



HERRESHOFF CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA 2026

August 29 & 30, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organizing authority is the Herreshoff Marine Museum.

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the following rules...

1.1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2025-2028), US Sailing Prescriptions.

1.1.2 The 2026 Classic Yachts Challenge Series (CYCS) Notice of Series (NOS) available at the [CYOA website: http://www.classicyachts.org](http://www.classicyachts.org)

1.1.3 The 2026 Classic Rating Formula (CRF 2026)

1.1.4. Relevant One-Design and Formula class rules

1.1.5 Narragansett Bay S Class By-Laws

1.1.6 For the purposes of rules 14 and 44.1, any contact between boats shall be considered serious damage. This changes rule 44.1.

1.1.7 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors, including protest notices, will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Museum. They will also be posted on the event site and distributed via email to all competitors. The OA also reserves the right to create a WhatsApp Group and add boat representatives to said group for unofficial communications.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be read over VHF channel 71 and posted on the Official Notice Board at the Museum. They will also be posted on the event site and distributed via email to all competitors. Additionally, in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) changes to the Sailing Instructions may be changed on the water by communicating the change via VHF. Any changes will also be emailed to the competitors by Protest Time Limit.

4. SCHEDULE: There is a competitor briefing at 1000 hours on both Saturday and Sunday. The first warning signal on Saturday will be 1200 hours for CRF classes and 1230 hours for the one-design classes. The first warning signal on Sunday will be 1200 for the CRF classes and 1230 for the one-design classes. Two races are scheduled for all classes on Saturday. One race may be run for all classes prior to the Bristol-to-Newport Race on Sunday. The 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.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Herreshoff Marine Museum flagpole. Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, means the races have been postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than one-half hour after AP is lowered. An announcement regarding the Race Committee's intentions will be made on VHF channel 71.

7. RACING AREA, COURSE DESIGNATIONS and COURSES: The course will be posted at the warning signal from the committee boat and will be announced on VHF channel 71. The course for one-designs will be a windward/leeward course using set marks. The following is a list of buoys from which the CRF course will be selected:

Designation	Description	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
L.	R "26" FL R Bell	Southeast of Sandy Point
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
4.		Finish between the Herreshoff Museum flagpole and the nearby orange tetrahedron

Additional marks not displayed on the race chart:

K.	R "24" Fl R Bell	North of Dyer Island
M.	RG "MH"	Fl R Gong Mount Hope Bay
Q.	RG N	North of Providence Pt.
R.	GR "OL" Bell	Ohio Ledge
1.	Special Mark #1	(see description below)
2.	Special Mark #2	(see description below)
3.	Special Mark #3	(see description below)

Special Mark Description: The Race Committee may elect to position a special mark which will be a yellow or orange tetrahedron to achieve a particular course configuration. If used, the distance and bearing to the special mark from the committee boat will be displayed below the course. In some cases, the direct line from the committee boat to the special mark may be across land. In this case, the direct route is not recommended.

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 channel 71.

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.

8. STARTING & FINISHING

8.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The start location will be southwest of Poppasquash Point for all classes.

8.2 Class Flags: A scratch sheet will be posted and issued at the morning briefing listing the starting classes and class flags.

8.3 The start and finish line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark. Unless mark 4 is signaled as part of the course, the start and finish line will be in approximately the same location for each race. This changes RRS Race Signals.

8.4 For Race 1 on Saturday, and Race 1 only, the intended finishing line may be a separate line set approximately 0.1 of a NM to starboard of the anchored Race Committee Signal Boat; and between a race committee boat displaying a staff with a blue flag and a nearby inflatable finish mark.

8.5 The finish time for Sunday's first race will be the start for each boat for Sunday's Bristol to Newport Feeder Race. Boats shall finish race 1 on Sunday and proceed to the finish in Newport as described in SI 8.7

8.6 The course for Sunday's Bristol to Newport Feeder Race will be from the start as described in SI 8.5 through the Center Span of the Newport Bridge; then to R "12" Fl R 4s BELL" southwest of Rose Island, leaving it to Port, then to finish at R N "4", northeast of Fort Adam's, leaving it to Starboard but passing within 20 yards of R N "4."

8.7 The Race Committee will endeavor to have a finish boat on station and/or may have an inflatable mark on station to starboard of R N "4," but boats are required to record and email their finish times to w.lynn@herreshoff.org in order for the boat to be scored. The official time shall be that recorded by the Race Committee.

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 channel 71.

10. TIME LIMIT: The time limit for each class shall be 5 hours.

11. SCORING: 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. The low point scoring system, Appendix A4, of the RRS will apply, except that a yacht's score will be the sum of her scores for all races. One race will constitute a series.

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](#). 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. Phone: (401) 253-5000, www.herreshoffclassicyachtregatta.com, 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.