

Mitchell Regatta

44th Annual Spring Edition: Friday, May 22 – Monday, May 25, 2026

The Mitchell Regatta is a biannual race from Newport to Block Island started in 1983 by Newport Yacht Club member and past commodore Cliff Mitchell. The regatta is a relaxed event with an emphasis on fun. The race is non-spinnaker only and uses a staggered start with starting times based on PHRF time-on-distance. One-design classes are also possible with a minimum of three boats required for a class. First, second, and third place trophies are awarded in each class, and the John E. Rebello team race recognizes the best combination of finishes amongst teams made up of three boats from different classes.

Schedule of Events

Friday

6:00pm Skippers Meeting

Get official start times and sailing instructions. Both will also be posted to the website for those who can't make it. Non-racing participants are always welcome, but do not need to attend.

Saturday

9:00am Start - Newport

Newport. The first boat will start at 9:00am, and the rest will follow based on handicap.

6:00pm Finish - New Harbor, Block Island

If you can't finish by 6:00pm give up, turn on your engine and come in.

Sunday

10:00am Bloody Mary Contest

Bring your own concoction.

12:00pm Hors d'oeuvres Contest

On the dock. Be ready to present your best hors d'oeuvres for judging in taste and presentation. Partaking requires participation!

1:00pm Awards

On the dock.

Monday

Leave as you so desire or continue to enjoy the island. Be sure to check with your dock mates in case any of them want to leave early.

Dockage

Everyone stays at Payne's Dock. Docking is Mediterranean style (stern to) and basically by the size of the boat. We like to get similar sizes together. Payne's Dock does not monitor the radio. Communication is by hollering, whistles. It takes a while to get this many boats secured so please be patient.

Daily dockage rates for the event are as follows:

20 to 30 feet	\$40.00
31 to 40 feet	\$45.00
41 to 90 feet	\$50.00

There is also a charge for electricity if hooked up: \$45 per day per plug.

Payne's Dock likes cash, but will also take checks and credit cards. Bring plenty of quarters for the showers.