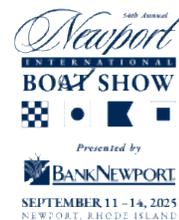


2025 NEWPORT REGATTA





The 41st Annual Newport Regatta

July 12-13, 2025
Organizing Authority, Sail Newport



Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. The 2025 Newport Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The current Class Rules for all invited classes shall apply, except as noted in these sailing instructions.
- 1.3. For the IC37 Class: OA supplied Velocitek units must be installed as directed and the Velocitek System must be operational while racing.
- 1.4. For division 3 the race committee (RC) will use the Vakaros RaceSense system, providing relevant information to all boats on the 3 Circle including the following classes: F18; A Class; 505; and VXone.
- 1.5. Races on the division 3 Circle will be started using RRS 26 as modified by Addendum C.
- 1.6. RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or...”

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VHF CHANNELS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50010
- 2.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except in the case of a postponement ashore. In the case of a postponement ashore, a change to the sailing instructions may be posted up to 15 minutes before the lowering of ‘AP’. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Flag “Lima” will be flown to signify such posting.
- 2.3. Except in the case of a postponement ashore, the Race Committee will endeavor to announce the rendezvous locations as described in SI 4 at 0900 over each class’ respective VHF channel as described in SI 2.4. In the case of a postponement ashore, the RC will announce the rendezvous locations 15 minutes prior to the lowering of AP. The failure to make this announcement or for a boat to hear this announcement will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 2.4. VHF Channels:

Circle One	79A
Circle Two	73
Circle Three	72

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signal flags will be displayed from the official flagpole on the East side of the Sail Newport building at 72 Fort Adams Drive.
- 3.2 When code flag “AP” is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes.” When a numeral pennant is displayed beneath code flag “AP,” the postponement is applicable to that numbered circle only. This changes Race Signal “AP.”
- 3.3 Signals designating the rendezvous locations for all circles will be displayed at 0900 each day from the Yardarm on the East side of the Sail Newport building by displaying the numeral pennant for the circle number above the code flag for the rendezvous location. Rendezvous locations will also be announced on each Circle’s VHF Channel. In the case of a postponement ashore, the rendezvous locations will be announced 15 minutes prior to the AP being lowered.

4) RENDEZVOUS LOCATIONS: Rendezvous locations are described below and shown in Addendum A-Narragansett Bay:

- Area “A”- Between Rose and Goat Island
- Area “B”- In the vicinity of Potter Cove and Gould Island
- Area “C”- Between Halfway Rock and Gould Island
- Area “D”- In the vicinity of G ‘7’ QG off Quonset Point
- Area “G” - In the vicinity of Coaster’s Harbor Island, North of the Pell / Newport Bridge

Rhode Island Sound:

- Area “E” - .08 nautical mile ESE (100°mag) from R ‘2’ QR Whistle marking Brenton Reef
- Area “F”- 2.5 nautical miles ESE (120°mag) from R ‘2’ QR Whistle marking Brenton Reef

5) SCHEDULE

5.1 It is the intent of the Race Committee and Organizing authority to sail as many races as practical each day.

The 12 Metres will only sail 2 races per day.

5.2 All divisions/classes will race Saturday & Sunday

Friday, July 11	All Day	Boats may arrive at Sail Newport Alofsin Docks and dinghy field behind 60 Fort Adams Drive
	1630-1930	Mandatory Check-in (one person per boat) at 72 Fort Adams Drive
Saturday, July 12	0800-0930	Mandatory Check-in (continued)
	1100	First Warning Signal, All Circles
	1630-2030	After Racing Social at Sail Newport
Sunday, July 13	1100	First Warning Signal, All Circles
	1500	No Warning Signal after this time
	After Racing	After Racing Awards w/Bar Service at Sail Newport

6) CLASSES, FLAGS AND CIRCLES

	Circle One	Circle Two	
<i>IC 37</i>		<i>Snipe</i>	
<i>J/70</i>		<i>Thistle</i>	
<i>12 Meter</i>			
Circle Three			
<i>F-18</i>			
<i>A-Class</i>			
<i>505</i>			
<i>VXOne</i>			

7) CHECK IN AND RETIREMENT

- 7.1 Prior to the first warning signal each day, each boat shall check in with the Race Committee signal boat by passing by the stern of the signal vessel and announcing their sail number.
- 7.2 Boats retiring shall inform the Race Committee on their circle VHF channel.

8) COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1 Courses and marks are described and shown in Addendum B.

9) THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and an inflatable mark on the port-end of the Race Committee vessel as described in Addendum B- Courses and Marks.
- 9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area from the time of the course signals for the first start in the sequence until the warning signal for their class.
- 9.3 The Race Committee will endeavor to hail boats observed to be OCS at the start over their respective circle VHF channel. For the IC37 class, the Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS boats by radio on the VHF channel and/or digitally via the Velocitek. For the Division 3 classes, the Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS boats by radio on the VHF channel and/or digitally via the Vakaros unit. Failure to hail, the timing or order of any such hails, will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

10) CHANGE OF COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark or move the existing mark. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.2 The Race Committee may change the course by up to five degrees in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length without a signal or change of mark color. This changes RRS 33.
- 10.3 In addition to the requirements in RRS 33, the Race Committee will attempt to announce any course change on their respective circle VHF channel. Failure to make such an announcement shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

11) THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark as described in the Addendum B- Courses and Marks.
- 11.2 For Course 'W', with odd numbered legs, the finish line will be located to windward of the windward mark.
- 11.3 For Course 'W', with even numbered legs, the finish line will be located to leeward of the leeward mark and will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee signal boat as the starting mark. Diagrams in Addendum B- Courses and Marks.

12) PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 For all classes except the IC37 and F18 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V shall apply.
- 12.2 For the IC37 class, A-Cats and the F18 class, the first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.
- 12.3 12 Metres only: In the event that a crew member falls overboard and is no longer connected to the boat, she shall:
 - 12.3.1 Retire from the race.
 - 12.3.2 Notify the Race Committee on the fleet VHF channel that she has a man overboard.
 - 12.3.3 Her score in the race shall be equal to the number of starters for that race without a hearing. The scoring abbreviation will be MOB. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.

13) TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and scored points as described in SI 15.4. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protests shall be submitted to the Jury Secretary located on the middle floor of Sail Newport within the protest time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the Race Committee signal boat has docked for that circle.

14.3 Hearing times will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after the protest time limit.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix A shall apply.

15.2 One race shall constitute a series.

15.3 For all classes a boat's worst finish will be discarded after a class has completed six races. Two races may be discarded if a class completes twelve or more races. This changes rule A2.

15.4 Boats still racing after the finishing window expires will be assigned a score equal to one place more than the place of the last boat to finish within the finishing window.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each class.

16.2 The Sally Helme Award perpetual trophy will be awarded to the top female skipper of the regatta.

17 WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

17.1 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. The race organizers, including the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, 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 from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17.2 As a condition of entry, all skippers and crew must complete the Waiver of Liability Form at this link <https://form.jotform.com/251624542034146>.

18 REMINDER TO COMPETITORS

18.1 **Restricted Channels:** Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.

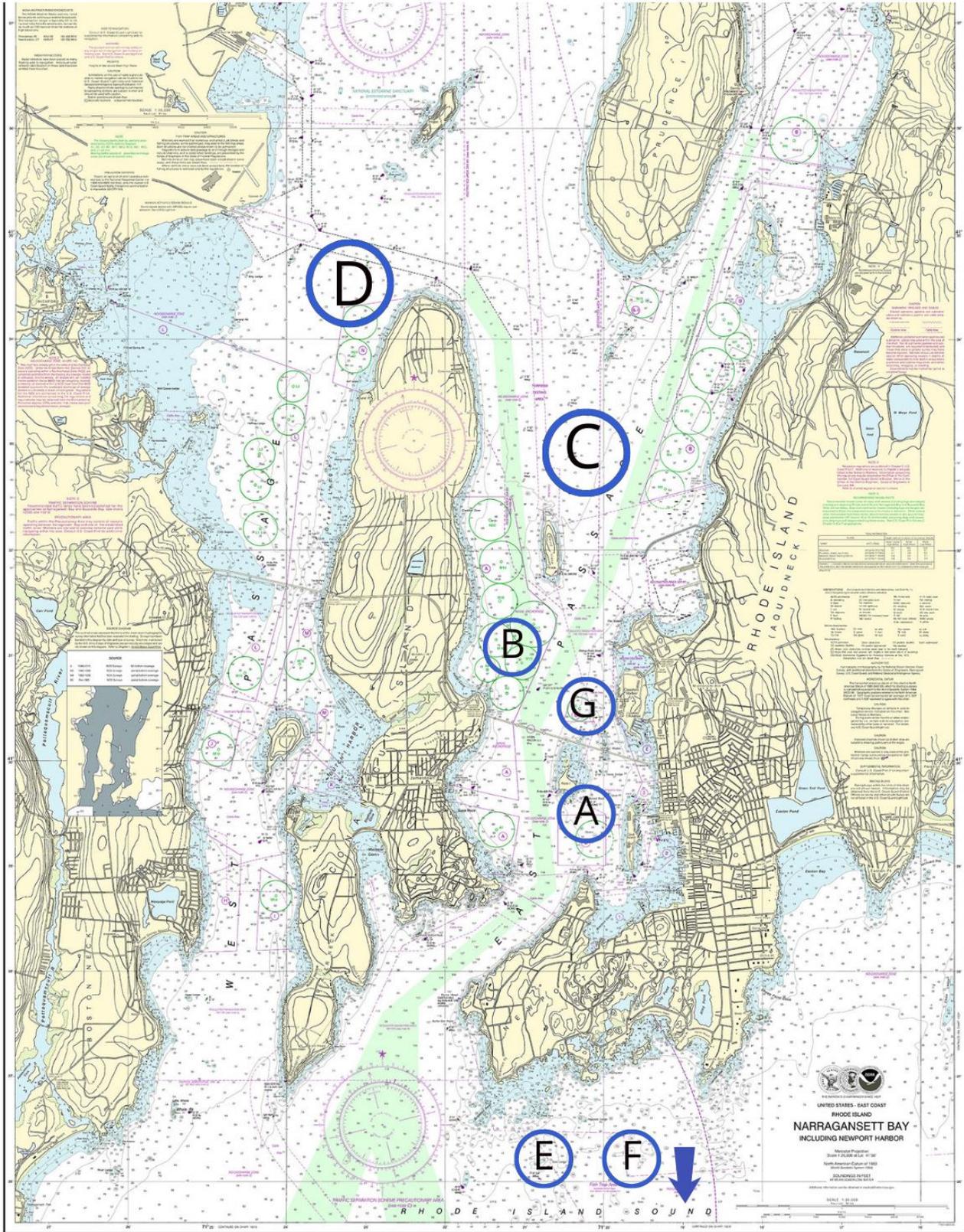
18.2 **Newport Security Zone:** Competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Pell Bridge. The area may be defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove and the line defined by the buoys shall rank as an obstruction. Boats shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information, contact Sail Newport:

Sail Newport, 72 Fort Adams Dr. Newport, RI 02840

Phone: 401-846-1983. Email: Diarmaid Desmond - Regatta Coordinator regattas@sailnewport.org

ADDENDUM A- RENDEZVOUS LOCATIONS



ADDENDUM B- COURSES AND MARKS

B1. Course Descriptions

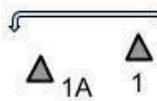
W2	Start-1-1A-Finish
W3	Start-1-1A-2p/2s-Finish
W4	Start-1-1A-2p/2s-1-1A-Finish
W5	Start-1-1A-2p/2s-1-1A-2p/2s-Finish

B1.2. In the event Mark 1A is not in place the boats shall round Mark 1 to port.

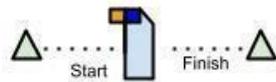
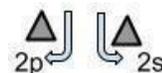
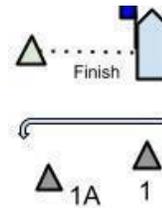
B1.3. In the event that the Gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.

B2. Course Diagrams

Course W- Even # of Legs



Course W- Odd # of Legs



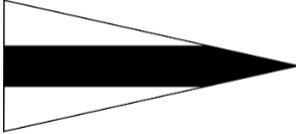
B.3 Marks

Marks will be as follows:

Circle	Original Marks	Long Windward Mark	Starting Mark	Finishing Mark	Change Mark
Circle One	Orange MSB	Orange MSB	Yellow MSB	Yellow MSB	Original Marks will be moved
Circle Two	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Yellow	Original Marks will be moved
Circle Three	Orange MSB	Orange MSB	Yellow MSB	Yellow	Original marks will be moved



B4. Limiting Mark



For the IC 37 Fleet only: The Race Committee may set a yellow inflatable limit mark approximately 6-8 boat lengths to leeward of the windward mark.

- a) The limit mark shall be left to port on both the upwind and the downwind legs.
- b) In the event of a change of course to the windward mark after the first windward mark rounding in that race, the limit mark will not be set.
- c) The location of the limit mark or the failure of the Race Committee to set the limit mark shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- d) The Race Committee will display flag “Third Substitute” if the limit mark will be set.

B5. Long Windward Mark



B 5.1 For all “W” courses, the Race Committee may set both a long windward mark *without* an offset, and a short windward mark and offset.

B 5.2 The distance to the long windward mark and the distance to the short windward mark will be displayed on a course board. If flag “D” is displayed on a separate pole, that class will use the long windward mark for each weather leg in that race. If flag “D” is not displayed, that class will use the short windward mark for each weather leg in that race.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -SUSTAINABILITY

Sail Newport is committed to reducing our landfill footprint by using alternates to plastic where possible; encouraging recycling; diverting waste from landfill to compost and educating sailors and the community.

Please bring your re-usable water container! Water refilling stations are available at the grass triangle (boat park), inside the Sail Newport Sailing Center lobby at 72 Fort Adams Drive and the Fort Adams Visitors Center at 90 Fort Adams Drive.

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ADDENDUM C Vakaros and RaceSense System



RaceSense RRS changes [NP] Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

C1. Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Edge may have one provided by the OA, for applicable fees. This shall be mounted as required by the class at all times while racing.

C2. The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

C3. Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 or Edge device will be posted on the Official Notice Board on yacht scoring

C4. Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 or Edge safe and operational and promptly notify Vakaros staff on the water or ashore of any device issues.

C5. RRS 26 is changed. The countdown to the start on the Atlas2 or Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Race signals and flags will only be used for information purposes.

C6. The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.

C7. Any failure of the Atlas 2 or Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 41(c), 61.1(a), 61.1(c).

C8. If the RC vessel displays code flag O with one sound signal prior to the warning signal of a race, Addendum C, in its entirety, will not apply to that race.

C9. If the RC vessel displays code flag R with one sound signal prior the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas or Edge unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Code flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.

C10. If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or WhatsApp