



**2023 International Moth
North American Championship
September 14-17, 2023 - Newport, RI
Sailing Instructions**



The organizing authority for the regatta is Sail Newport.

[DP] in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

[NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least two hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, or in the case of a postponement ashore, at least 15 minutes before the end of postponement. Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Sail Newport building at 60 Fort Adams Drive, and may also be posted on the event website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16171>.
- 2.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Daily Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, September 14, 2023	0830-1000	Registration
	1000	Mandatory Competitor’s Meeting
	1100	Harbor Start
	1200	Warning signal for first race
Friday, September 15, 2023	1000	Harbor Start
	1100	Warning signal for first race
Saturday, September 16, 2023	1000	Harbor Start
	1100	Warning signal for first race
Sunday, September 17, 2023	1000	Harbor Start
	1100	Warning signal for first race
	1500	No warning signal after this time
	After races	Awards ceremony

- 5.2. A maximum of 12 races is planned. A maximum of four races may be sailed each day.
- 5.3. [DP] [NP] Every boat shall check in each race day by sailing by the RC signal vessel and hailing her sail number and being acknowledged by the RC.

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1. The Class Flag is the numeral pennant one:

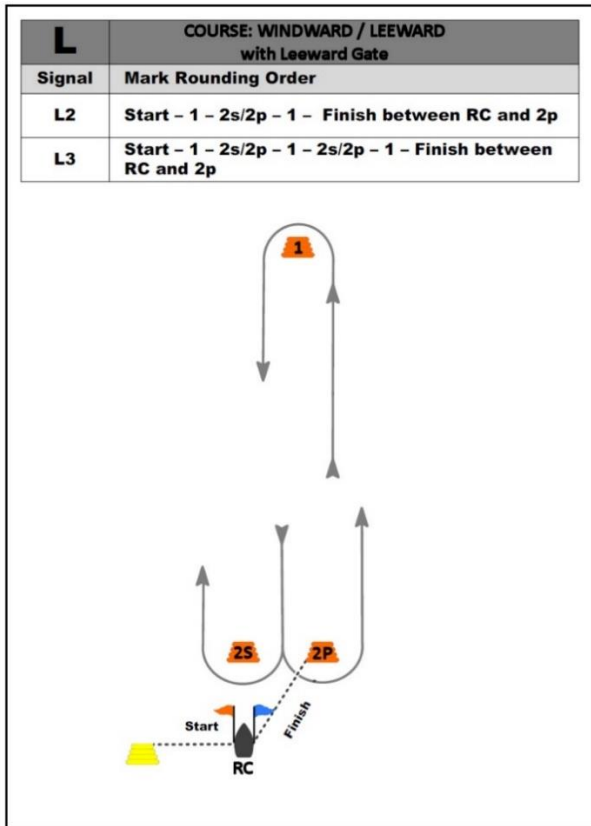


7. RACE AREA

7.1. The race area is north of the Newport Pell Bridge between Potter Cove and Coasters Harbor and south of Gould Island, shown by the blue circle on the chart in Attachment A – Race Area.

8. COURSES

8.1. The course will be windward-leeward with a leeward gate. The diagram below shows the marks of the course, the approximate angles between them and the order in which they are to be passed. There will not be a windward offset mark.



8.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the course, approximate compass bearing and approximate distance to the first mark.

8.3. Marks 2S/2P are a gate. In certain wind and sea conditions, the RC may place a single leeward mark instead of a gate. If a gate mark is adrift or missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

8.4. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position. The race committee may adjust the course marks up to 10 degrees in bearing and 0.1 nm in distance without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.

9. MARKS

9.1. The marks of the course are:

Mark	Description
Starting pin	Yellow MarkSetBot
Turning Marks	Orange MarkSetBot
Finishing Mark	Orange MarkSetBot

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of a yellow MarkSetBot at the port end.
- 10.2. A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of gate mark 2P or single leeward mark.
- 11.2. Grand Prix Finish
 - 11.2.1. When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the race committee signal vessel will display flag Q with one sound. Flag Q is a solid yellow square.
 - 11.2.2. When flag Q is displayed, mark 2 ceases to be a turning gate. Instead of rounding and starting another lap, boats shall sail through the finishing line.
 - 11.2.3. Flag Q will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit.
 - 11.2.4. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13. RACE TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. Time limits

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
30 Minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes	25 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

- 13.2. The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A5.

14. HEARING REQUESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Hearing Request forms are available at the protest desk located at the Sail Newport building at 60 Fort Adams Drive. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the time limit.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC signal vessel docks at the end of the day.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in Sail Newport building at 60 Fort Adams Drive in the approximate order received.
- 14.4. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 14.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision is posted.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Three races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. During the Grand Prix finish described in SI 11.2, boats that have completed three laps will be scored in their finish order ahead of those that have completed only two laps. Boats that have completed two laps will be scored in their finish order ahead of those that have completed only one lap.
- 15.3. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racecourse shall notify the race committee (or Sail Newport at (401) 846-1983 if that is not possible) as soon as possible.
- 16.2. [DP] A boat shall accept assistance from a race committee boat when so directed by the race committee.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is prohibited unless authorized by the race committee. Written requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the substitution.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race, and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by an equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 19.1. Coach/support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel. Coach/support boats shall render assistance to any boat in need and perform other actions requested by the race committee.
- 19.2. Support Boats shall not be positioned:
 - Closer than 100 meters to any boat racing;
 - Within 100 meters to leeward of the starting line and its extensions from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment;
 - Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
 - Within 100 meters of any mark while boats are in the vicinity of that mark; and within 100 meters of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1. Contact:

Event Chair: Gary Knapp, Sail Newport, gary.knapp@sailnewport.org

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