



# NOTICE OF RACE

2009 Halloween Howl

Hosted by Sail Newport  
October 24 & 25, 2009  
Newport, RI



## 1 DATES AND VENUE

The 2009 Halloween Howl will be held on October 24 & 25, 2009. The venue will be at the Sail Newport Sailing Center in Fort Adams State Park, Newport, RI.

## 2 ORGANIZATION AND RULES

2.1 The Organizing Authority is Sail Newport.

2.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

## 3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 International Optimist Dinghies (White, Blue and Red), Lasers, Laser Radials and Club 420s may enter by completing on-line registration with Sail Newport.

3.2 **Opti:** For the Opti class, competitors who turn sixteen (16) in 2009 are not eligible. Opti White, Blue and Red Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of racing. There will be no Green Fleet in this regatta.

## 4 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

4.1 The entry fee for the regatta will be: \$50.00 for Optis, \$25.00 for Laser and Laser Radials, \$50 for Club 420s if Registration is made via website on or before October 18, 2009, or, if paper registration is postmarked on or before October 17, 2009. Thereafter a \$30 late fee will be added to the entry fee for all classes. **If no more than five Club 420s are registered by October 19, the Club 420 Class will be cancelled for this regatta.** If you are planning on attending the regatta, but will register on site, we encourage you to contact us and let us know you will be coming (the late entry fee will still apply to anyone choosing to register on-site). Please call the regatta office at (401) 846-1983, or, email: [katie.barker@sailnewport.org](mailto:katie.barker@sailnewport.org). Entry is not considered complete unless a parent or legal guardian has completed either the online or paper Minor Medical Waiver.

4.2 The entry fee includes the following: entry for the competitor in the scheduled races, 1 piece of regatta merchandise, refreshments after racing and awards on Sunday.

4.3 A minimum of six boats shall be required for any one-design class start. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to accept entries that may not satisfy these requirements.

## 5 SCHEDULE

### Saturday, October 24

0800 – 0930	<b>Opti Check-in only</b>
0930	Opti Skippers' Meeting (Mandatory)
0945	Support Boat/Coaches Meeting (Mandatory)
1000	Harbor Start
1100	First Warning
After Racing	Hearty Snack and Social

## **Sunday, October 25**

0800 – 0930	Laser, Laser Radial and Club 420 Check-in
0930	Skippers' Meeting (Mandatory-all classes)
0945	Support Boat/Coaches Meeting (Mandatory-all classes)
1000	Harbor Start
1100	First Warning
1430	No race will be started after this time
After Racing	Hearty Snack and Social

## **6 FLEETS**

**6.1** The Opti fleets will be as follows: Red Fleet/Competitors aged 13-15; Blue Fleet/Competitors aged 11-12 years; White Fleet/Competitors aged 10 years and under (for USODA age parameters please go to the [USODA Class Page](#)).

**6.2** Laser and Laser Radial Fleet

**6.3** Club 420 Fleet

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available online as of October 23 and at onsite registration.

## **8 RACING**

The racing area will be near Newport Harbor, between Rose and Goat Islands. Competitors should be dressed accordingly for weather expected in late October.

## **9 COURSES**

Windward/leeward, Triangle, Gold Cup and/or Trapezoid courses may be used.

## **10 SCORING**

**10.1** The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.

**10.2** One race is required to complete the regatta.

**10.3** A competitor's worst finish may be discarded when five or more races have been completed.

## **11 PROTESTS**

**11.1** All boats are required to display a red protest flag as described in RRS 61.1(a). This changes RRS 61.1(a)(2).

**11.2** A Protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. This changes RRS 61.

## **12 SAFETY**

**12.1** Each competitor must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock, except briefly while adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

**12.2** Each competitor shall designate in writing the adult who shall be in attendance and accept ultimate responsibility for the personal safety and conduct of the competitor.

**12.3** All class required safety equipment is mandatory.

**12.4** A waterproof safety whistle, to be used for emergency purposes only, must be attached with a line to the PFD or clothing. Competitors whom the protest committee finds have not complied with this instruction shall be given a scoring penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction. Safety equipment violations are not subject to protest by a competitor.

**12.5** Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor, which means that they must make the decision whether or not their sailor(s) can handle the conditions at the beginning of the day.

## **13 SUPPORT BOATS**

**13.1** All support boats must register and attend the daily mandatory meeting(s) scheduled by the Organizing Authority.

**13.2** Each support may be required to prominently fly the an event flag supplied by the Organizing Authority at all times while on the water. A replacement fee of \$50 will be incurred for any lost flags.

**13.3** Support boats may arrive after 12 Noon on Friday, October 23 and launch from either of two available ramps. Please detach vehicles from trailers and park only in designated parking spots. Support boats may be docked overnight at designated Sail Newport docks from October 23 through October 25.

#### **14 LIABILITY**

Participants compete entirely at their own risk. A waiver must be signed by the parent or legal guardian of all competitors and by each support boat participant.

#### **15 TROPHIES**

Prizes for the Opti class will be awarded to the first three finishers in each fleet, and top three overall. For the Laser, Laser Radial, and Club 420 classes prizes will be given to the top three finishers.

#### **16 ENTRANCE TO RACE VENUE**

Boats, sails and support craft are welcome to arrive at the Sail Newport Sailing Center after 12 Noon, on Friday, October 24.

#### **17 PARKING AND TRAILER STORAGE**

Ample parking is available at Sail Newport's location in Fort Adams State Park. Park Rangers strictly enforce parking regulations. All vehicles must be detached from their trailers and removed from the boat at staging/rigging areas and parked in designated parking spots. There is no parking allowed on grass in any part of Fort Adams.

#### **18 TRASH**

Fort Adams is a carry-in/carry-out park. For that reason there are no trash receptacles. Although there will be a few trash barrels, all participants are expected to remove all of their trash and refrain from discarding scrap rigging materials, trash and garbage in the rigging areas, parking lots or anywhere in the State Park.

#### **19 CODE OF CONDUCT**

All competitors, coaches and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the racecourse including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, the facility and the State Park. Any competitor who violates this trust may be penalized by the Organizing Authority and/or have a complaint lodged against them to the jury and/or to the class association. Any coach or family member who violates this trust may have a complaint lodged against them to the class association.

#### **20 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For additional information contact: Sail Newport, Inc.

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