



Rhode Island Yacht Club
Cranston, RI

THE JOHN J. CAPPELLI ROUND THE ISLAND RACE

August 22, 2026

Notice of Race

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Rhode Island Yacht Club

2. RULES:

- 2.1. This regatta is governed by the rules in “The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028” (RRS). The RRS can be found at www.USSailing.org. Direct Link to [The Rules](#)
- 2.2. In particular, rule 30.1, the I-Flag or “Round-an-End Rule” will be observed. "If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall sail across an extension so that her hull is completely on the pre-start side before she starts."
This is our default start and is in effect whether or not the I-Flag is shown.
- 2.3. Rule 44.1 is changed to make the penalty of breaking one or more rules of Part 2 a one turn penalty, not two turns.
- 2.4. This is a non-spinnaker race
- 2.5. Only a single headsail, fully hanked to the headstay is allowed, except during the rapid change of headsails.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION:

- 3.1. Mono-hull sailboats must have a valid 2024 PHRF-NB certificate and rating. Current-year PHRF ratings must have been obtained from PHRF-NB and be delivered or accessible to the Race Committee via the PHRF-NB website (www.phrf-nb.org/ratings).
- 3.2. Competitors must be registered by having a PHRF certificate and a completed Application and waiver on file with the Rhode Island Yacht Club (RIYC) Race Committee
- 3.3. Each participating boat shall have a valid certificate of insurance on file with the office at RIYC.
- 3.4. The Deadline for registration is 1600, Wednesday, August 18, 2026
Competitors may access the application at [The RIYC Race Series - Rhode Island Yacht Club](#) fill out and submit the form online

4. CLASS: There will be one class: PHRF non-spinnaker class

5. FEE: There is no fee to enter this race.

6. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted at [The RIYC Race Series - Rhode Island Yacht Club](#) or on the Race Committee bulletin board located at RIYC.
7. **SCORING SYSTEM:** Scoring shall be on a Time on Distance method adjusted for Narragansett Bay PHRF.
8. **PRIZES**
 - 8.1. The 1st place finisher name shall be engraved on the Cappelli Trophy.
Presentations will be in the RIYC Club House at the conclusion of the race.
9. **SCHEDULE:**
 - 9.1. The Warning Signal will be at 1055
 - 9.2. Starting time for each boat is as designated in the time schedule for PHRF ratings to be posted as Appendix A to the sailing instructions.
10. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be available on the Rhode Island Yacht Club Website [The RIYC Race Series - Rhode Island Yacht Club](#) on or about August 22, 2024
11. **COURSE AREA:** The course will be in upper Narragansett Bay, and will utilize a fixed course as indicated in the sailing instructions.
12. **SAFETY**
 - 12.1. The race area utilizes navigable waters shared by commercial traffic and other stakeholders.
 - 12.2. The Sailing Instructions will contain specific instructions regarding the rights of commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver.
 - 12.3. All PHRF competitors are required to maintain an active listening watch on VHF channel 72.
 - 12.4. On the water the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF 72.
 - 12.5. While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the race, 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.
 - 12.6. All skippers are reminded they are responsible for the safety of their crew and of the requirement to help any others in danger.
13. **DECISION TO RACE, ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**
 - 13.1. Competitors participate in the race series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 and 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event.
14. **SPECIAL NOTICES**
 - 14.1. Narragansett Bay is a No Discharge Zone.
 - 14.2. Disposal of trash overboard is prohibited and can result in race disqualification.

For questions or further information, please contact:
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