protest forms (available for download on the US SAILING website) and filed with the Race Committee in accordance with Part 5 - Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals, Sections A and B of the RRS Racing Rules of Sailing. Protests must be received within two hours of the protesting yacht's finish. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of their receipt. Decisions of the jury will be final, in accordance with RRS Rule 64.1.

16.2 Prizes will be awarded to each yacht placing first, second and third in each class.

### **17. Radio Communication**

17.1 All communication with the Race Committee shall be over VHF channel 73 or cell phone (after start sequence only)

17.2 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.

# Courses

