Mitchell Regatta

Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules**
   1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
   1.2. It is the responsibility of the individual owner(s) and or captain(s) of each yacht to decide to start, continue, or finish the race.
   1.3. Any yacht in distress takes precedence over any and all sailing instructions.

2. **Start**
   2.1. The Newport Yacht Club race committee boat *Volunteer* will be running the start. They can be contacted on **channel 72** if there is a question as to your starting time or position. Also, please contact them if you won't be starting, starting late, motoring, or anything else pertinent to the race during the starting process.
   2.2. The start area will be South of Rose Island and West of Goat Island. All starts will be between the race committee boat and the pin. It could be an upwind, downwind, or reaching start.
   2.3. The race committee will give times in 5 minute increments up to 10 minutes to the first start and then every minute until the first start. After the first start the committee will be giving the times of the next scheduled starter. If a boat starts at 9:00am and the next start isn't until 9:03am then that will be the next time that you hear.
   2.4. If it is not your time to start then keep clear of the starting line and give the other boats a chance.

3. **Finish**
   3.1. Each boat must take its own finish time (GPS or mobile phone time). If possible, please make note of finishers immediately ahead of and behind you.
   3.2. The finish line is between the horn at the end of the breakwater, and the R”2” bell. Finishing should be in a westerly direction, going from the east side of the finish line to the west.
   3.3. Finish times must be reported either in-person, by text or call to **Brian Clayton**, mobile phone **401-529-5699**, aboard either *Pennyaire* or *Floating Point*, before 10:00am on Sunday to be counted. Withdrawals should be reported as well, as soon as possible.

4. **Marks**
   The only required mark of the course is 1BI (aka the *NOETA* turn), which must be left to port.

5. **Penalties**
   If someone feels that they have been fouled, they must let the other boat(s) know as soon as practical. The boat being protested may exonerate herself by doing a penalty turn by promptly making one turn including one tack and one gybe, as soon as possible on that leg of the course, providing there has been no contact. This single penalty turn replaces the Two-Turn penalty specified in RRS 44.1 and 44.2. If you disagree as to who is at fault then a protest must be filed. The Great Seer and his crew will gather at the cemetery beside the resting place of Frank Payne's great grandfather and hear the pertinent facts and render a judgment. It should be noted that since the start of the races to the island on Memorial and Columbus day there has only been need of one protest and that was to clear up the intended meaning of a rule. It is every yachts responsibility to avoid contact with another yacht. There has been no reported contact to date. Let's keep the record clean.

6. **Time Limit**
   If you cannot finish by 6:00pm give up, and motor in! Please notify Brian Clayton at your earliest convenience via one of the methods listed in 3.3 above.

7. **Sails**
   The use of more than one headsail is prohibited except briefly during peel changes and for cutter rigs rated accordingly. Use of spinnakers is not permitted.

8. **Instruments**
   The use of instruments including GPS, radar, and AIS is legal and encouraged for safety.