

36th ANNUAL MUSEUM OF YACHTING CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA

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CLASSIC YACHTS CHALLENGE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 36th Annual Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta is part of the North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge which also includes the Nantucket Opera Cup Regatta (Nantucket, MA) and the Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta (Marblehead, MA).

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
September 5 – September 6, 2015

Organizing Authority: Sail Newport

Rendezvous in the area between Rose and Goat Islands ***Monitor VHF Channel 79***

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the 2015 North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge (NAPCYC) Regulations.
- 1.2. For the purposes of RRS 14 and 44.1, any contact between boats shall be considered serious damage. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 1.3. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), these SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Sail Newport Waterfront Center.
- 2.2. The Race Committee intends to broadcast pertinent race information on VHF Channel 79. Failure of such information to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official flag pole located at the Sail Newport Waterfront Center.
- 4.2. When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes". This changes Race Signal "AP".

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1.** The rendezvous location for all classes will be in the area South of Rose Island in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.

Saturday, September 5

0830 – 0930	Check-In (Sail Newport Waterfront Center)
0930	Mandatory Skipper's Meeting
1155	Initial Warning Signal
1700	Cocktail Party

Sunday, September 6

1030	Classic Yacht Parade begins at harbor entrance
1155	Initial Warning Signal
1800	Cocktail Party
1930	Awards Dinner

6. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1.** Class assignments will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board along with the starting order for the first race. Class flags for each class will correspond to an assigned color as noted on the scratch sheet.
- 6.2.** All competitors shall fly the MOY/Panerai event flag from the backstay, six feet above the deck, just above their respective colored class flag supplied by the Organizing Authority. If the yacht has no fixed backstay then the flags shall be displayed from a starboard shroud.

7. CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

- 7.1.** Prior to the initial warning signal of each day of racing, yachts shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat by sailing astern of her on starboard tack.
- 7.2.** Yachts retiring shall inform the Race Committee on VHF Channel 79 or if unable to do so, by calling the Museum of Yachting representative (401-207-9321).
- 7.3.** Yachts that do not have numbers on their sails shall display a number placard from their bow throughout the event.

8. COURSES

- 8.1.** The course will be posted prior to the initial Warning Signal for each class from the Signal Boat, and will be announced on VHF Channel 79. There may be different courses for each class.
- 8.2.** Courses will be selected utilizing government buoys and Special Race Marks as listed on the 2015 – 2017 South Bay Race Chart.
- 8.3.** Special Race Mark 99 will be added to the South Bay Race Chart and will be located at an approximate bearing of 250 degrees and 0.35 nautical miles from Mark O (Green "7" Fl G Gong - S.E. of Kettle Bottom Rock). The approximate lat/long coordinates of Special Race Mark 99 are: 41 28.104n 71 22.632w
- 8.4.** Rounding marks for each course will be posted on a white board from the Signal Boat in order of rounding, with the subscript indicating the side to which the mark shall be left ("P" means leave to port, "S" means leave to starboard).
- 8.5.** The Race Committee may elect to position an inflatable mark (Mark "W") to achieve a desired course configuration. If used, the Race Committee shall fly code flag "W" with the course signals and post the approximate distance (in nautical miles) and bearing (degrees magnetic) to the special mark from the Signal Boat.
- 8.6.** Passage under the Newport (Pell) Bridge and the Jamestown (Verrazzano) Bridge shall be made through the center span only.
- 8.7.** For the purpose of RRS 32.2(c), the center spans of the Jamestown Bridge and the Newport Bridge shall be considered gates.

9. THE START

- 9.1.** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with classes starting at 10-minute intervals in the order listed in the scratch sheets.

Example Starting Sequence

1155	Warning Signal- First class to start
1156	Preparatory Signal
1200	Start- First class

1205	Warning- Second class to start
1206	Preparatory Signal
1210	Start- Second class and so forth until all classes have started.

- 9.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of an inflatable mark at the port end. The Signal Boat may deploy a "Keep-Away" buoy from their stern.
- 9.3. Yachts whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 9.4. Any yacht starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal is requested to inform the Race Committee on VHF Channel 79.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the nearby inflatable mark.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. With the exception of the S Class (See SI 11.2), the scoring penalty of RRS 44.3 shall apply.
- 11.2. For the S Class divisions, RRS 44.1 is changed so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turns Penalty."

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1. The time limit for the first yacht in each class to sail the course and finish in accordance with RRS 28.1 will be 1700.
- 12.2. Yachts failing to finish within ninety (90) minutes of the first yacht of their respective class having sailed the course and finished will be scored "TLE" (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. These yachts will score points equal to the number of yachts that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit plus 1. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1. A yacht's intention to protest shall be communicated to the Race Committee upon finishing. This modifies RRS 61.1(a).
- 13.2. Protest forms will be available from the Protest Secretary located inside the Waterfront Center. Written protests shall be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than one hour after the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 13.3. Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible and the Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of yachts who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Waterfront Center.
- 13.4. When a yacht has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any yacht to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under RRS 63.3 (b).
- 13.5. RRS 63.5 is modified by adding, "A protest involving contact may be heard by the Protest Committee even if the requirements of RRS 61.1 (a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled."
- 13.6. The penalty for a yacht that has broken a rule other than a rule of Part 2 shall be at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 13.7. Infractions of SI 6.2, 7, 9.3, and RRS 55 may not be protested by another yacht. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

14. SCORING

- 14.1. For CRF classes, results will be based upon time allowances, based on the current Classic Rating Formula (CRF) ratings and course distances as determined by the Race Committee. One-Design and Formula classes will be scored level.
- 14.2. One race constitutes a series and a yacht's series score will be the total of all her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Racing awards will be presented at the Sunday night awards dinner.
- 15.2. Prizes will be awarded to the overall series winners of the North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge in the Vintage and Grand Prix classes.
- 15.3. Other awards may be presented at the discretion of the Museum of Yachting based on criteria other than scores.

16. GOVERNMENT BUOYS

16.1. Government buoys, when not specified as a mark of the course, may be left on either side at the discretion of the competitor.

17. SAIL & EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

17.1. Vintage and Grand Prix sail and equipment limitations are outlined in NAPCYC Regulations 4 and 5.

17.2. Class rules regarding sail and equipment limitations shall apply for yachts sailing in the S Class or division.

18. NOTES

18.1. Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have the right-of-way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.

18.2. The naval facilities at Coddington Cove and Coasters Harbor may be surrounded by an Exclusion Zone marked by white navigational aids. These buoys and the area that they mark shall be considered an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Vessels navigating inside this Exclusion Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval Authorities.

18.3. In the event that life saving equipment is lost overboard, it should be retrieved. If recovery is impossible, loss of any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the Race Committee and to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard station on VHF Channel 16.

18.4. Tidal information:

	<u>Low Tide</u>	<u>High Tide</u>	<u>Low Tide</u>
Sept 5	0645	1411	2123
Sept 6	0759	1513	2229