



The International Rhodes 18 Racing Association National Championships

August 7-8, 2026
Biddeford Pool Yacht Club
Biddeford Pool, ME

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*, except as modified by the regatta Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association and the Rhodes 18 class will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule 44.1 will be changed as follows: One full turn penalty shall replace the standard two full turn penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 The Race Committee reserves the right to modify the NOR and Sailing Instructions at any time without notice.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats conforming to the current Rhodes 18 class Regulations.
- 3.2 Membership in the Rhodes 18 International Racing Association is required for all Skippers

5 FEES

See online registration form.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration: Day and date: In advance with check-in on Thursday August 6, 2026, from 10 am to 8 pm.
- 7.2 Equipment inspection and event measurement: day and date: Thursday, August 6, 2026.
- 7.3 Dates of racing:
August 7-8, 2026

- 7.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1030.
- 7.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600.

8 MEASUREMENT

A boat shall comply with the International Rhodes 18 Class rules.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions are now available.

10 VENUE

Saco Bay, ME.

11 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward, with various numbers of legs.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13 SCORING

13.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point. US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix A4 (Low Point Scoring System) shall apply.

13.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 6 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

If available, a Mark boat will be on the course.

15 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the water

16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be dry sailed during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall

not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the first three finishers in the regatta.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Peter Huoppi, huoppi@hotmail.com.