



IYAC 2024 SPORTBOAT RACING SERIES

Series Run by International Yacht and Athletic Club

536 Thames Street, Newport, RI 02840 USA

Southern Narragansett Bay, RI

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021 - 2024, these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto, and the respective notice for each series.

1.2 The Principals of Performance Handicap Racing of Narragansett Bay (PHRF-NB) will apply.

1.3 A boat shall keep clear of vessels operating in navigation channels. (see SI 17.2)

See Rules of the Road 9(b): "A... sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway."

A boat whose actions result in a danger signal of 5 or more short horn blasts from a commercial vessel (meaning "I do not understand your intentions" or "You are not taking sufficient action to avoid collision") will be protested by the race committee or protest committee. The protest committee may, at its discretion, impose a penalty for breaking this rule up to disqualification that is not excludable (DNE) from one or more races. This changes RRS 64.2.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 This Event is open to all "Sport Boats." For the purposes of this event, the definition of "Sport Boat" is as follows: Maximum length (not including bowsprit) 32 feet, Monohull or MultiHull, fixed or movable keels, light displacement and minimal, if any interior accommodation. The Race Committee will have final discretion of the "Sport Boat" definition and decide if a boat is eligible.

2.2 An entry fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), payable to IYAC, 536 Thames Street, Newport RI, 02840 due by May 31, 2023. VX One and Thistles Entry will be included in your Fleet Dues. Entry Form to follow these Instructions.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the IYAC Facebook Page, IYAC website, IYACNEWPORT.COM, and at the IYAC. The Race Committee will make every effort to contact participants by email, phone, or VHF on the Race Channel. Contact Numbers: Mick Harvey, 401 935 8097; Pat Kennedy, 401 447 4444; IYAC, 401 841 5250.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the IYAC. The Abandonment/Cancellation will be announced on the IYAC Racing VHF Channel, email, cell phone or in person.

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 Minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE of RACES

The following Mondays:

June 3, 10, 17, 24.

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

August 5, 12, 19, 26.

September 9, 16, 23, 30.

October 7.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Boats will be placed in Classes at the discretion of the Race Committee. The Race Committee may conduct multiple starts if there are more than 3 boats of the same One Design.

In the instance that there are 3 or less boats, classes will be combined. The competitors will be notified at the earliest possible time by email, cell phone, at Check In on the water. The Classes will be designated by numeral pennants, VX #1, Thistle #2, Snipes #3, etc.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1 Racing will be held in Southern Narragansett Bay primarily between Jamestown and Newport. The Starting and Finishing Areas will be between Rose Island, Goat Island and the North tip of Fort Adams. The Race Committee may display Code Flag "L" and lead contestants to another starting area if racing conditions so require.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The IYAC Series courses are defined in the 2021 - 2024 South Bay Race Chart, prepared by Sail Newport and designates the marks referenced on the course list. A limited number of complimentary copies of this chart will be at IYAC to registered paid entrants.

8.2 Fixed Courses: The Race Committee boat will display the courses as numbers or letters to be read left to right where the left-most digit (letter) designates a class and the following digit(s) identifies the course for that class. This course number translates to a set of marks to be rounded, the order in which they shall be rounded, and the side to round each mark, as listed in section of South Bay Race Chart.

8.3 Special Courses: A special course may be specified by the Race Committee utilizing the government marks and special race marks listed in this circular (and on the South Bay Race Chart).

The turning marks (to the right of the class designation) will be identified in the order in which they shall be rounded and the side to round each mark.

8.4 The Race Committee may shorten the race by stationing themselves, or another Race Committee boat displaying Code Flag S, at one of the marks of the course. The finish line shall be between the mark and the Race Committee Boat with the mark to be passed on the side as called out by the course.

8.5 The Race Committee may elect to run more than one race per evening.

8.6 The Race Committee will attempt to contact all competitors by VHF and notify of any/all course information.

9. MARKS

9.1 Turning Marks: Turning marks will be designated as noted on the Course Chart. Special Racing Marks A and B are yellow plastic barrels. Marks C and D are yellow spherical buoys. Mark Z is a yellow cylinder with the letter "Z" thereon. Mark 15 is a yellow cylinder, with "15" painted on two sides.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Competitors may use only the center span of the suspension section of the Newport Pell Bridge.

10.2 A boat shall not sail between Rose Island and the Newport Bridge nor between the Dumplings and Conanicut Island.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26. First signals will be at 1800 for races up until August 5, all races after this date will start at 1730. The Race Committee may, but is not obligated to, sound a series of short blasts approximately 30 seconds before the first signal. No timing should be made from these blasts; they are merely to alert competitors that a warning signal is about to be sounded.

11.2 Succeeding Classes will be started in numerical order, 1, 2, 3 etc, with the warning signal for each succeeding class made after the starting signal of the preceding class. EACH STARTING SEQUENCE SHOULD BE TIMED INDEPENDENTLY AND NOT FROM THE SIGNAL OF A PREVIOUS CLASS.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 The Race Committee will endeavor to identify recalled boats by broadcasting their sail numbers on the IYAC Racing VHF channel. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification shall not be caused for redress.

11.5 General Recalls: The last sentence of The Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 29.2 is replaced by this paragraph. A recalled class will not start until after all subsequent classes in the original starting sequence. The warning signal for the recalled class will be sounded APPROXIMATELY one minute after the start of the last scheduled class. If there is more than one general recall, class order will be maintained with the warning signal of each general recalled class being sounded APPROXIMATELY one minute after the start of the previously recalled class.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish area will be in the vicinity of the starting area. It is the intention of the Race Committee to finish the race in the area defined in section 7 of this document. The finishing line will be between the Race Committee Boat and a mark. This mark may be a government buoy, yellow special racing mark (9.1), or an inflatable race mark. The last leg may be either upwind or downwind.

12.2 After clearing the finish line do not re-cross the finish line. If a competitor interferes with another boat's finish, he/she is subject to protest by the Race Committee.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The first sentence of rule 44.1 is altered so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turns Penalty."

13.2 At the first reasonable opportunity, a boat which accepted a One-Turn Penalty shall report that fact to the Race Committee on the IYAC Racing VHF Channel and identify the boat infringed against. This changes Rule 44.

14. TIME LIMITES AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 The time limit will be 2 hours from the class starting time.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 In addition to the requirements of The Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule 61.1, Informing the Protestee, the protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of the protest and of the boat being protested, as soon as possible after finishing, either in person or via race area VHF Channel.

15.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be made in accordance with The Racing Rules of Sailing, Part 5, Section A, Protests; Redress; Rule 69 Action. The Protest shall be written on a copy of the Protest Form found in The Racing Rules of Sailing and shall be handed in to the Race Committee within 1 hour of the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat, at the IYAC. We encourage competitors to resolve any infringement of rules on the water. When in doubt, do your turn.

16. SCORING

16.1 The low point scoring system, Appendix A, A4 (Low Point and Bonus Systems), will be used and is modified by the rest of this paragraph. The following results; DNC, DSQ, DNF, DNS, OCS and RET (see Appendix A, A11 Scoring Abbreviations), will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area (including those scored as OCS and DNS) in that boat's race. There will be throw outs to be determined by total number of races run for the Season and One Design designated series. Worse scores are not discarded when prohibited by Rules 30.3, 69.1 (b)(2) and 90.3 (b) of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Only one DSQ may be thrown out per series.

16.2 VX One and Thistle Classes will be scored as individual classes. Any other Sportsboats that are entered will be scored under PHRF.

16.3 Results: After each race, the results will be posted in the IYAC.

16.4 The intention is to count a minimum of 10 races for the series.

16.5 A boat which has not paid the prescribed entry fee will not be scored and will not be eligible for prizes.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Check-In and Check-Out: Each boat should sail by the Race Committee before the preparatory signal to identify by voice the boat sail number and class in which it will be racing. Any boat withdrawing before the start or abandoning/withdrawing from the race for any reason shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17.2 Narragansett Bay is a restricted waterway for commercial shipping. (See SI 1.3 Rules)

THE COAST GUARD HAS INFORMED ALL AREA RACE COMMITTEES THAT INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED WHEREIN RACING YACHTS HAVE COME TOO CLOSE TO COMMERCIAL VESSELS WITH LIMITED MANEUVERABILITY AND THAT THE COAST GUARD WILL SANCTION ANY AREA CLUBS WHO'S EVENTS RESULT IN THESE INCIDENTS, AND POSSIBLY FINE THOSE INVOLVED IN ANY INCIDENT. THEREFORE, ALL RACERS ARE DIRECTED TO KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE OFF OF ALL COMMERCIAL VESSELS AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO MONITOR VHF CHANNEL 13 IN THE EVENT COMMUNICATIONS ARE RECEIVED FROM SUCH VESSELS. **RACERS MUST COMPLY WITH ANY DIRECTION PROVIDED BY THE COAST GUARD OR OTHER ON-THE-WATER LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 The Race Committee may request that a boat or equipment be inspected at any time for compliance with the PHRF Rules and Sailing Instructions by the PHRF Measurer.

19. ADVERTISING

19.1 This is a Club event – other Yacht Club or Sailing Association members are invited to participate. Advertising is encouraged, US Sailing Rule 80, ISAF Regulation 20 does not apply.

19.2 Final acceptance of advertising will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

20: OVERBOARD DISCHARGE

21.1 Coast Guard Regulations apply also RRS 55 is in effect, infringement of these rules affecting discharge of materials during a race will be grounds for disqualification.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1 As a courtesy, Race Committee communications will be made on VHF Channel 72.

We encourage all competitors to have a VHF radio and monitor this channel.

21.2 General Recalls, Postponements and Abandonment/Cancellations may be announced. Before the Warning Signal, the Race Committee will also announce on VHF Channel 13 and 16 that a race will be conducted by the International Yacht and Athletic Club. The Race Committee may not respond to any radio communication by a competitor except for acknowledging withdrawals, protests, alternative penalties or Mayday calls.

21.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other wireless communications.

22. PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be awarded to the Winner in each class.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

**2024 IYAC SPORTBOAT SERIES
ENTRY FORM & WAIVER**

TO: RACE COMMITTEE
C/O IYAC
536 Thames Street
Newport, RI 02840 USA

Yacht Name: _____ Sail No.: _____ Yacht Club: _____

Advertising: (yes or no) _____ Description: _____

Owner's Name: _____ Cell No.: _____

Skipper's Name: _____

Owner's Address: _____

Owner's/Skipper's Email: _____

Type/Class: _____ Length: _____

No. and Names of Crew Members: _____

PHRF of Narragansett Bay Rating: _____

1. ENTRY FEE: \$100 for entire series. Payment by check made payable to IYAC, cash at the IYAC or by Paypal at IYACNewport.com. VX One Entry will be included in your Fleet Dues. When you go to the website, click on "Events" and choose 2024 IYAC Sportboat Series, from there it is easy to navigate through SI's, Entry and payment options. Please be sure to complete your registration in advance. If you have any questions, call Mick Harvey at (401) 935-8097 or Pat Kennedy (401) 447-4444.

Entries must be received by: May 31, 2024.

In consideration of your accepting this entry, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights, claims, and actions for damages I may have against individuals or institutions associated with or assisting IYAC in its events and activities, or any participant in the events and activities for any and all injuries to my person and/or property suffered by me, arising out of my participation in the IYAC Sportboat Series organized by IYAC. I further attest and certify that I have read and understood the above waiver and assumption of risk, and that I am making this waiver and am assuming all risks voluntarily.

Date: _____ Signature of Entrant: _____