



SAFE HARBOR
RACEWEEKEND

Safe Harbor Race Weekend

August 7-9, 2026 | Newport, Rhode Island

Safe Harbor Race Weekend is a three-day sailing regatta geared toward the enjoyment of boat owners, families, and crew members. Scheduled for August 7-9 in the waters in and around Narragansett Bay, Safe Harbor invites boats over **28'**. The goal of the organizers and local marina managers is to provide an event that delivers good sportsmanship, enjoyable competition, and sailing camaraderie over three fun-filled days with racing and exciting shoreside social events at Safe Harbor Marinas in Newport and Portsmouth, RI.

Safe Harbor Race Weekend will offer a superyacht class in the 'Corinthian Spirit'. Should a minimum of 6 yachts meet the eligibility criteria, the organizer will provide three days of racing on August 7, 8, and 9.

Social highlights will include an opening regatta party on Friday on The Point at Safe Harbor New England Boatworks (SHNEB) overlooking Narragansett Bay, and a celebratory Talk of the Town Saturday night Crew Party featuring live music at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard (SHNSY) in the heart of downtown Newport. Safe Harbor Members are invited to come enjoy the racing, or participate in the social events only, while also receiving a special rate on dockage, pending availability, at our three host marinas - (dockage and mooring information found in NoR Part 1, section 5).

Part 1 of this notice addresses general administrative information and Part 2 addresses rules and conditions of the regatta.

NOTICE OF RACE

Part 1: General Administrative Information

1. Organizing Authority (OA)

1.1 The 2026 Safe Harbor Race Weekend is organized by SHM RW, LLC.

1.2 Address all correspondence pertaining to the regatta to:

Safe Harbor Race Weekend

SHNSY, 1 Washington Street, Newport RI 02840

Tel: (401) 846-6000 Fax: (401) 846-6001

Event Director:	Tim Moll, tmoll@shmarinas.com
Event Manager:	Veronica Brown, vbrown@shmarinas.com
Race Chairman:	Peter Craig, peter@premiere-racing.com

2. Race Week Website

Periodic updates and the latest information on the regatta can be found on the event website: <https://www.shmarinas.com/safe-harbor-race-weekend>

3. Race Office

The Safe Harbor Race Weekend Race Office will be located at SHNSY, 1 Washington Street, Newport, RI.

4. Captains' Briefing

The Captains' Briefing is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, at SHNSY, 1 Washington Street, Newport, RI at 5:30pm. Required participants and additional information will be provided in a notice prior to the meeting date.

5. Dockage

5.1 Entrants are responsible for arranging for their own dockage or mooring.

5.2 Safe Harbor Members will be offered a special rate on dockage with a 25% savings at host marinas (pending availability) including: Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard, Safe Harbor New England Boatworks and Safe Harbor Jamestown Boatyard. Free transient nights may **not** be redeemed during Safe Harbor Race Weekend.

5.3 Out of area entrants who are not Safe Harbor Members can arrange for dockage at any of the Safe Harbor marinas on Narragansett Bay (pending availability) and will be offered a special rate with a 10% savings for the weekend. Information regarding participating Safe Harbor marinas can be found on the event website.

6. Media Rights

Entrants and crew members give right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, as well as representation of their boats in any media (television, print, video footage, and internet media) for the purpose of press information, reporting, promoting, and disseminating information.

7. Liability & Media Waiver

7.1 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper, and individual participating crew member shall submit an online liability waiver/media release (NoR Part 2, Section 4.7). The fully executed Liability & Media Waiver Form shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link will be posted on the event website.

7.2 Boats will not be scored unless the skipper/person-in-charge has submitted a liability & media waiver form.

7.3 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA (SHM RW, LLC), race committee, sponsors, affiliated companies, their representatives, staff and their agents will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

8. Insurance

It is a required condition of entry that each boat shall be insured by a reputable insurance company for physical loss of, or damage to, the boat up to the current market value of the boat and all its equipment onboard, and also insured for Third Party Liability risks for the period of the regatta set forth in the schedule (NoR Part 2, Section 6).

9. Payment Instructions

Payment for entry fee and wristbands shall be made online through the Yacht Scoring website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50557>. Contact Veronica Brown, the Event Manager for wiring instructions: vbrown@shmarinas.com

Part 2: Racing Rules & Conditions

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. Management

Safe Harbor Race Weekend is organized by SHM RW, LLC.

2. Rules

Safe Harbor Race Weekend will be governed by:

- a) The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). For the superyacht class, the Appendix SY to the RRS (Exhibit 1);
- b) The US SAILING Prescriptions to the rules do not apply except for Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to rules 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1 and 88.2;
- c) ORC and ORCsy rating system rules and regulations;
- d) Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Narragansett Bay (PHRF-NB);
- e) For the superyacht class, the regatta specific Corinthian Spirit class rules (Exhibit 2);
- f) Classic Rating Formula Mark II certificate (CRF);
- g) One design rules for any one design class that meets the regatta's eligibility criteria;
- h) Current Nearshore category of the US Safety Equipment Requirements and associated Appendices ('SER'). In the event of conflict between SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply. For the superyacht class, the safety requirements designated by the yacht's flag state, classification society and/or code of compliance;
- i) Any applicable local maritime authority rules and regulations; and
- j) Racing Rules are changed as follows: Rule 51 - to allow for the use of water ballast or canting keels for boats rated with such. Rule 52 - to allow the use of stored power.

Note: RRS 47 (Trash Disposal) will be in effect. Disposable sail stops for spinnakers will not be allowed.

3. Advertising

3.1 [DP] A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

3.2 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

4. Eligibility & Entry

4.1 Entry is open to boats whose LOA is 28 feet or greater.

4.1 a) PHRF Performance Cruising entries must have a handicap faster than 200. *

4.1 b) PHRF Windward/Leeward entries must have a handicap faster than 120. *

4.1 c) Boats with an ORC handicap faster than 440 GPH and/or a PHRF handicap faster than -100 will race in ORC A class.*

*** The OA reserves the right to modify these handicap limits up until July 10, 2026.**

4.2 For the superyacht class, entry is open to cruising monohull yachts 75 feet or greater. See SYRA (<https://superyra.org/documents/>) for cruising yacht definition.

4.3 [DP] [NP] A completed entry application and entry fee must be received by Friday, July 24, 2026. Boats are to enter and pay via the Yacht Scoring page for Safe Harbor Race Weekend at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50557>. Late entries may

be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA. See NoR Part 2, section 5 for regatta fees. Entrants may not change their class selection (PHRF / ORC / One Design / Performance Cruising) after Friday, July 24, 2026 without permission of the OA.

4.4 [NP] All boats racing in handicap classes must submit a current and valid handicap certificate to vbrown@shmarinas.com by Friday, July 31, 2026. See NoR Part 2, section 7 for eligible handicap classes and NoR Part 2, Section 9 for handicap certificate information.

4.5 [DP] All boats racing in one design classes must be in compliance with their one design class rules and regulations.

4.6 Each boat is required to maintain a minimum level of insurance as stated in NOR Part 1, section 8.

4.7 [DP] Each boat owner, skipper and crew member must sign a Liability & Media Waiver Form on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50557>. Waiver forms must be completed by August 6, 2026.

5. Fees

5.1 Entry Fees: The entry fee shall be paid via <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50557>. The Entry Fee is based on LOA. A boat's LOA is to be rounded down to the nearest whole number (e.g. 49.65' = 49'). The entry fee, paid before the July 24, 2026 deadline, are as follows:

Boats 28-39'	\$500
Boats 40-49'	\$700
Boats 50-59'	\$900
Boats 60-74'	\$1,100
Boats 75' & over	\$2,200

5.1.2 Late Entries: Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA. A late fee of \$150 will be assessed for any entry application and fee received after the July 24, 2026 deadline.

5.1.3 Superyacht Entries: As with all sanctioned regattas, the Superyacht Racing Association (SYRA) 'differential entry fee' will be in place for yachts in the superyacht class. The entry fee is an additional \$1,300 for those yachts that are not members of the SYRA. Given the important role that the SYRA plays in promoting safe and fair superyacht racing, all sanctioned regattas on the 2026 superyacht racing calendar are members of the SYRA and implement differential entry fees. For more information on the SYRA and how to join visit: <https://superyra.org>

5.2 Wristband Fee: Wristband fee includes dinner and open bar Friday and Saturday evenings. See NoR Part 2, section 6.2.2 and 6.2.3 for details. The wristband fee for owners, captains & crew 21 or older is \$150 per person when purchased by July 24, and will be sold after July 24 at the discretion of the OA. The wristband fee for crew under the age of 21 is \$80 per person when purchased by July 24, which includes Friday & Saturday parties and non-alcoholic beverages.

5.3 Administration Fee: Boats withdrawing before June 1 will be granted a full refund. An administrative fee of \$150 will be applied to any cancellations after June 1 and prior to July 15, after which no refund will be granted.

5.4 If the 6-yacht minimum requirement for a superyacht class is not achieved by July 10, the entry fee will be refunded to all superyacht entrants.

6. Preliminary Schedule

6.1 Check-In: All boats shall pick up their regatta bags, which will include class assignments and scratch sheets, at their assigned Safe Harbor Marina location during the times listed below.

6.2	Date	Time	Event
	Thurs, August 6	1600-1800 1730	Check-in at SHNSY & SHNEB Captains' Briefing at SHNSY
	Fri, August 7	1200 1830	Scheduled First Warning Signal Opening Regatta Party at SHNEB
	Sat, August 8	1200 1830	Scheduled First Warning Signal Talk of the Town Crew Party at SHNSY
	Sun, August 9	1200 1730 *	Scheduled First Warning Signal Prize-Giving at SHNSY

* Approximate time based on the conclusion of Sunday's racing

6.2.1 The superyacht class will have three days of racing, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 7, 8, and 9.

6.2.2 On Friday, August 7, an opening dinner with panoramic views of Narragansett Bay and casual coastal cuisine, will be held at Safe Harbor New England Boatworks along with live music.

6.2.3 On Saturday, August 8, a Talk of the Town Crew Party will be held at SHNSY in the heart of downtown Newport featuring live music and local crew favorite fare.

6.2.4 The prize-giving will take place on Sunday, August 9, after racing, at SHNSY. It is the intent of the OA to host the awards as soon as possible after racing, allowing competitors enough time to arrive and any filed protests to be heard.

6.3 It is the OA's intent to have no initial warning signal after 1500 on Sunday, August 9. The warning signal for a start following one or more general recalls or for subsequent starts on a circle may be made after 1500.

7. Classes

7.1 The OA will, at its sole discretion, divide the fleet into divisions and classes based on the composition and attributes of the fleet. Preliminary class breaks will be available on Yacht Scoring (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50557>) beginning on July 7 and updated and/or revised based on entries received prior to entry deadline. A notice with the final class breaks will be posted on the event website after the entry deadline, but no later than Friday, July 31, 2026. At the race committee's discretion, classes may have different racing formats and sail different courses on any given day. See NoR Part 2, section 8 Venue, Courses & Racing Formats.

7.2 The OA will be as inclusive as possible in offering class racing under multiple handicap rules as well as one design racing. A final determination on racing classes will depend on the composition of the fleet and number of entries received by mid to late July. Classes will include, but are not limited to:

- a) PHRF-NB Handicap
- b) ORC Handicap
- c) One Design
- d) Superyacht
- e) Multihull

Other classes, including but not limited to Classic, 12 Metre, Nautor's Swan, Oyster and Double Handed, will be offered depending on entries and at the sole discretion of the OA.

8. Venue, Courses, & Racing Formats

8.1 Venue: It is the intent of the race committee to provide racing for all classes, with the exception of the superyachts, on Narragansett Bay. Superyacht class racing will take place on Rhode Island Sound.

8.2 Race Courses and Racing Formats:

8.2 a) The Superyacht Class will race coastal courses with the staggered start format. There will be one race each day.

8.2 b) ORC, PHRF and one design racing will feature windward/leeward racing on two days and the Around Prudence Island coastal race on one day (weather permitting), with conventional fleet racing starts. There will be multiple races on the windward/leeward race days.

8.2 c) Performance Cruising racing (spinnaker & non-spinnaker) is also available to PHRF entries. This will feature two days of navigation courses on Narragansett Bay using government buoys, inflatable marks, and islands as marks of the course, with conventional fleet racing starts and the Around Prudence Island Race on one day. There may be two races on the navigation course race days.

9. Measurement & Handicap Certificates

9.1 [NP] [DP] Each boat shall submit a valid handicap certificate to the OA on or before 1700 on Friday, July 31, 2026. No changes shall be made after this date without the permission of the OA.

9.2 [NP] All boats entering under the PHRF handicap rule can obtain a PHRF certificate from PHRF of Narragansett Bay: <https://www.phrf-nb.org>. Entrants shall submit their completed handicap application to PHRF-NB by July 17, 2026. Late submissions will not be accepted without the permission of the OA.

9.3 [NP] All boats entering under the ORC handicap rule are to obtain their ORC handicap certificate from US Sailing: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc>. Entrants shall submit their completed ORC handicap application to US Sailing by July 17, 2026. Late submissions will not be accepted without the permission of the OA.

9.4 [NP] All yachts in the superyacht class shall submit their completed ORCsy handicap application to the ORC no later than July 10, 2026 (<https://orc.org/organization/superyachts>). Entrants submitting their ORCsy handicap application, related documents and data after the deadline will incur a 30% ORCsy fee increase.

9.5 Boats, including all qualifying equipment and sails, may be subject to random inspection by the OA at any time during this event.

10. Sailing Instructions and Class Assignments

10.1 Sailing instructions and the final class breaks will be available on the event website and at check-in. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 0900 on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

10.2 The superyacht class will have separate sailing instructions.

11. Penalty System

If class rules specify a penalty, a yacht that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident as provided in her class rules. All other penalties shall be as described in the sailing instructions.

12. Scoring

12.1 Multiple races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores, without discard, unless changed in the sailing instructions for a one-design class.

13. Superyacht Class Designated RRS Afterguard Member Compliance

13.1 Each superyacht shall designate one member of the afterguard who is currently active with and has a thorough understanding of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and submit the completed Compliance Form (Exhibit 3) no later than July 17, 2026. If the RRS Afterguard Member submitted a form at a previous regatta and the name is listed on the SYRA website (<https://superyra.org/safe-racing/>) then the yacht is not required to resubmit the form. Details of the requirements are posted on the event website and will be distributed to all captains via email.

13.2 Compliance Forms will be reviewed by the organizing authority prior to July 24, 2026.

13.3 The RRS Afterguard Member may be the yacht's helmsman, navigator, racing tactician or communications crew member (who monitors the VHF safety channel) if they meet the stated criteria. This individual's role is to interact closely with the other members of the afterguard. Captains should not be the designated RRS Afterguard Member due to the specific RRS related criteria that this position requires and the fact that the overall safety of the yacht is their responsibility.

13.4 The RRS Afterguard Member shall be responsible for ensuring the Daily Declaration Form is emailed or returned to the race office as soon as practicable following racing each day, but no later than two hours after finishing.

14. Prizes

14.1 Overall series prizes will be awarded in each class to the boats placing first, second and third.

14.2 Daily prizes will be awarded. Additional prizes may be awarded as determined by the OA and will be described in the sailing instructions.

15. Additional Information

For further information, please visit the regatta website <https://www.shmarinas.com/safe-harbor-race-weekend> or contact the Event Manager (NoR Part 1, section 1.2)

Notice of Race Exhibits (superyacht class only)

Exhibit 1	RRS Appendix SY
Exhibit 2	Corinthian Spirit Class Rules
Exhibit 3	RRS Afterguard Member Compliance Form