



25TH ANNIVERSARY SAIL FOR PRIDE

Hosted by Sail Newport

NOTICE OF RACE

September 26, 2026

Sail Newport will be the Organizing Authority (OA) and Host for the 25th Anniversary Sail for Pride.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The 25th Anniversary Sail for Pride will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following document shall apply:
 - a. Addendum 1 – 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.
- 1.3 The current US Sailing Prescriptions to the RRS will apply.
- 1.4 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The 25th Anniversary Sail for Pride is open to all sailboats 22 feet or longer in PHRF spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and double-handed classes. Multihulls over 22' will sail using NEMA ratings. The OA reserves the right to accept or reject entries that meet or may not meet this criteria.
- 2.2 Sail Newport's fleet of J/7s are also available and will sail a shorter course depending on the conditions. Please call 401-849-8385 to reserve a boat.

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2.3 Boats may enter by completing registration with the OA online on Clubspot through the following link <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/BE0KsmZDRz/class>

2.4 Boats not completing registration, including the signing of all waivers will not be acknowledged as having entered in the regatta and will not be scored.

2.5 For boats without a Narragansett Bay PHRF rating, one will be assigned to them by the OA for this event.

3 ENTRY FEE

3.1 The entry fee for all boats is \$9 per foot per boat and includes wristbands for all crew members (with completed waivers) allowing entry to the Sail for Pride party at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard after racing. Additional wristbands will be available for purchase online or at the entrance to the venue.

3.2 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Through August 26, 2026	85% of entry fee refunded (15% cancellation fee)
August 27 – September 19, 2026	75% of entry fee refunded (25% cancellation fee)
After September 19, 2026	No refund

4 SCHEDULE

Saturday - September 26

Time	Activity
1100	First Warning (Subsequent warning order listed in Sailing Instructions)
After Racing	Social Event at the Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The SI will be available online by 1700 on Wednesday September 23, 2026.

6 FLEET DIVISIONS

6.1 It is the intention of the Race Committee (RC) to divide entrants into fleets of similarly rated boats.

7 COURSES AND RACING AREA

7.1 The starting area will be South of the Newport Pell Bridge in the vicinity of Rose Island.

7.2 Specific course details including alternative course options will be provided in the SIs.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turns Penalty."

9 SCORING

9.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.

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9.2 The RC intends to score the race using the Narragansett Bay PHRF handicapping system in a Time on Distance (TOD) manner. The multi-hull division will use NEMA ratings.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 All boats are highly encouraged to carry with them a radio capable of making and receiving VHF transmissions.

10.2 Except in an emergency, or to report a protest/withdrawal, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and data devices.

11 PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each class.

12 BERTHING

12.1 Complimentary overnight dockage is available at Sail Newport for September 25 + 26. Arrangements must be made in advance. Please contact [Nick Mauprivez](#) to secure dockage:

13 MEDIA RIGHTS

13.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage and photographs of themselves and their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 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 RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers include Sail Newport, Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard, RC, protest committee, the State of Rhode Island, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who 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 during shore side or on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 For further information please contact:

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Registration info., regatta inquiries, or to request a Narragansett Bay Rating for this event:

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