

Herreshoff Marine Museum
HERRESHOFF CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA 2026
Newport to Bristol Feeder Race

August 28, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organizing authority is the Herreshoff Marine Museum.

1. RULES The event will be governed by the following rules...

- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2025-2028), US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 The 2026 Classic Rating Formula (CRF 2026)
- 1.3 Relevant One-Design and Formula class rules
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions
- 1.5 For the purposes of rules 14 and 44.1, any contact between boats shall be considered serious damage. This changes rule 44.1.
- 1.6 In the event of conflict between the NOR and SI, the SI shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY Eligibility, Entry and Fees are per NOR 4 and 6.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS Notices to competitors, including protest notices, will be posted on the official notice board at the Herreshoff Marine Museum and on the event site at www.herreshoff.org/regatta and will be emailed to all boats.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website and emailed to all boats.

5. SCHEDULE The first warning signal for the race on Friday will be 1300 hours. The starting order will be announced on VHF 72.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE There will be no signals made ashore. Any signal will be displayed from Race committee boat in the starting area and intentions will be broadcast on VHF 72.

7. RACING AREA, COURSE DESIGNATIONS AND COURSES The course will be posted prior to the warning signal from the signal boat and will be announced on VHF 72. The following is a list of buoys from which the course will be selected:

Desg	Description	Approximate Location
A.	RG Flr Bell	South of Poppasquash Point
B.	R "2"	West of Hog Island
C.	G "1" FLG	NE of Homestead Point
D.	RG "SP" FLR Bell	NNE of Sandy Point
E.	RN "2"	.4 miles SW of Hog Island
F.	G "3" FLG Bell	South of Hog Island
G.	RN "2"	Southwest of Bristol Point
H.	GC "3"	East of Hog Island
I.	RN "2"	East of Potter Cove
J.	R "8" FL R	West of Poppasquash Neck
K.	R "24" FI R Bell	North of Dyer Island
L.	R "26" FL R Bell	Southeast of Sandy Point
M.	G "17" QG	.34 NM East of Gould Is.
N.	RN "2" FI R 2.5	1.2 miles south of Hog Island
O.	R "6" FL R	West of Poppasquash Point
P.	RG N	.3 miles west of the Museum
Q.	RG N	.54 NM North of Providence Pt.
R.	GR "OL" Bell	Ohio Ledge
S.	R "2" FI R 4s Bell	.4 NM NE Conanicut Is.
T.	G "WR 21" QG	.42 NM SE Prudence Is.
U.	R "8" FI R Bell	.25 NM WNW Patience Is.
V.	RG "EP" FI G Bell	North of Pell Bridge
W.	G "11" QG Bell	East of The Dumplings
4.	Finish mark in the vicinity of the Herreshoff Museum flagpole	

Turning marks for each course will be posted on a white board on the committee boat in order of rounding, with the subscript for each mark designating the required side: P means leave to Port, S means leave to Starboard. The race committee will also announce the courses on VHF 72.

Marks To Be Observed: Except when used as a turning mark, the following marks shall be observed at all times: Castle Light (FL R 6 Sec); C "3" Usher Cove; RG FL R Bell south of Poppasquash Point; C "3" east of Hog Island; Hog Island Shoal Light; RN "2" .4 Miles SW of Hog Island.

If the course requires passing under the Newport Pell Bridge, all boats shall pass through the center span only. The center span shall rank as a gate.

8. THE START & FINISH

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The start location will be in the general vicinity between the Newport Bridge and the south end of Gould Island.
- 8.2 Start and finish line: The start and finish line will be between a flag on the committee boat and the nearby mark. Unless the course is shortened, it is expected that the finish will be between the Herreshoff Museum flagpole and a nearby yellow mark.

9. RECALLS Individual recalls will be in accordance with racing rule 29.1. General recalls will be in accordance with racing rule 29.2. The race committee will endeavor to hail boats over early on VHF 72.

10. TIME LIMIT The time limit for each class shall be 4 hours.

11. SCORING The low point scoring system, Appendix A4 of the RRS will apply. One race is scheduled.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be 20% of the number of boats entered in the applicable class. The minimum penalty shall be 2 places.
- 12.2 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.

13. PROTESTS: Protests must be filed within one (1) hour of a yacht's finish in the last race of the day using the standard [US Sailing Hearing Request Form](http://www.usailing.org/hearing-request-form). Yachts must notify the race committee of intent to protest immediately upon crossing the finish line for the race in which the protest occurred. Hearings may commence as soon as one hour after a protesting yacht's finish and may take place via Zoom videoconference.

14. INFORMATION Additional information may be received from the Herreshoff Marine Museum, Box 450, Bristol, RI 02809-0450. Phone: (401) 253-5000, email: regatta@herreshoff.org.

15. SAFETY All boats not within their starting sequence must stay well clear of the starting area. Boats failing to comply with this requirement may be protested by the Race Committee and risk a penalty assigned by the Protest Committee.