



47th Annual NEWPORT CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA

Presented by NYRS

NOTICE OF RACE

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

September 5 & 6, 2026 (Sat & Sun)

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Ida Lewis Yacht Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2. The 2026 Classic Yachts Challenge Series (CYCS) Regulations
- 2.3. The Class Rules of designated one design classes.
- 2.3. For the purposes of rules 14 and 44.1, any contact between boats shall be considered serious damage. This changes rule 44.1.
- 2.4. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. This changes rule 63.5(c).
- 2.5 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 81 and 63.2 are deleted.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Advertising will be permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 and One-Design class rules as appropriate.
- 3.2. Participants may be required to fly sponsor flags as provided by the OA.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to boats:
 - 4.1.1 With a valid and published [Classic Rating Formula](#) (CRF) rating certificate. To get a new certificate or renew an existing certificate, go to www.classicyachts.org/ratings.
 - 4.1.2 In designated one design classes, with a valid class certificate, or in accordance with class rules.

- 4.1.3** Rules and requirements specific to the H Class and H Class like entries can be found in Addendum A to this Notice of Race.
- 4.2.** If a competitor wishes to change the CRF rating between Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker after their original registration, an email request shall be made to the OA prior to Tuesday, September 1, 2026.
- 4.3** Any questions related to a rating posted on the preliminary scratch sheet shall be submitted in writing to the OA by 1800 on Friday, September 4, 2026.

5. Divisions and Classes

- 5.1.** Boats racing under CRF will be divided into Divisions according to the Classic Yachts Challenge Series Notice of Series Divisions and assigned to the Division listed on a boat's 2026 CRF certificate.
- 5.2.** Entries that can be characterized as "Day Racers", ie 6 mR's, Luders 24's, R boats, etc. may enter either as Day Racers or as regular fleet racers based on the criteria specified in P5.1 above.
- 5.3.** Boats that are assigned to the same Division and Class, irrespective of their election to sail as Spinnaker or non-spinnaker, shall race as the same Division. The declaration as Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker shall determine the boat's handicap factor within the Division or Class.
- 5.4.** Five boats are necessary to constitute a one design division.
- 5.5** The OA may divide and consolidate Divisions into mixed Class starts based on size, maneuverability and numbers to facilitate safety and competition.

6. ENTRY

- 6.1.** Eligible boats must register by completing the Yacht Scoring online registration at [Newport Classic Yacht Regatta](#). The entry deadline is Monday, August 31, 2026.
- 6.2.** In order for an entry to be considered complete:
 - 6.2.1.** It must confirm a 2026 CRF rating or a one design class certificate or declaration; and,
 - 6.2.2** For boats entering as a CRF competitor, a Spinnaker vs Non-Spinnaker declaration.
 - 6.2.3** Boats registering for a CRF division and completing their registration after the entry deadline shall be designated as Spinnaker boats.
- 6.3.** The entry fee through August 5 is \$13/ft (LOA). The entry fee after August 5 is \$15/ft (LOA).
- 6.4.** The entry fee is refundable (minus a \$25 handling fee) if notice of cancellation is received by IYRS prior to Friday, August 28, 2026.
- 6.5.** A liability waiver, available online at [Newport Classic Yacht Regatta](#), shall be submitted for each yacht no later than 0900 on Saturday, September 5 and shall be signed by each crew member. Yachts are encouraged to complete their waivers prior to 1800 on Friday, September 4. Yachts without properly signed waivers may not be scored. In the event of a crew substitution, the new crew member shall submit a signed waiver prior to racing.

7. RACE HEADQUARTERS: The Race Headquarters will be at Restoration Hall at IYRS School of Technology & Trades at 449 Thames Street, Newport, RI.

8. SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 5

0800-0900: Check-in for NCYR at Restoration Hall at IYRS

0900: Mandatory Skippers' Meeting at Restoration Hall at IYRS

1055: First Warning Signal

Sunday, September 6

1000: Classic Yacht Parade

1155 First Warning Signal

1800-2100: NCYR Awards Ceremony and Cocktail Party at IYRS (open bar and hors d'oeuvres, \$70/person).

- 8.1** Up to two navigator races on Saturday, September 5 and one navigator race on Sunday, September 6 are planned for the yachts competing in the CRF Divisions (except for the Day Racer class).
- 8.2** Up to three short course races per day may run for the Day Racer, One-Design and Formula classes.

9. MEASUREMENT: Yachts must have a valid CRF rating certificate on file and published by CYOA for their given Division outlined in the CYOA Series Regulations and acknowledge the fact when completing the registration form.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: SIs and Class assignments will be available at or before registration held in Restoration Hall at IYRS at 08000 - 0900 on Saturday, September 5; and on the regatta web site: [Newport Classic Yacht Regatta](#)

11. RACING AREA AND COURSES: The regatta will be sailed in Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound. The Race Committee will designate courses using government marks and inflatable marks as specified in the SIs.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1.** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply. However, when a yacht may have broken RRS 31 but not a Rule of Part 2 in the same incident, the Scoring Penalty percentage shall be 10%.
- 12.2.** The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification for violations of the Class Rules, or other non-Part 1 or Part 2 rules of the RRS.

13. SCORING

- 13.1.** One completed race constitutes a series.
- 13.2.** A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

- 13.3.** Handicap Divisions and Classes will be scored using 2026 CRF handicaps and Total Corrected Seconds Per Nautical Mile (TCS/NM).
- 13.3.1** TCS/NM is Time On Time Corrected Time divided by Distance. It is an “average speed” standard that allows the ranking of boats that sail different length courses.
- 13.3.2** In a Class or a Division, the boat with the lowest TCS/NM would be scored 1st; the boat with the second lowest TCS/NM, second and so forth.
- 13.3.3** In determining a boat's finish in a race in their Division, their TCM/NM would be compared with all the other boats in their Division. In determining a boat's finish in a race in their Class, their TCM/NM would be compared with all the other boats in their Class. A boat's finishing place in a race within their Division may be different from their finishing place in the same race within the Class.
- 13.4.** Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker boats in the same Division shall be scored as a single division.
- 13.5** All yachts registering and racing as Day Racers shall be scored as part of a single Day Racer division utilizing their CRF handicap and without regards to the division listed on their CRF certificate.
- 13.5.** One-Design and Formula classes will be scored level.
- 13.6** Boats eligible for CYCS will be scored for the Series in accordance with the 2026 CYCS Notice of Series.

14. PRIZES

14.1. The following Awards will be presented at the Sunday Awards Party:

14.1.1 PARADE AWARDS (to be determined by the NCYR Committee):

- Most Patriotic
- Best Costumes
- Best Power Boat
- Best Sailboat

14.1.2 DESIGNER AWARDS: To the yachts which, according to the NCYR Committee, were most successful among those from their respective designers.

- Herreshoff
- Sparkman & Stephens - winner of the Mitch Gibbons Neff Cup

14.1.3 SPECIALTY/PERPETUAL AWARDS

- Atlantic Trophy – Presented to the Classic yacht (Vintage, Classic and Modern Classic Divisions) with the best overall elapsed time.
- Sappho Trophy - Presented to the Classic yacht (Vintage, Classic and Modern Classic Divisions) with the best overall corrected time.
- Leiter Cup - Presented to the Classic (Vintage, Classic and Modern Classic Divisions) gaff rigged, non-spinnaker yacht with the best overall corrected time.
- Joel White Memorial Award – Presented to the Spirit of Tradition yacht with the best overall corrected time.

- Candy Cup – Presented to the 12 Meter with the best record in the fleet. The Candy Cup is in honor of Candy Isdale for her passion and participation in all things yachting:
- Clingstone Cannon- Presented to the individual or individuals which, according to the the NCYR Committee, exhibits the best Corinthian Spirit:

14.1.4 DIVISION AWARDS: Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each division.

The divisions, for award purposes include:

- VINTAGE
- CLASSIC
- MODERN CLASSIC
- SPIRIT OF TRADITION
- DAY RACERS
- Any One Design Class with 5 boats or more.

14.1.5 Class Awards: Awards will be presented to the top finisher in each Class.

14.2. Other awards may be presented at the discretion of IYRS and their sponsors based on criteria other than scores.

15. SAIL AND EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

15.1. Yachts competing in the IYRS Newport Classic Yacht Regatta will have sail and equipment limitations as outlined in 2026 Classic Yachts Series Rules and the respective One-Design and Formula class rules.

15.2. Spinnakers will be allowed for all divisions. However, both spinnaker and non-spinnaker rated boats will compete in the same division.

16. DOCKAGE AND MOORING:

Participants may make arrangements for dockage by contacting the following directly:

Sail Newport Alofsin and New North Piers (401-846-1983),

Bannister's Wharf Marina (401-846-4556),

Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard (401-846-6000),

Goat Island Marina (401-849-5655),

Newport Yachting Center (800-653-3625),

For moorings, contact Oldport Marine (401-847-9109).

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1. All boats shall carry a radio capable of making and receiving VHF transmissions and a cell phone.

17.2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions communications not available to all boats.

18. INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate based on the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

19. MEDIA RELEASE: Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, IYRS, Ida Lewis Yacht Club, regatta photographers and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media world-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the 47th Annual Newport Classic Yacht Regatta and all participants therein.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 or participation in this event in both shore-side and on-the-water activities. 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.

For Additional Information:

Registration: [Newport Classic Yacht Regatta](#)

Organizing Authority: Ida Lewis Yacht Club (ILYC)

Principal Race Officer: Peter Gerard: ClassicRegatta@ILYC.org

ILYC office: (401) 846-1969

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Ida Lewis Yacht Club

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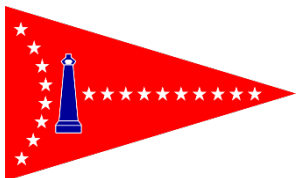
Regatta Event Information: IYRS School of Technology & Trades

Jenny Holmqvist: events@iyrs.edu

(401) 207-9321

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Newport, RI, September 5-6, 2026

Notice of Race Addendum A

For H Class and H 12 ½ Open Class Competitors

The 2026 H Class Women's Regatta hosted by IYRS (Class A) and the 2026 H 12 ½ Open Regatta hosted by IYRS (Class B) will be held in Newport, RI on September 5 and 6, 2026. The Ida Lewis Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2 The H Class Women's Regatta is also governed by the current rules of the H Class Association: <https://herreshoff12.org/h-class-rules/>
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 is in effect. All sailors will be required to wear US Coast Guard approved or Country of Origin approved personal flotation devices from the time they check in until they have finished racing, unless actively adjusting clothing.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board shall be on Yacht Scoring.
- 2.2 All boats are required to carry VHF radios capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16, 63, 72, and 78.
- 2.3 On the water, the Race Committee will hail verbally to competitors, and will also make broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio on Channel 72 and 78. To hear all communications, competitors will carry a VHF radio.
- 2.4 From the first warning signal of its class until the end of the last race of the day for its class, except in an emergency, a boat intending to race shall not make voice or data transmissions, and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions and Class assignments will be available at or before registration held in Restoration Hall at IYRS at 0800 - 0900 on Saturday, September 5; and on the official notice board.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Women's Regatta is open to:
- 4.1.a all women teams;
 - 4.1.b with registered H Class boats conforming to the current H Class Association rules;
 - 4.1.c. whose skipper has a current membership in the H Class Association:
<https://herreshoff12.org/class-membership/>.
- 4.2 The Open Regatta is open to:
- 4.2.a. all teams;
 - 4.2.b. with boats generally conforming to the H 12 ½ specifications, including boats conforming to the current H Class Association rules, Marconi rigged H 12 1/2s, Havens, and Cape Cod Shipbuilding built H 12 ½'s.
- 4.3 Eligible boats must register by completing the Yacht Scoring online registration at [Newport Classic Yacht Regatta](#). The entry deadline is Monday, August 31, 2026.
- 4.4 The entry fee through August 5 is \$13/ft (LOA). The entry fee after August 5 is \$15/ft (LOA). The entry fee is refundable (minus a \$25 handling fee) if notice of cancellation is received by IYRS prior to Friday, August 28, 2026.

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 5, 2026

0800-0900: Check in and registration at Restoration Hall at IYRS

0900: Mandatory Skippers' Meeting at Restoration Hall at IYRS

1055: First Warning for Class A, Class B First Warning to follow the start of Class A.

Sunday, September 6, 2026

1000: Classic Yacht Parade

1155: First Warning Signal - Racing Area (no warning signals after 1500 on Sunday)

1800-2100: NCYR Awards Ceremony and Cocktail Party at IYRS (open bar and hors d'oeuvres, \$70 per person)

6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected by a race official at any time for compliance with class rules.

7. VENUE

Racing will take place in between Goat and Rose Islands on Narragansett Bay.

8. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward configurations.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS 61.1 (a) (2) is changed to require boats to display a red flag when intending to protest another boat.

