



# NEWPORT FLEET INVITATIONAL

JUNE 17-18, 2023

NEWPORT, RI

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) and Host is Streamline Marine

### 2. RULES

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

2.2 US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER)

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

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

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Newport Fleet Invitational is open all eligible sailboats in the VX One Class

### 4. ENTRY

4.1 Entries for all boats will be accepted through the online registration sent via email to all fleet members.

4.2 Entries must be received by 9am on Saturday June 17, 2023

4.3 Entry fee is refundable (minus a \$10 processing fee) if notice of cancellation is received and acknowledged by 5pm on Friday June 16, 2023

4.3 The OA reserves the right to accept entries beyond stated deadlines

4.4 The entry fee for the VX One class is \$75

### 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

5.2 The VX One class will race Saturday and Sunday

**Saturday June 17**

1100 Skipper's meeting, Sail Newport North Lot

1200 Initial Warning Signal

**Sunday June 18**

1100 Initial Warning Signal

1500 No Initial Warning signal shall be made after this time

**6. COURSES AND RACING AREA**

6.1 Racing will be held on Narragansett Bay

6.2 Specific course details will be made available during the skipper's meeting

**7. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

7.2. In instances where NOR 7.1 conflicts with a class rule, that class rule shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

7.3. 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.

**8. SCORING**

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

8.2 One race shall constitute a series

8.3 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.

**9. PRIZES**

9.1 Prizes will be awarded based on the number of entrants

**10. PERSONAL FLOTATION**

10.1 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 temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal flotation. This changes rule 40.

**11. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING**

11.1 Hoist use and dockage/storage is not included and must be arranged separately if the boat is not already registered for Sail Newport storage.

11.2 Boats needing to make storage arrangements should contact Sail Newport storage manager Nick Mauprivez by phone (401-846-1983) or via email

([nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org](mailto:nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org))

## **12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

12.1 All boats must launch and haul daily unless alternative dockage arrangements have been made with Sail Newport in advance.

## **13. CODE OF CONDUCT**

13.1 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.

## **14. MEDIA RIGHTS**

14.1 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.

## **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1 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 agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitors participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

16.1 For further information please contact:

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