



SAIL NEWPORT YOUTH CHALLENGE

June 7-8, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2025 Sail Newport Youth Challenge will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Sail Newport is the Organizing Authority.

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 Youth Challenge is open to all boats of the Optimist Red/White/Blue Fleets (no Green Fleet at this event) and C420.
- 3.2 Eligibility restrictions within class associations based on age will be observed for this regatta.
- 3.3 Optimist fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of racing.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter [online](#) by June 1st, 2025. A late fee of \$25 will apply to boats applying after this date. Registration will close on June 6, 2025 at 1700.
- 3.5 The OA reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any class.
- 3.6 Entry MUST be accompanied by the Sail Newport Minor Waiver completed by a parent or legal guardian.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Entry Fees for the 2025 Youth Challenge are as follows: C420 \$160, Optimist \$80

5. SCHEDULE

Friday June 6th (All day) Boats may arrive at Sail Newport

Saturday June 10th

0830-0930 Registration and Check-in.

0900 Coaches and support boat meeting

0915 Competitors Meeting.

1000 Harbor Start

1100 First Warning Signal

After racing pizza and refreshments at 60 Fort Adams Dr. (Near grass triangle)

Sunday June 11th

0900 Coaches and support boat meeting

0915 Competitors meeting.

1000 Harbor Start

1100 First Warning Signal

Awards immediately after haul-out

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The sailing instructions will be available on-line after 1700 on June 5th, 2025.
- 6.2 The Official Notice Board will be at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/xobU2Z1KWq/#notice-board>

7. VENUE

- 7.1 All sailboat storage will be on the lawn adjacent to the Sail Newport building at 60 Fort Adams Drive.
- 7.2 All trailer and support equipment storage will be in the Fort Adams Upper Lot.
- 7.3 Support Boat meetings will take place on the waterside porch of the Sail Newport old office building at 60 Fort Adams Drive.
- 7.4 Race area will be between Rose and Goat Islands unless otherwise indicated by Race Committee.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward, triangle or trapezoid courses.
- 8.2 The courses, marks, and start/finish lines will be outlined in detail in the sailing instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM.

- 9.1 Protests and requests for redress or scoring review shall be filed at the protest desk in the Sail Newport 60 Fort Adams Drive office no more than 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks.
- 9.2 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.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 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.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 Support boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF channel at all times.
- 11.2 Support boats shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee. Failure to follow such instructions may result in Race Committee protests against associated competitors.

12. LOGISTICS

- 12.1 Support boats may arrive on Friday, June 6 and launch from the boat ramp located at the Mule Barn near the Sail Newport building at 60 Fort Adams Drive.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 Support boats may dock overnight at the designated Sail Newport docks from June 6th through June 8th.
- 12.4 Support boats are advised to bring sufficient dock lines and fenders and may be required to raft.
- 12.5 All competing and support boats must be removed from Fort Adams State Park no later than 1300 on June 9th. Any boats needing storage prior to or beyond the included dates and times must make arrangements with Nick Mauprivez (nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org) in advance.
- 12.6 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 temporary 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.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 13.1 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.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS.

- 14.1 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.

15. LIABILITY

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 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 parent/guardians will be required to sign a liability waiver. The waiver will be available on the online registration.
<https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/xobU2Z1KWq/class>

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: Sail Newport, Rhode Island's Public Sailing Center
72 Fort Adams Drive, Newport, RI 02840
Tel. (401) 846-1983

Email contact: regattas@sailnewport.org Storage inquiries: nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org; www.sailnewport.org