



2017 Halloween Howl

October 28 - 29, 2017
Newport, RI

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZATION

1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Sail Newport.

2. RULES

2.1. The Halloween Howl Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies (White, Blue and Red), Laser Radials, 29ers and Club 420s may enter by completing online registration with Sail Newport (www.sailnewport.org).
- 3.2. Opti: For the Opti class, competitors who turn sixteen (16) in 2017 are not eligible. Opti White, Blue and Red Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of racing. There will be no Green Fleet in this regatta.
- 3.3. Optimist fleet/age guidelines can be found in the "FAQ" section of the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) website, www.usoda.org.

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1. The entry fee for the regatta will be: \$75.00 for Optis, 29ers and Club 420s. \$40.00 for Laser Radials before October 23, 2017. Entry after October 23 will include a \$10 per sailor late fee.
- 4.2. If any class has less than 5 registered competitors by October 23, said classes may be cancelled for this regatta at the discretion of the OA. If you are planning on attending the regatta, but will register late on site, we encourage you to contact us and let us know you will be coming.
- 4.3. Entry is not considered complete unless a parent or legal guardian has completed a Sail Newport Minor Waiver.

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 28 – *Optis only*

0800-0930	Late Registration and Check-in, Optis only
0930	Mandatory Opti Skippers Meeting
0945	Mandatory Support Boat/Coaches/Parents Meeting
1000	Harbor Start
1100	Initial Warning Signal
After Racing	Refreshments

Sunday, October 29 – *All classes*

0800-0930	29er, Laser Radial and Club 420 late Registration and check-in
0930	Mandatory Skippers' Meeting for all classes
0945	Mandatory Support Boat/Coaches/Parent Meeting
1000	Harbor Start
1100	Initial Warning Signal
1430	No Initial Warning Signal will be made after this time
After Racing	Refreshments and awards

6. FLEETS

- 6.1. The Opti fleet will be divided into Red, Blue, and White fleets in accordance with the USODA fleet/age guidelines.
- 6.2. There will be no divisional splits for the 29er, Club 420 or Laser Radial fleets.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available online (www.sailnewport.org) by 1700 on October 28 and at Sail Newport during late Registration and Check-in.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area will be in the area of Newport Harbor. Competitors should be dressed accordingly for weather expected during October in New England waters.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Course details will be provided in the SIs.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 10.2. One race constitutes a series.
- 10.3. RRS A2 is amended so that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score after five (5) races have been completed.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS

- 11.1. The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is altered so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turns Penalty."
- 11.2. RRS 61.1(a)(2) is deleted, meaning that all boats are required to display a red protest flag as described in RRS 61.1(a).
- 11.3. The penalty, if any, for an infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a)

12. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 12.1. Each competitor must wear a U.S. Coast Guard 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 RRS 40.
- 12.2. Each competitor shall designate in writing the adult who shall be in attendance and accept ultimate responsibility for the personal safety and conduct of the competitor.
- 12.3. Designated adults (see NOR 12.2) are 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 throughout the day.
- 12.4. All class required safety equipment is mandatory.
- 12.5. A waterproof safety whistle, to be used for emergency purposes only, must be attached with a line to the PFD or clothing. Competitors whom the Protest Committee finds have not complied with this instruction may be given a scoring penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. All support boats must register with the OA and attend the daily mandatory meeting(s). A representative of each support boat must sign a Support Boat Waiver.

14. PARKING AND TRAILER STORAGE

- 14.1. Competitor and support boats may arrive after 0900 on Friday, October 27 and launch from the public ramp south of the beach and mule barn.
- 14.2. Ample parking is available at Sail Newport's location 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. There is no parking allowed on the grass in any part of Fort Adams.
- 14.3. Support boats may be docked overnight at the designated Sail Newport docks from October 27 through October 29. Support boats are advised to bring sufficient dock lines and fenders and may be required to raft.

15. TROPHIES

- 15.1. Prizes for the Opti class will be awarded to the first three finishers in each fleet, and top three overall. For the 29er, Laser Radial and Club 420 classes prizes will be given to the top three finishers.

16. TRASH

- 16.1. Fort Adams is a carry-in/carry-out park. For that reason, there are no trash receptacles. Although there will be a few temporary trash barrels in the staging area, all participants are expected to remove all of their trash from the State Park.

17. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 17.1. 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, the facility and the State Park. Any competitor who violates this trust may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against them to the Protest Committee and/or their class association. Any coach or family member who violates this trust may have a complaint lodged against them to the class association.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 18.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

19. LIABILITY

- 19.1. 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 RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, the State of Rhode Island, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who 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 shoreside or on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers and the State of Rhode Island from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

20.1. For additional information contact:

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