# 2026 TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES

## Newport Yacht Club

*Tuesdays: 19 May 2026 to 25 Aug 2026*

*Wednesdays: 20 May 2026 to 26 Aug 2026*

*Newport, RI, USA*

## NOTICE OF RACE

**Amendment # 1 (4/9/26):**
**4.2 is amended such that completion of the online waiver by the owner/skipper is required for entry (located at https://www.newportyachtclub.org/onshore-sailing (click on "2026 weeknight racing"**
**4.4 is amended to include the location of the documents for the event:**
**https://www.newportyachtclub.org/onshore-sailing (click on "2026 weeknight racing")**

**1 RULES**

1.1 The event is governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).*

1.2 No additional documents apply, other than those referred to below.

The official notice board will be on the NYC website, onshore sailing racing page:

https://newportyachtclub.org/onshore-sailing

Race information and documents will be in the "2026 Weeknight Racing" section.

1.3 PHRF boats will be governed by PHRF Narragansett Bay (PHRF-NB). (https://www.phrf-nb.org/)

Multihull boats will be governed by NEMA (https://www.nemasail.org/.

1.4 Class rules that prohibit the use of VHF radios while racing are waived for the purpose of safety, to receive pertinent race management information, and for NOAA weather available to all boats.

1.5 Participants do not become stand-on or privileged by virtue of their participation in this event.

All participants are subject to the Inland Rules of the Road, which can be found at:

https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/navigation-rules-amalgamated

Of particular note, participants shall comply with:

- Rule 9 (b): "A vessel of less than 20 meters in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway."
- Rule 9 (d): "A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within that channel or fairway."
- Rule 19: "Conduct of vessels in restricted visibility."
- Rule 35: "Sound signals in restricted visibility."

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted no later than 17 May 2026 on the NYC website:

https://newportyachtclub.org/onshore-sailing

Race information and documents will be in the "2026 Weeknight Racing" section.

## 3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 All boats **shall carry a VHF radio** capable of communicating on Channels 16 (safety & emergency) & Channel 73 (race committee), and shall keep this radio on and operational during racing.

3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio **Channel 73.**

3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 **Tuesday nights:**

All One-Design class boats (spinnaker) are invited to race in the Tuesday Night Summer Series.

To compete and be scored, a boat must be properly registered with the NYC Regatta Committee as required by this paragraph. NYC RC will provide a start for any one-design class with two or more boats that are properly registered by 2300 hours on 5/17/26. In recent years, the three classes included have been J22, Ensign, and S-boat. In 2026, J/7's will replace J22's.

**Wednesday nights:**

All PHRF (spinnaker and non-spinnaker), multi-hull spinnaker, and one-design (non-spinnaker) boats are invited to race in the Wednesday Night Summer Series. To compete and be scored, a boat must be properly registered with the NYC Regatta Committee as required by this paragraph. In recent years, the two one-design classes included have been J22 (non-spinnaker) and Ensign (non-spinnaker). In 2026, J/7's will replace J22's. NYC RC will provide a start for any one-design class racing non-spinnaker with two or more properly registered boats by 2300 hours on 5/17/26.

**PHRF**

Entries, ratings, and participant feedback determine the PHRF class split, if there are enough boats registered to support multiple classes. The split will be announced on the club website and Notice Board before the first day of racing for the series. There will likely be one spinnaker PHRF class and potentially two non-spinnaker PHRF classes. There must be at least **two (2)** boats registered with valid 2024 PHRF certificates from PHRF-NB in each class, 24 hours before the first race, for the class to be scored.

**J/7 CLASS**

Each J/7 crew shall pick a **Team Name**. **THIS IS MANDATORY.** The team name is used instead of the skipper's name when scoring. Each Sail Newport J/7 is **required** to give the Race Committee their team name when they check in on each race day.

4.2 To be properly registered, online registration must be completed, fee submitted, and a valid 2026 PHRF-NB (for PHRF classes) OR NEMA (for multihull classes) rating certificate received 24 hours before the first race in which the competitor will be scored.

4.3 Registration Window:

a) Opens for all series on 01 May 2026.

b) Prior to the following times/dates, an early-bird discount will be given.

- **Season (all except J/7) and Series I (J/7)** at 2300 hours on 17 May 2026
- **Series II** (**for J/7's only**) at 2300 hours on 5 Jul 2026

**Registrations received after these dates will have the regular entry fee as shown in 5.1 below.**

4.4 Complete registration and payment online at the NYC website:

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4.5 PHRF-NB and NEMA certificates, as required, shall be uploaded in the online registration process.

4.6 A non-current PHRF-NB certificate or a certificate from outside Narragansett Bay will not be accepted.

4.7 The organizing authority (OA - NYC) reserves the right to accept or deny entries.

## 5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows (which includes a credit card processing fee):

| | before 2300 hrs on 5/17/26 | after 2300 hrs on 5/17/26 | before 2300 hrs on 7/5/26 | after 2300 hrs on 7/5/26 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Full Season (for all except J/7): includes 14 scheduled race nights and one practice race | $230 | $250 | | |
| Series 1 (J/7's) | $120 | $130 | | |
| Series 2 (J/7's) | | | $120 | $130 |

5.3 Newport Yacht Club members receive a $20 discount on the season fees, except that NYC members in the J7 fleet(s) receive a $10 discount per series.

5.4 **Due to the time required to process registrations, be aware that scores may appear incorrect temporarily for classes with participants who register after the above deadlines.**

## 6 SCHEDULE

6.1 **Tuesdays:**

J/7 spinnaker, Ensign spinnaker, and S-boat (See NOR 4.1 for possible inclusion of other classes.)

Practice race: May 19

Season (for all except J7): May 26 – August 25

Series 1 (J/7): May 26 – July 7

Series 2 (J/7): July 14 – August 25

**Wednesdays:**

PHRF (spinnaker and non-spinnaker), Multihull spinnaker, Ensign non-spinnaker, J/7 non-spinnaker (see NOR 4.1 for possible inclusion of other classes.)

Practice race: May 20

Season (for all except J7): May 27 – August 26

Series 1 (J/7) May 27 – July 8

Series 2 (J/7): July 15 – August 26

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is **6:00 pm** (1800).

6.3 Class assignments and starting sequence will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

6.4 Number of races: Typically, there will be a single race for each class each night; however, the Race Committee may, based on sunset time, weather conditions, and/or other factors, determine to conduct multiple races for one or more classes.

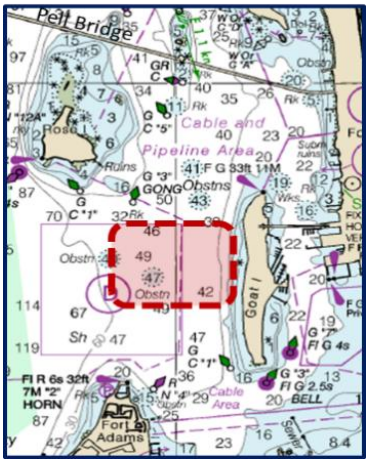
6.5 RC will make every effort to select courses that allow J/7 participants to finish and return to port before sunset.

## 7 VENUE

7.1 All races are conducted on Narragansett Bay.

7.2 In general, the starting area is in the vicinity west of Goat Island and north of Fort Adams (vicinity of buoy "A" as indicated on the Sail Newport South Bay Race Chart.

https://sailnewport.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Sail-Newport-Race-Chart-2024-26-12x18-PROOF6.pdf




## 8 COURSES

8.1 Courses are selected from the established list of courses defined on the South Bay Race Chart published by Sail Newport.

**The RC may also choose to designate a course using the marks noted on the South Bay Race Chart as a sequence of marks (with p or s to the right of each mark to indicate the side each mark should be left on).**

An electronic PDF copy is available on the Sail Newport website under "Regattas" (https://sailnewport.org).

## 9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 RRS 44.1 (**Taking a Penalty**) is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty.

9.2 RRS 64.2 (**Decisions - Penalties**) is changed to include the following:

a) The penalty, if any, for infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification.

b) In the case of a race participant's violation of the Inland Rules of the Road Rule 9 per SI paragraph 15.4, the protest committee may impose on the race participant a sanction of up to "disqualification not excludable" (DNE) from more than the race when the violation occurred.

## 10 SCORING

10.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System as described in RRS Appendix A, with forgiveness for a limited number of missed races as described in 10.5 and 10.6 below.

10.2 For PHRF and multihull classes, scoring will be Time on Time, using the formula:

Corrected time = elapsed time X 650/(550 + PHRF or NEMA rating)

10.3 RRS A5.3 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee) applies for all races

10.4 One completed race shall constitute a series.

10.5 **FOR ALL BOATS OTHER THAN J/7:**

The RC recognizes that boats may not be able to sail in all races in a 14-night season. Therefore, rather than score a DNC for every race a boat cannot make, the RC will provide a "BYE" (which will be scored as average points for races that the boat did sail and finish) for boats as follows, based on the number of races that have been started by the class, and not abandoned, in which at least one boat finishes within the time limit) as follows:

| Number of races for the fleet that are started, and not abandoned, in which at least one boat finishes within the time limit | Number of "BYE"s |
|---|---|
| <5 | 0 |
| 5-8 | 1 |
| 9-11 | 2 |
| 12 or more | 3 |

10.6 **FOR <u>ALL</u> BOATS:**

Each boat will receive one throw-out for every four (4) races it starts and finishes. Allowable throw-outs include DNC, DNS, OCS, SCP, NSC, DNF, RET, DSQ, RDG, and "BYE".

| Number of races started and sailed by a given boat | Number of throw-outs |
|---|---|
| 1-3 | 0 |
| 4-7 | 1 |
| 8-11 | 2 |
| 12-15 | 3 |
| 16 or more | 4 |

10.7 Unregistered boats will not be scored.

10.8 All boats are scored based on their registered sail number or, in the case of the Sail Newport J7 class, the registered Team Name.

## 11 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, equipment failures, boat-handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue, which can increase the risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

11.2 The OA accepts no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after the series.

## 12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded for each series (J7 classes) or season (all other classes) based on the number of entrants in each class.

a) The first three places in each class if there are seven or more boats registered in that class.

b) First and second places for classes of 4 to 6 boats registered in that class.

c) First place only for classes with fewer than four boats registered in that class.

## 13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information, please email the Newport Yacht Club Regatta Committee at regatta@newportyachtclub.org.

## 14 Weather considerations

14.1 First and foremost, the individual skipper must decide whether the conditions are appropriate for their crew and boat. (*RRS 3 – Decision to Race*)

The NYC Regatta Committee uses the following weather **guidelines** to judge whether racing should be postponed or cancelled on any given day. To the maximum extent possible, decisions will be made based on weather observations at 5:00 pm (1700) on the evening of the race. Consideration will be given to the forecast and stability of the conditions, keeping in mind that not all racing boats are equipped with the necessary navigation systems or lights to operate safely in restricted visibility.

Decisions related to weather conditions will be communicated via appropriate postponement or abandonment flags and sound signals (RRS inside the back cover & as shown below) at NYC and broadcast over VHF channel 73.

**Wind**

- Criteria:
  -- Sustained winds greater than 20 knots or below 5 knots – racing cancelled
  -- Sustained winds of 18-20 knots -- racing is at the discretion of the RC

**Fog**

- Criteria: Visibility less than 1 nm – Race postponed or cancelled
- Determination of visibility:
  -- If the New York Yacht Club flagstaff is visible from NYC, visibility is approximately 1 nm.

**Rain / Lightning**

- Criteria:
  -- Thunderstorms or lightning forecast or observed within 10 miles of NYC – Race delayed until the storm passes or cancelled.
  -- Rain alone will not necessarily be a reason to cancel racing.

Weather Information sources include, but are not limited to, those listed below. The designated Principal Race Officer (PRO) makes the final determination regarding racing for the evening.

- NOAA VHF weather broadcasts and website – www.weather.gov/box
- NOAA Station NWPR1 – Newport (Coasters Harbor) - http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=nwpr1
- Sailflow (Rose Island Station) - www.sailflow.com
- NYC Clubhouse Weather Station