



## **2026 HERRESHOFF CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA**

& NEWPORT-TO-BRISTOL FEEDER RACE

### **PRESENTED BY BRISTOL MARINE**

August 28-30, 2026

Part of the CYOA Classic Yachts Challenge Series

Hosted by the Herreshoff Marine Museum

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) for the Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta (HCYR) and the Newport-to-Bristol Feeder Race is the Herreshoff Marine Museum (HMM).

#### **2. RULES**

- 2.1. Both events will be governed by the following rules...
  - 2.1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2025-2028), US Sailing Prescriptions.
  - 2.1.2. The 2026 Classic Yachts Challenge Series (CYCS) Notice of Series (NOS)
  - 2.1.3. The 2026 Classic Rating Formula (CRF 2026)
  - 2.1.4. Relevant One-Design and Formula class rules
- 2.2. For the purposes of rules 14 and 44.1, any contact between boats shall be considered serious damage. This changes rule 44.1.
- 2.3. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

#### **3. ADVERTISING**

- 3.1. Advertising will be permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 and One-Design class rules as appropriate.
- 3.2. Participants may be required to fly sponsor flags as provided by the OA.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1. Both events are open to boats with a valid 2026 Classic Rating Formula (CRF 2026) rating certificate. Visit the CYOA site at [www.classicyachts.org/ratings](http://www.classicyachts.org/ratings) to get or renew a certificate.
- 4.2. One-Design eligibility shall be in accordance with class rules.

#### **5. DIVISION OF CLASSES**

- 5.1. Boats racing under CRF 2026 will be divided into divisions based on their designation on their CRF Certificate or Day Racer, should they choose this option upon registering. In addition, within each CRF division there may be spinnaker and non-spinnaker sub-divisions depending on the number of entries.
- 5.2. For safety and competitive purposes, the OA will divide the boats into starting classes based on their size, maneuverability and CRF rating.
- 5.3. In the event that there are fewer than five entries in a division, the OA reserves the right to combine divisions for scoring purposes.
- 5.4. The Herreshoff S Class, H12 Class, and Herreshoff 15-Footers will race as one-design classes. Other one-design fleets should contact the OA to discuss options.

## 6. ENTRY

6.1. Eligible boats must register online at [www.herreshoff.org/events/regatta.html](http://www.herreshoff.org/events/regatta.html). Entries must be received on or before Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Entries received after that date may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority and will be subject to a late entry fee of \$50.00.

6.2. The Entry Fees are as follows:

<30' LOA	\$300
30'-50' LOA	\$375
>50' LOA	\$450
Herreshoff S Class	\$275
Herreshoff 15-Footers	\$150

6.3. The entry fee is refundable (minus a \$15 handling fee) if notice of cancellation is received by HMM on or before Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

6.4. The entry fee includes the Newport-to-Bristol Feeder Race.

6.5. The entry fee for all boats includes one ticket to the Saturday night regatta dinner. Additional dinner tickets must be purchased in advance online at [www.herreshoff.org/events/regatta.html](http://www.herreshoff.org/events/regatta.html).

6.6. An online liability waiver shall be submitted by each sailor prior to racing. Yachts without properly signed waivers may not be scored. In the event of a crew substitution, the new crew member shall complete an online waiver prior to racing. A link to the online waiver form can be found at [www.herreshoff.org/events/regatta.html](http://www.herreshoff.org/events/regatta.html).

6.7. Yachts must have a valid CRF 2026 rating certificate on file with CYOA.

6.8. 12-Metres racing as part of a 12mR class (not CRF) must be members in good standing of ITMA and the Americas Fleet and hold a valid class measurement certificate.

6.9. Each boat must elect to use her spinnaker or non-spinnaker rating by 1200 EDT on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Any boat which does not notify the OA of her selection at [regatta@herreshoff.org](mailto:regatta@herreshoff.org) by the deadline will be scored using her spinnaker rating.

## 7. RACE HEADQUARTERS

7.1. The Race Headquarters will be at the Herreshoff Marine Museum at 1 Burnside Street, Bristol RI.

## 8. SCHEDULE

### Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

1300 First Warning Signal – Newport-to-Bristol Feeder Race

### Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

0800 – 1000 Check in for Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta

1000 Mandatory Competitor Briefing

1200 First Warning Signal – CRF Race 1

1230 First Warning Signal – One-Design Classes Race 1

1700 Cocktails @ HMM – Cash Bar

1830 Regatta Dinner

1930 Program & HCYR Awards

### Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

1000 Mandatory Competitor Briefing

1200 First Warning Signal – CRF

1230 First Warning Signal – One-Design Classes

Bristol-to-Newport Race start time will be after the finish of the first race of the day and will be announced by the Race Committee

- 8.1. Two races are scheduled for all classes on Saturday.
- 8.2. One race may be run for all classes prior to the Bristol-to-Newport Race on Sunday.

## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. SIs and class assignments for the Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta will be available at the mandatory skippers' briefing held under the tent at HMM at 1000 on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and at [www.herreshoff.org/regatta.html](http://www.herreshoff.org/regatta.html).
- 9.2. SIs and class assignments for the Newport-to-Bristol Feeder Race will be available online at [www.herreshoff.org/regatta.html](http://www.herreshoff.org/regatta.html) and from the Race Committee prior to the start on Friday.

## 10. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 10.1. The Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta will be sailed on Upper Narragansett Bay. The Race Committee will designate courses using government marks and inflatable marks as specified in the SIs.
- 10.2. The Newport-to-Bristol Feeder Race will start in the vicinity of Gould Island and will finish in the vicinity of the Herreshoff Marine Museum. The Race Committee will designate the course using government marks and inflatable marks as specified in the SIs.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be 20% of the number of boats entered in the applicable class. The minimum penalty shall be two (2) places.
- 11.2. The penalty, if any, for a violation of 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 rule 64.1.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1. One completed race constitutes a series.
- 12.2. A boat's score will be the total of all her race scores. This alters rule A2.
- 12.3. **Handicap classes will be scored using corrected speed** based on CRF 2026 ratings and course distances calculated using 81.0 as a scratch boat calculation for all CRF classes. Corrected speed scoring is preferred as it allows for normalization across different course lengths.
- 12.4. One-Design classes will be scored level.
- 12.5. Each day's racing will be scored separately, and only the Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta scores for CRF divisions on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> will be part of the Classic Yachts Challenge Series (CYCS).
- 12.6. Boats eligible for the CYCS will be scored for the Series in accordance with the 2026 CYCS NOS.
- 12.7. CYCS scoring categories may or may not coincide with class splits utilized for starts or other regatta awards.
- 12.8. If ties continue to exist after the application of rule A8, they will be broken by determining the highest cumulative corrected speed.

## 13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Awards for all divisions/classes will be presented at the Saturday night regatta dinner at HMM.

## 14. SAIL AND EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

- 14.1. Per 2026 Classic Yachts Challenge Series Rules and One-Design class rules.

## 15. DOCKAGE AND MOORINGS

- 15.1. Dockage and moorings are available at HMM on a first come-first served basis. Boats are advised to bring sufficient dock lines and extra fenders. Reservation requests must be made and paid for online at via the [HMM Dockwa](#) online reservation form. HMM monitors VHF channel 72.

15.2. Participants may make arrangements for commercial dockage/moorings by contacting the following directly:

Bristol Marine: (401) 253-2200  
Town of Bristol: (401) 253-1700

## 16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. All boats must carry a radio capable of making and receiving marine VHF transmissions.
- 16.2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats.

## 17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each boat shall hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance. It is the helmsman's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is valid and adequate prior to participating in this event.

## 18. MEDIA RELEASE

- 18.1. Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, the Herreshoff Marine Museum, event sponsors, regatta photographers and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media worldwide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta and all participants therein.

## 19. DISCLAIMER OF 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 Rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers including the OA, 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 or participation in this event in both shore-side and 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.

For further information and to register please visit the regatta website: [www.herreshoffclassicyachtregatta.com](http://www.herreshoffclassicyachtregatta.com)

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To get a CRF 2026 rating certificate, please visit the CRF site at [www.classicyachts.org](http://www.classicyachts.org).

To review the 2026 CYOA Classic Yachts Challenge Series NOS, please visit the CYOA site at [www.classicyachts.org](http://www.classicyachts.org).