Sail Newport will be the Organizing Authority (OA) and Host of the 2023 Halloween Howl.

1. RULES
   1.1. The 2023 Halloween Howl Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
   2.1. Each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (or home country Coast Guard equivalent) approved PFD, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock, except briefly while adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes rule 40.
   2.2. All class required safety equipment is mandatory.
   2.3. A waterproof safety whistle, to be used for emergency purposes only, must be attached with a line to the PFD or clothing.
   2.4. A parent or Legal Guardian is responsible for the safety of the sailor, which means that they must make the decision whether or not their sailor(s) can handle the conditions at the start of racing and throughout the day.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
   3.1. The Sail Newport Halloween Howl is open to all boats of the Optimist Red/Blue/White classes, ILCA 6 (must be 18 years old or under, and C420.
   3.2. Eligibility restrictions within class associations based on age will be observed for this regatta. Optimist fleet assignment is based on competitor’s age on the first day of racing.
   3.3. The OA reserves the right to limit the number of entries.
   3.4. Entry MUST be accompanied by the Sail Newport Minor Waiver completed by parent or legal guardian. Sail Newport Minor Waiver will be available during the registration process online.
   3.5. Entry Fees for the 2023 Halloween Howl are as follows:

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4. SCHEDULE
   4.1 Schedule of Racing and Events (All meetings at SN old main office, 60 Fort Adams Dr.)

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5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
   5.1. The sailing instructions will be available on-line after 1700 on October 25, 2023.

6. VENUE
   6.1. All boat storage will be on the lawn adjacent to the Sail Newport Old Office, 60 Fort Adams Drive.
   6.2. All trailer and support equipment storage will be in the Fort Adams Upper Lot.
   6.3. Support personnel meetings will take place on the waterside deck of the Sail Newport Office at 60 Fort Adams Drive.
   6.4. Race area will be between Rose and Goat Islands unless otherwise indicated by the race Committee.

7. COURSES
   7.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward, or triangle courses.
   7.2. The courses, marks, and start/finish lines will be outlined in detail in the sailing instructions.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM
   8.1. Protests and requests for redress or scoring review shall be filed at the protest desk in the
Sail Newport 60 Fort Adams Drive Building no more than 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.

8.2. Penalties for breaches of non-Part 2 rules of The Racing Rules of Sailing may be imposed at the discretion of the protest committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes rule 64.2.

9. SCORING
   9.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
   9.2. Drops
      (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
      (b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes rule A2.

10. SUPPORT BOATS
    10.1. Support personnel shall monitor the race committee VHF channel at all times.
    10.2. Support personnel shall follow the instructions of the race committee. Failure to follow such instructions may result in race committee protests against associated competitors.

11. LOGISTICS
    11.1. Support boats may arrive after 1000 on Friday, October 27 and launch from either of two available ramps or the beach located near the Sail Newport old office.
    11.2. Ample parking is available at the Sail Newport Sailing Center in Fort Adams State Park. Park rangers strictly enforce parking regulations. All vehicles must be detached from their trailers and removed from the boat at staging/rigging areas and parked in designated parking spots.
    11.3. Support boats may be docked overnight at the designated Sail Newport docks from October 27 through October 29. Support boats are advised to bring sufficient dock lines and fenders and may be required to raft.
    11.4. All competing and support boats must be removed from Fort Adams State Park no later than 1800 on October 29. Any boats needing storage prior to or beyond the included dates and times must make arrangements with Nick Mauprize in advance.
    11.5. Trash/Recycle - Fort Adams State Park is a carry-in/carry-out park. For that reason, there are no permanent waste receptacles. Although there will be several event trash and recycling receptacles, all participants are encouraged to remove all of their trash from the State Park. All refuse must be placed in the appropriate trash or recycle bin.

12. CODE OF CONDUCT
    12.1 All competitors, coaches, and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the racecourse including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, Sail Newport and Fort Adams State Park. Any competitor who violates this trust may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against them with the protest committee and/or their class association.
13. MEDIA RIGHTS
   13.1. Competitors’ parents give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of their children, themselves and their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purpose.

14. 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 rule 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the OA, the 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 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. All competitors will be required to sign a liability waiver which will be emailed out after registration.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION
   15.1. For further information please contact:
   Sail Newport, Rhode Island’s Public Sailing Center
   72 Fort Adams Dr.,
   Newport, RI 02840
   Tel. (401) 846-1983
   Email contact: gary.knapp@sailnewport.org
   Storage inquiries:
   nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org
   www.sailnewport.org

Reminder to competitors: Narragansett Bay contains restricted channels, and sailing vessels do not have the right of way over vessels under power that may be restricted in their ability to maneuver.