



Sail Newport's Halfway Rock Regatta

Presented Harpoon & Gosling's Rum

Host Site: Newport Shipyard, Newport, RI

June 7-8, 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Sail Newport

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005 – 2008*.
- 1.1.1 IRC crew weight and limitations (IRC Rule 27.4.3): The maximum total crew limit shall not exceed the crew number printed on the boat's certificate.
- 1.1.2 IRC Rule 26.1.5 (d) is replaced with: "During the regatta, the sails carried (including mainsails) may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including multiple-race days and cases of damage to sails." IRC Rule 26.1.5 (e) is replaced with: "A spare mainsail may be carried aboard but may not be used as a racing replacement on an individual race day, including multiple-race days and cases of damage to mainsails."
- 1.2 Advertising is restricted to Category "C" of ISAF Regulation 20. Boats and competitors are strongly urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for products or services that compete with event sponsors.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board inside the hospitality tent at the Newport Shipyard.
- 2.2 The Race Committee may broadcast race information on VHF channel 72 before and during each race. Failure of such communication to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Visual signals will be made from the flagpole at the Newport Shipyard.
- 4.2 Competitor notices will be broadcast on VHF channel 72 at 0900 hrs on each race day. Updated information will be broadcast on the half-hour thereafter until the warning signal for the first start of the first class.

5 RACING AREA

The racing areas will be in Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound.

Rendezvous Locations: Rendezvous location will be announced at 0900 each day on VHF channel 72.

Rendezvous A: In the vicinity of G "3" Gong (Mitchell's Rock) between Goat and Rose Islands.

Rendezvous B: 1 nm SE (140° mag) from R "2" Bell South of Brenton Reef in Rhode Island Sound.

Rendezvous C: In the vicinity of Halfway Rock in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.

Rendezvous D: In the vicinity of N "2" SW of Gould Island in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.

Rendezvous E: 0.5 nm SW (240° mag) from R "2" Bell South of Brenton Reef in Rhode Island Sound.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Race days are June 7 and 8.
- 6.2 The initial signal for each race day will be at 1100 hrs.
- 6.3 It is the intent of the Race Committee to run up to three races per day. There is an option for an "Around the Island Race" or other "distance race" to be run on either day.
- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs on Sunday, June 8.
- 6.5 Awards will be given at the tent on Sunday, June 8.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Boats will be separated into four (4) divisions. Divisions will be posted on the Halfway Rock Regatta website and on the Official Notice Board on Friday, June 6.
- 7.2 Competitor-provided numeral pennants (NP), corresponding to the boat's division, must be flown (i.e., Division 1 will fly NP 1, Division 2 will fly NP 2, etc.). Numeral pennants are to be flown in the aft part of the boat.
- 7.3 The Class Flag for Division 1 will be NP 1, the Class Flag for Division 2 will be NP 2, etc.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Course options include drop marks, around the island, other "distance races," and offshore courses.
- 8.2 **Drop mark courses:** The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the course number, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles from the Signal Boat to the weather mark (mark 1). Such display will be made using placards and "white" boards.
 - Course 2: Start – 1 – Finish (Downwind)
 - Course 3: Start – 1 – 2 – Finish (Upwind)
 - Course 4: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish (Downwind)
 - Course 5: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish (Upwind)
 - Course 6: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish (Downwind)
 - (a) Marks 1 and 2 shall be rounded to port.
 - (b) For courses 2, 4, and 6, the leeward mark (mark 2) is not a mark of the course for the first or finishing leg.
 - (c) Except when there is a change of course, the leeward mark (mark 2) will be positioned approximately to windward of the RC Signal Boat.
- 8.2.1 "Original" marks 1 and 2 will be inflatable orange buoys.
- 8.2.2 "Change" marks, when used in accordance with RRS 33, will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 8.3 **Around the Island courses:** Courses will be indicated on a board on the Signal Boat and will be announced at 1025 hrs on VHF channel 72 if these courses will be used during the race day. All courses below will start and finish in the vicinity of Rendezvous D, as described in SI 5.

Course "C" – "Around the Island Race": The course marks will be (in order from the Start): "G11" (Dumplings) to starboard, "NR" Bell (650 yards SW of Beavertail Pt.) to starboard; GC "5" buoy (1,000 yards NW of Conanicut Point) to starboard; R "2" Bell (1,200 yards NE of Conanicut Point) to starboard; finish at the Start / Finish line in the vicinity of Rendezvous D.

Course "C R" – "Around the Island Race Reversed": The course marks will be (in order from the Start): R "2" Bell (1,200 yards NE of Conanicut Point) to port; GC "5" buoy (1,000 yards NW of Conanicut Point) to port; "NR" Bell (650 yards SW of Beavertail Pt.) to port; "G 11" (Dumplings) to port, finish at the Start / Finish line in the vicinity of Rendezvous D.

Course "NEB" – "Long Conanicut Island Course": The course marks will be (in order from the Start): "G11" (Dumplings) to starboard, "NR" Bell (650 yards SW of Beavertail Pt.) to starboard; GC "5" buoy (1,000 yards NW of Conanicut Point) to starboard; R "2" Bell (1,200 yards NE of Conanicut Point) to Starboard; "WR 21" (S of South Point on Prudence Island) to port, "R 24" NNW of Dyer Island to starboard, "RG SP" (0.8 mi NNE of Sandy Point, Prudence Island) to port, finish at the Start / Finish line in the vicinity of Rendezvous D.

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port; "NR" Bell (650 yards SW of Beavertail Pt.) to port; "G 11" (Dumplings) to port, finish at the Start / Finish line in the vicinity of Rendezvous D.

8.4 Ocean Course: An "Ocean Course" will be indicated by listing the Government Marks in order of rounding and which direction that they are to be rounded. Charts used for these courses will be #13223 and 13218.

8.5 BRIDGES AND EXCLUSION ZONES FOR ALL COURSES: Passage under the Newport (Pell) Bridge shall be made through the center 3 spans only. Passage under the Jamestown (Verrazano) Bridge shall be made through the center span **ONLY**. The Exclusion Zone marked by white buoys along the Naval facilities at Coddington Cove must be honored at all times.

9 THE START: The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and a yellow inflatable buoy at the port end.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The Finishing line (for even-numbered courses) will be between a blue flag on the RC Boat and the nearby inflatable mark to the starboard side (with RC boat facing upwind). For races finishing downwind, neither the leeward mark nor the gate marks have a required side on the finish leg.

10.2 The Finishing line (for odd-numbered courses) will be between a blue flag on the RC Boat and mark 1.

11 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

When changing a leg of the course in accordance with RRS 33, the changed mark will be as described in SI 8.2.2. For a subsequent change, the "change" mark(s) will be replaced by an "original" mark.

12 SCORING

12.1 RRS A4 Low Point Scoring System will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. RRS Appendix A4 is changed such that a boat's series score shall be the total of all of her race scores (i.e., no drop race).

12.2 Official scoring formats will correspond to the boat's division, including PHRF, IRC, or one-design. ORR scoring will be posted as a courtesy only for boats racing in the IRC Division.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within two boat lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

13.2 All infringing boats that take a penalty in accordance with SI 13.1 shall inform the Race Committee of having taken a penalty immediately upon finishing.

13.3 Failure to comply with the above requirement will be regarded as not having accepted the penalty.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms will be available at the regatta desk at the Newport Shipyard (location of after-race social). Completed protest forms shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary within the protest time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat dockage time.

14.3 The end of protest time will be posted on the Official Notice Board and at the regatta desk as soon as possible.

14.4 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room at the Newport Shipyard (location of after-race social) as soon as possible, approximately in the order received.

14.5 The penalty, if any, for breaking a rule (including the Class Rules) other than RRS Part 2 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1.

14.6 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on a previous day; or

(b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

15 NOTES

- 15.1 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have the right of way over a vessel under power that may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.
- 15.3 Competitors are advised that a parallel set of yellow cylindrical naval range markers extend from north of Gould Island for approximately 1.75nm at a bearing of 000 degrees.

HALFWAY ROCK REGATTA SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 7, After Racing , Newport Shipyard Tent

Harpoon, Goslings and soft drinks
Hamburgers and desserts

Sunday, June 8, After Racing, Newport Shipyard Tent

Harpoon, Goslings and soft drinks
Snacks
Awards

Results and Regatta Wrap will be posted at:

www.sailnewport.org

Sail Newport, Rhode Island's public sailing center, welcomes competitors to the Halfway Rock Regatta presented by Harpoon, Gosling's and the Newport Shipyard.. We look forward to providing this event with superlative race management.

Sail Newport was founded in 1983 with a focus on providing affordable access to the sport of sailing for all ages. Our Youth Sailing Program graduates nearly 750 youth sailors annually from beginner Opti sailors on to the advanced race training program. While "big boats" are blasting around the buoys on Narragansett Bay, Sail Newport will be preparing for another season of teaching the kids who aspire to one day fill your sailing shoes.

