



2016 NEWPORT YACHT CLUB RACING DIRECTORY

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2016 racing season. Please find on the following pages the Notice of Race for the One Design Series and the PHRF/Cruising Class Series. Each team should read the NOR carefully as some information has changed since last year. The following is a list of some of the more important requirements. The list is not all inclusive and does not supplant your need to read the entire document.

The Newport Yacht Club Regatta Committee's goal is to provide racing participants with a safe, fair and fun experience. We encourage all competitors to study the ***Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2013-2016***. A free copy of the rules may be obtained by becoming a member of US Sailing, or may be purchased from various retail sources.

Feel free to contact the Regatta Committee at regatta@newportyachtclub.org

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

SCHEDULE

NYC will be running a Spring and Summer Series for One-Designs and PHRF/Cruising classes.

One-Design

Spring Series (Tuesday night): May 10 - June 28 (8 weeks)
Summer Series (Tuesday night): July 5 – August 30 (9 weeks)

PHRF/ Cruising Class

Spring Series (Wednesday night): May 11 – June 29 (8 weeks)
Summer Series (Wednesday night): July 6 – August 31 (9 weeks)

REGISTRATION

Registration and payment is online. Entrants must upload, email or postal mail evidence of insurance and PHRF certificate, where applicable. Sail Newport J/22 charter boats do not have to send proof of insurance.

2016 Newport Yacht Club Spring Series: <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1671>

2016 Newport Yacht Club Summer Series: <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1672>

RACE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

For the 2016 season race participants will assist the Race Committee with running one evening's races in a given season, encouraging the exchange of ideas, learning and of course, fun!

Every Tuesday night and Wednesday night two members from a given boat's normal skipper/crew will assist the Race Committee in conducting races. The boat providing assistance will be awarded Average Points for the series that they participate in, replacing their worst score, if the boat does not race in their series.

Alternately boats can sign up to assist the Race Committee on a night that their boat does not normally race on or at one of the week-end special regattas, thus not 'missing' any races in their series. In this case there will be no points adjustment.

Boats failing to participate in assisting the Race Committee will receive a DNE, which cannot be discarded. Sign up for slots for assisting the Race Committee will be provided prior to the start of the season by the fleet scheduler on a first come, first served basis.

There should be no need to sail short-handed or not sail due to too few crew since entrants can provide volunteers on non-racing nights.

NAVIGATOR CLASS

New for the 2016 season will be the Navigator Class. The Navigator Class is designed to give cruising sailors an opportunity to join in sailing and camaraderie with the fleet on Wednesday nights. A course will be provided for the class typically of a longer distance around government marks with a specific start time at the Committee Boat and a finish at Newport Yacht Club.

PHRF CLASSES

The split of the PHRF class will be determined based on entries, boat types and feedback from the participants. The fleet split will be announced on the club website and Notice Board well before the first day of racing.

It is likely that there will be one spinnaker PHRF class year and two non-spinnaker PHRF classes. There must be at least **two** boats registered, with valid 2016 PHRF certificates from PHRF-NB, in each class 24 hours in advance of the first race for the class to be scored.

J/22 CLASS

The J/22s chartered from Sail Newport are not class legal and therefore will sail as a separate class, racing as a spinnaker class on Tuesdays and non-spinnaker on Wednesdays. If 3 or more non-Sail Newport J/22's are properly registered, they will be given a separate class. Alternatively, non-Sail Newport J/22s with valid rating certificates may sail as PHRF entrants on Wednesday nights.

Each Sail Newport J/22 crew shall pick a **Team Name**. These Team Names will be used instead of the skipper's name in scoring. Check-in with the Race Committee on the water with your **Team Name**.

REQUIRED COAST GUARD NOTICES

Operating in a negligent manner (as determined by the Coast Guard) may cause this series to be terminated:

- If a competing yacht causes a commercial vessel (that is unable to maneuver) to sound 3 or more sound signals, the competitor is subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- All participants are subject to the Navigation Rules of the Road. You do not automatically become “stand-on” or “privileged” by virtue of your participation.
- You are not exempt from following Rule 9 of the Navigation Rules, which prohibits interference with vessels that can only navigate within “narrow channels or fairways.” Note the preamble to Part 2 of the RRS.
- In decreased visibility (less than two nautical miles), participants must comply with the COLREGS sound signal requirements.

GUIDELINES FOR CANCELLING RACING DUE TO WEATHER

First and foremost, **it is the individual skipper’s responsibility** to decide whether the conditions are appropriate for his/her crew and boat. (RRS 4)

The NYC Race Committee will use the following **GUIDELINES** in judging whether racing should be cancelled on any given day. All decisions will be made based on weather observations at 5:00 p.m and will be communicated by the appropriate flag signals at NYC, broadcast over VHF channel 73 and posted the regatta website.

WIND

- Sustained winds greater than 25 knots or below 5 knots, using inputs from the wind reading on the top of the Hyatt or Rose Island as displayed on Sailflow and other sources. The wind reading in the clubhouse will be used as a guide.
- Sustained winds of 20-25 knots, racing will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

FOG

- If the New York Yacht Club flagstaff can be seen from NYC (approx. 1 nm), racing will most likely be held (see COLREGS sound signal requirements for visibility less than 2 nm). In addition to the harbor view, the Race Committee will use the Newport harbor webcams to assess fog on the bay. In making a decision, the Race Committee recognizes that not all boats racing will have electronics to navigate and may lack the ability to see others or to determine where they are.
- Newport harbor webcams are available at www.riyachting.com.

RAIN/LIGHTNING

- When thunderstorms or lightning are predicted or observed within 10 miles of NYC,

- racing will be cancelled or postponed until the storms have passed.
- Rain alone will not necessarily be a reason to cancel racing.

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB
2016 ONE-DESIGN SERIES
Spring Series: (Tuesdays) May 10 – June 28, 2016
Summer Series: (Tuesdays) July 5 - August 30, 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Newport Yacht Club (NYC) Regatta Committee.

2. RULES

- 2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2.2 Where there is conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter any class rules except that which is listed in NOR 2.3. This changes RRS 63.7.
2.3 Class rules that prohibit the use of VHF radios while racing are waived for the duration of the series for the purpose of safety and for receiving pertinent race information and NOAA weather.
2.4 Rules 29.2, 44.1 and 64.1(a) are amended. The amendments are described in the sailing instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All One-Design class boats are invited to race in the Spring, Summer and Fall Series. Racing is open to all eligible boats that have registered. To compete and be scored, a boat must be properly registered with the NYC Regatta Committee as required by paragraph 4 of this NOR.
3.2 NYC will provide a start for any one-design class with **two** or more boats that are properly registered at least 24 hours before a race.
3.3 Each entrant is required to provide Race Committee assistance at least once during the racing season. Each such volunteer should be one of the entrant's regular racing crew. Entrants may provide a volunteer on the nights they are NOT racing or at a special event designated by the race committee (e.g., Tuesday night one design volunteers for Wednesday night PHRF racing and vice versa) or for a week-end regatta run by the NYC Race Committee.

4. FEES AND REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Complete registration and payment online at

<http://www.newportyachtclub.org/Racing/onshore/OneDesign/one-design>

To be properly registered, online registration must be completed and the following documents must be received at least 24 hours prior to the first race in which the competitor will be scored:

- 4.1.1 Email, fax or mail evidence of liability insurance to: office@newportyachtclub.org, fax: 401-849-9060, or NYC Regatta Committee, 110 Long Wharf, Newport, RI 02840.
Sail Newport J/22 charter boats do not have to send proof of insurance.4.1.2 Entry

fees are as follows. Add late fee of \$25 if registering after 10 days prior to the first day of racing. US Sailing members receive a 10% discount.

		NYC Member	Nonmember
Spring Series	May 10-June 28	\$95	\$105
Summer Series	July 6 – Aug 31	\$95	\$105

4.2 The OA reserves the right to accept or deny entries submitted beyond stated deadlines.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The Summer series will be conducted on Tuesday evenings, May 10 -June 28
The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be 1800 hours.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the NYC website,
<http://www.newportyachtclub.org/>

7. VENUE

7.1 Racing will be held on Narragansett Bay.

7.2 The starting area will generally be in the vicinity west of Goat Island and north of Fort Adams.

8. COURSES

8.1 A chart indicating the location of marks and a list of possible courses (the South Bay chart) is available from the NYC Club Steward Office or Dock Office, or from Sail Newport. The Race Committee will post courses using a combination of government and special marks. Refer to the Sailing Instructions for a more detailed description of the courses.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty.

10. SCORING

10.1 The scoring system is the low point system as described in RRS Appendix A.

10.2 There will be one throw-out for every four races completed. A DNC (Did Not Compete) or DNE is an allowable throw-out.

10.3 Boats that provide Race Committee assistance with a regular crew member will receive a series average score (computed after throwouts are discarded) replacing their worst score. Limit once per series, per boat. Boats that do not provide Race Committee assistance will receive a DNS, replacing their worst score. Boats that provide Race Committee assistance on a night other than their registered series night will receive no scoring adjustment.

10.4 One race shall constitute a series.

11. RADIO & MOBILE PHONE COMMUNICATION

11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to

mobile telephones. At its discretion, the Race Committee may communicate with competitors using VHF Channel 73.

12. PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded for each series based on the number of entrants in each class.

12.1.1 The first three places in each class if there are 7 or more boats registered in that class.

12.1.2 First and second places for classes that consist of 4 to 6 boats registered in that class.

12.1.3 First place only for classes that consist of fewer than 4 boats registered in that class.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

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4.1.2 For all PHRF/cruising class boats, send a valid 2016 PHRF of Narragansett Bay (PHRF-NB) rating certificate. A non-current PHRF certificate, or certificate from outside Narragansett Bay will not be accepted.

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9. CLASS ASSIGNMENT

- 9.1 Class assignments and starting sequence are described in the Sailing Instructions. Any changes will be posted on the NYC racing bulletin board, and may be posted on the NYC website. A class consists of two or more boats. There will be a separate, non-spinnaker start for the eligible one-design classes in the series, if two or more boats are registered 48 hours before the first warning signal.

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