



October 24 - 25, 2026

Hosted by Sail Newport

NOTICE OF RACE

Sail Newport will be the Organizing Authority (OA) and Host of the 2026 Halloween Howl.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The 2026 Halloween Howl Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 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. 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 (Laser Radial), 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.

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3.3. The OA reserves the right to limit the number of entries. The maximum fleet size permitted will be 60 boats.

3.4. Entry is not valid unless the Sail Newport Minor Waiver is completed by a parent or legal guardian. The Sail Newport Minor Waiver will be available during the registration process online.

3.5. Registration is available here: [Register Now](#)

3.6. Entry Fees for the Halloween Howl are as follows.

Class	Entry Fee
Optimists	\$100
ILCA (Laser Radial)	\$100
420	\$180

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

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Through September 18	100% less \$25 administrative fee
September 19 – October 18	100% less \$50 Administrative Fee
After October 18	No refund

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Schedule of Racing and Events

Day	Date	Time	Event
Friday	October 23	0900	Boat Drop-off after this time
Saturday	October 24	0830	Check-in
		0915	Mandatory support boat meeting
		0930	Competitors' meeting
		1000	Harbor Start
		1100	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Party
Sunday	October 25	1000	Harbor Start
		1100	First Warning Signal
		1500	No Warning Signal after this time
		After Racing	Awards

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. The sailing instructions will be available on-line by 1700 on October 22, 2026.

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6. VENUE

- 6.1.** All boat storage will be on the lawn adjacent to the Sail Newport Old Office, 60 Fort Adams Drive Newport, RI 02840.
- 6.2.** All trailer and support equipment storage will be in the Fort Adams Upper Lot.
- 6.3.** Support Boat meetings will take place on the waterside porch of the Sail Newport Main Office.
- 6.4.** Race area will be between Rose and Goat Islands unless otherwise indicated by Race Committee.

7. COURSES

- 7.1.** The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward, trapezoid 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 60 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 64.1.

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 boats shall monitor the designated Race Committee VHF channel at all times.
- 10.2.** Support boats 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 0900 on Friday, October 23 and launch from either of two available ramps or the beach located near the Sail Newport Old Main 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 23 through 1300 on October 26. Support boats are advised to bring sufficient dock lines and fenders and may be required to raft.

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- 11.4.** All competing and support boats must be removed from Fort Adams State Park no later than 1300 on October 26. Any boats needing storage prior to or beyond the included dates and times must make arrangements with Nick Mauprivez 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 purposes.

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, including 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 and the State of RI 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 is embedded in the registration online portal.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1.** For further information please contact:

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