



2026 Newport Regatta

July 10-12, 2026

Sail Newport Fort Adams State Park
Newport, Rhode Island

*Incorporating the Melges 24 East Coast Championship,
the Etchells North American Championship the, Shields New England Championship and Incorporating the Snipe
Atlantic Coast Championship*

Notation (DP) in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule.

NOTICE OF RACE

Incorporating Amendment No. 1 – March 16, 2026 and Amendment No. 2 – June 25, 2026

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) and Host is Sail Newport.

2 RULES

2.1 The 2026 Newport Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 (DP) US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER)

2.2.1 All yachts shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the USSER and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable.

2.2.2 USSER 2.4.1 through 2.4.8 regarding Hull and Structure: Lifelines shall apply, except that yachts not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt for these requirements and shall wear approved PFDs at all times while racing.

2.2.3 In the event of a conflict between these Requirements and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.

2.3 Class rules which may prohibit the use of VHF radios while racing are waived for the duration of this event for the purpose of safety and for receiving pertinent race information.

2.4 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..."

2.5 For Melges 24 class, IM24CA Standard Coach and Support Vessel Appendix C will apply.

2.6 For the Etchells, Melges 24 and VX One classes, a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge device configured for RaceSense is required. The Race Committee will use the Vakaros RaceSense system for these classes. This changes any class rule to the contrary. Refer to Addendum RS for rules and details.

3 ADVERTISING

3.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 and the applicable class rules.

3.2 Boats are strongly urged to refrain from displaying advertising that may conflict with event sponsors.

4 ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The 2026 Newport Regatta is open to the following classes who have expressed interest and can achieve the 12 boat minimum: 505, A Cat, Ensign, Etchells, F-18, H12, IC37, ILCA, Melges 15, Melges 24, Shields, Sunfish, Thistle, VX One, Swan 28, 12 Metre, J/70, Snipe, Rhodes 19.

4.2 One-Design Classes with a minimum of twelve entries wishing to participate that are not listed on the Newport Regatta website may contact regattas@sailnewport.org to request inclusion in the regatta.

4.3 A minimum of 12 boats shall be required for an individual One-Design start.

4.4 If the minimum class entry requirement is not satisfied, that class may be canceled or consolidated into a mixed fleet to expedite racing at the discretion of the OA.

4.5 (NP) The OA reserves the right to accept entries that may not satisfy these requirements.

5 ENTRY

5.1 Entries for all boats will be accepted through [online registration on Yacht Scoring](#). Entry includes use of the hoist and dockage for designated classes, racing, Sunday awards reception with food and prizes. Saturday night social tickets are included for skippers and crew. Tickets for additional guests can be purchased on Yachtscoring.

5.2 The early entry period runs from March 9 through April 3 at 1159. Entries received after April 3 at 1159 will be subject to standard pricing. Entries received after June 12 at 1159 will be subject to late fees as outlined in NOR 5.5. **Entry fee must be fully paid by April 3 at 1159 to avail of this discount.**

5.3 Entry is not considered complete unless accompanied by the appropriate entry fee and all crew have completed a Crew Waiver by the time of sailing.

5.4 The OA reserves the right to accept entries beyond stated deadlines.

5.5 Entry Fees

Class	Dinghy/ Keelboat	Early Bird March 9-Apr 3	Standard Apr 4-Jun 12	Late Jun 13-Jul 10	Hoist Use?
505	Dinghy	\$245	\$295	\$345	Beach Launch
A Cat	Dinghy	\$205	\$255	\$305	Beach Launch
Ensign	Keelboat	\$290	\$340	\$440	Yes, must be in the water by 2000 Friday and stay in for duration of event
Etchells	Keelboat	\$585	\$635	\$735	Yes, must be in the water by 2000 Thursday and stay

					in for duration of event
F-18	Dinghy	\$230	\$280	\$330	Beach Launch
H12	Keelboat	\$210	\$260	\$360	Yes, must be in the water by 2000 Friday and stay in for duration of event
IC37	Keelboat	\$650	\$700	\$800	No
ILCA	Dinghy	\$110	\$160	\$210	Beach Launch
Melges 15	Dinghy	\$245	\$295	\$345	Beach Launch
Melges 24	Keelboat	\$630	\$680	\$780	Yes, must be in the water by 2000 Thursday and stay in for duration of event
Shields	Keelboat	\$375	\$425	\$525	No
Sunfish	Dinghy	\$70	\$120	\$170	Beach Launch
Thistle	Keelboat	\$295	\$345	\$445	Yes, daily launching and hauling allowed
VX One	Keelboat	\$315	\$365	\$465	Yes, daily launching and hauling allowed
Swan 28	Keelboat	\$415	\$465	\$565	Yes, must be in the water by 2000 Friday and stay in for duration of event
12 Metre	Keelboat	\$840	\$890	\$990	No
J/70	Keelboat	\$535	\$585	\$685	Yes, must be in the water by 2000 Friday and stay in for duration of event
Snipe	Dinghy	\$230	\$280	\$330	Beach Launch
Rhodes 19	Keelboat	\$330	\$380	\$480	Yes, must be in the water by 2000 Friday and stay in for duration of event

If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Through June 1, 2026	85% of entry fee refunded (15% cancellation fee)
June 2 – July 3, 2026	75% of entry fee refunded (25% cancellation fee)
After July 3, 2026	No refund

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 It is the intent of the OA and Race Committee to conduct as many races as practical daily.

Thursday, July 9

All Day	Boats may arrive at Sail Newport Alofsin Docks and dinghy field behind the Jason Titunik Racing Education Center (60 Fort Adams Dr)	Sail Newport
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1630-1930	Mandatory Check-in (Melges 24, Etchells, A Cat)	Sail Newport, 72 Fort Adams Drive (one representative from boat)
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Friday, July 10

0900-1000	Check-in (Melges 24, Etchells, A Cat)	Sail Newport, 72 Fort Adams Drive (one representative from boat)
1200	Initial Warning (Melges 24, Etchells, A Cat)	
1630-1930	Check-in (All other classes) and social	Sail Newport, 72 Fort Adams Drive (one representative from boat)

Saturday, July 11

0800-0930	Last Minute Check-in	Sail Newport, 72 Fort Adams Drive (one representative from boat)
1100	Initial Warning all circles	
1630-2030	Post-Race Social with band, food and dancing! Included for all sailors. Extra tickets for guests can be purchased on YachtScoring page	Sail Newport invites all crews to join us at Sail Newport after sailing. Sponsored by Mt. Gay Rum (ID will be required)

Sunday, July 12

1100	Initial Warning All Circles	
1500	No Initial Warning Signal shall be made after this time.	
After Racing (aiming for 1630 Awards presentation)	Awards Social (Free to all sailors)	Sail Newport invites all crews to join us at Sail Newport after sailing. Sponsored by Mt. Gay Rum (ID will be required)

7 MEASUREMENT AND WEIGH-IN

7.1 Measurement requirements will be in adherence to individual class rules.

7.2 Class measurement and weigh-ins will be managed by identified class or local fleet representatives.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 SIs will be available online by 1700 on July 8.

9 COURSES AND RACING AREA

9.1 Racing will be held on Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound.

9.2 The OA will divide the classes into appropriate divisions for optimum racing. Specific course details for individual divisions will be outlined in the sailing instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Appendix V will apply.

10.2 In instances where NOR 10.1 conflicts with a class rule, that class rule shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

10.3 The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1.

11 SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix A will apply.

11.2 One race shall constitute a series.

11.3 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.

12 PRIZES

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

12.2 The Dr. Robin Wallace Trophy will be presented to the outstanding boat of the regatta as determined by the OA.

12.3 The Sally Helme trophy will be presented to the top scoring female skipper.

12.4 A Sportsmanship Trophy may be presented to a sailor, volunteer, or team who, in the opinion of the OA, best exemplifies sportsmanship.

12.5 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the individual classes and/or the OA and may be based on criteria other than scores.

13 PERSONAL FLOTATION

13.1 The wearing of personal flotation shall be subject to class rules and is highly recommended for all competitors.

13.2 (NP)(DP) For the dinghy classes: each competitor must wear a U.S. Coast Guard or equivalent home country authority approved PFD, properly secured at all times, from the time the boat leaves the dock to the time the boat returns to the dock, unless when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal flotation. This changes rule 40.

14 LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

14.1 Hoist use is included in the entry fee for classes utilizing Sail Newport Hoists. Dockage is available at Sail Newport's Alofsin Piers on a first-come, first-served basis. Competitors are advised to bring sufficient dock lines and fenders. Please contact Nick Mauprivez (401-266-9885) email: nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org for availability and rates for reserved dock space.

14.2 For dinghy classes, land storage will be available as directed by Sail Newport staff.

14.3 Boats intending to arrive at Sail Newport prior to Wednesday, July 8, or stay beyond 1700 on Monday July 13, must make prior arrangements with Sail Newport by contacting Nick Mauprivez by phone (401-266-9885) or via email (nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org).

14.4 Boats may make alternative arrangements for dockage by contacting the Newport Shipyard (401-846-6000), Newport Yachting Center, Goat Island Marina (401-849-5655), or Casey's

Marina (401-848-5945). Mooring arrangements can be made by calling Oldport Marine (401-847-9109) or Newport Harbormaster (401) 845-5815.

14.5 Classes with hoist use included in their entry fee (as indicated in NOR 5.5) receive complimentary dockage at Sail Newport's Alofsin Piers for the duration of the event. Classes that are dry sailing will receive complimentary trailer and yard storage as directed by Sail Newport staff.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1 Etchells and Melges 24 must be in the water by 2000 on July 9. All other keelboats must be in the water by 2000 on July 10.

15.2 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except in an emergency or with written approval from the Race Committee.

15.3 NOR 15.1 and 15.2 shall not apply to the dry sailing classes; these may launch and retrieve using the Sail Newport hoists each day of the event.

15.4 Sail Newport staff may be available upon request to assist in the hauling of boats remaining in the water after the conclusion of the event.

16 CANCELLATION

16.1 Sail Newport reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or modify the regatta due to weather, insufficient entries, or other circumstances beyond its control.

16.2 If the regatta is canceled before July 10, 2026, all entry fees will be refunded in full.

16.3 If the regatta is canceled after July 10, 2026, but before any racing has occurred, 50% of entry fees will be refunded.

16.4 If racing has begun, no refunds will be provided.

17 CODE OF CONDUCT

17.1 All competitors, coaches, and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, the facility, and Fort Adams State Park. Any competitor who violates this trust in any manner, including the consumption of beer or other alcoholic beverage by a minor, may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against him or her to the Protest Committee and/or the appropriate class association. Penalties imposed by the OA and/or the Protest Committee may include disqualification of the boat with which the competitor is associated, notification of law enforcement and/or parents, or other penalties the Protest Committee or the OA may deem appropriate. Any coach or family member who violates this trust may have a complaint lodged against him or her to the appropriate class association.

18 EVENT HEADQUARTERS

18.1 Event Headquarters will be in the Sail Newport Main Office, 72 Fort Adams Drive, located in Fort Adams State Park, Newport, RI, 02840.

19 MEDIA RIGHTS

19.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes without compensation.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 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 3, 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 or parents of a sailor under the age of 18 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.

21 NARRAGANSETT BAY IS A RESTRICTED CHANNEL

21.1 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.

22 SUSTAINABILITY

- 22.1** Sail Newport is committed to reducing our landfill footprint by using alternatives to plastic where possible; encouraging recycling; diverting waste from landfill to compost and educating sailors and the community.
- 22.2** Please bring your re-usable water container! Water refilling stations are available at the grass triangle (dinghy park), inside the Sail Newport Sailing Center lobby at 72 Fort Adams Drive and the Fort Adams Visitors Center at 90 Fort Adams Drive.

PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR COMMITMENT TO SAIL SUSTAINABLY!



Clean Ocean
Green Earth



LEED-COMPLIANT
HEADQUARTERS



SOLAR POWER



RAIN WATER
HARVESTING



RECYCLE



GREEN TEAM



STRAW FREE
CAMPUS



NO SINGLE-USE
PLASTIC BOTTLES



COMPOSTIBLE
FOODWARE



LOCALLY
SOURCED FOOD



OCEAN
CONSERVATION
EDUCATION



PAPERLESS REGATTA
MANAGEMENT



ELECTRIC
GPS-CONTROLLED MARKS



PROVISION
WITHOUT PLASTIC



REUSEABLE
ICE PACKS



COMPOST
FOOD SCRAPS

FURTHER INFORMATION

Sail Newport, Rhode Island's Public Sailing Center

72 Fort Adams Drive, Newport, RI 02840, Tel. (401) 846-1983

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Storage inquiries: nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org

Website: <https://sailnewport.org/calendar/26-newport-regatta>

Regatta Coordinator: Diarmaid Desmond

APPENDIX C

IM24CA STANDARD COACH AND SUPPORT VESSEL APPENDIX C

Amended on May 5, 2025

As per the IM24CA Constitution, Class Sanctioned Event shall mean those regattas organised, co-organised or approved by the IM24CA or in which the IM24CA sanctions the various events to form a series. In IM24CA sanctioned events, Appendix C shall be attached to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. In other events, the organising authorities are encouraged to use Appendix C, either partially or preferably in its entirety.

SECTION A

- A1** Coach and support vessels shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
- A2** Coach and support vessels shall display a numbered flag representing the boat to which it is attached and/or other identification symbol, as may be required by the OA.
- A3** No coach or support vessel shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing. RRS 41 (outside help) infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
- A4** Coach and support vessel personnel shall not communicate with competitors (by any means) from the warning signal of the first race of the day until the competitor has finished the last race of the day.
If the race committee is signalling AP over H, section A4 does not apply until further warning signal.
- A5** Coach and support vessels shall not go alongside their Melges 24 boats and there shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment until after the finish of the last race of the day.

SECTION B

- B1** All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to and from the racing area under their own power.

SECTION C

- C1** Coach and support vessels shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during which boats are racing. Except when participating in rescue operations, coach/support vessels shall stay more than 100 meters from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing.
- C2** Any coach or support vessel that interferes with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hindering an official vessel carrying out its duties, shall have the competitor(s) to which they are attached, liable to a penalty at the discretion of the jury.
- C3** Any boat may protest under the rules in this attachment.
- C4** The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion. (DPI)

(Racing: A boat is racing from her preparatory signal until she finishes and clears the finishing line and marks or retires, or until the race committee signals a general recall, postponement or abandonment.)

CHANGES TO THESE RULES

IM24CA standard coach vessel appendix shall not be altered. Any changes for these rules will be the subject for decision by IM24CA Executive Committee.

ADDENDUM RS

[NP] RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE VAKAROS AND RACESENSE SYSTEM

Applies to the Etchells, Melges 24 and VX One classes.

- RS.1** Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense, including a valid subscription RaceSense Pass, and enabled with only the functionality listed [here](#) at check-in. This shall be mounted above any other device, on the aft side of the mast, at all times while racing.
- RS.2** Competitors shall:
- a) calibrate their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge before registration/check-in. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event.
 - b) turn the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge off after sailing each day. Battery life is approx. 100 hours.
- RS.3** The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.
- RS.4** Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 can be found here [Atlas 2 User Guide](#) or Atlas Edge can be found here [Atlas Edge User Guide](#).
- RS.5** Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge safe and operational and promptly notify Vakaros staff on the water or ashore of any device issues.
- RS.6** The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.
- RS.7** 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.
- RS.8** Any alleged failure of the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 61.1(c).
- RS.9** If the RC vessel displays flag Oscar with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.6 and RS.7 inclusive will not apply to that race.
- RS.10** If the RC vessel displays flag Romeo with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.
- RS.11** If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS and/or the Regatta WhatsApp Group.