



# NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 28-29, 2025

Organizing Authority (OA): Sail Newport in conjunction with the Club 420 Association, Inc.

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) and the rules and By-Laws of the Club 420 Association.
- 1.2. Appendix V, Alternative Penalties will apply.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to boats meeting the requirements of the Club 420 class rules.
- 2.2. All competitors (both skipper and crew) must be current members of the Club 420 Association.
- 2.3. No sailor shall be above the age of 22 in the calendar year of the Club 420 Class Association regatta in which they wish to compete.
- 2.4. Registration will open for competitors on **March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1200 EST**. You may register by going to the following URL: [Registration Link through Club Spot](#)
- 2.5. To be fully registered, boats must have a skipper and crew listed, and forms signed. Boats that register without a skipper or crew, will be moved to the waitlist after 14 days. Boats will be taken off the waitlist in the order they registered as space allows.
- 2.6. **A late fee will go into effect on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 0900.**
- 2.7. All competitors must sign a "Release of Liability" using the online waiver process located on the event website to participate in the regatta. Those competitors under the age of 18 must have their "Release of Liability" form signed by a parent or guardian. The Waiver Process is provided electronically when registering through [Clubspot](#). If possible when registering, enter all skipper and crew information to make this process easier for you and the OA.
- 2.8. No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received.
- 2.9. **This event has a maximum of 80 boats.**
- 2.10. **WAITLIST:** After the maximum number of entries has been reached a waitlist will be formed. Teams on the waitlist will be notified, by the email listed in their registration, if a spot becomes available. Teams will have three(3) days to confirm their spot and pay the registration fee. If the team does not reply or pay the fee in the allotted time the spot will go to the next team on the waitlist. Please make sure the email addresses listed and phone numbers are up to date so you can be contacted.

### 3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee per boat is \$285 if received on or before May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:59am.
- 3.2. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- 3.3. A late fee of \$50 will be assessed for any entries received on or after May 28<sup>th</sup> at 09:00AM.

### 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Competitors may arrive at the venue **no earlier than 0930 Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>** unless participating in a Sail Newport Program.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Friday June 27	16:00-19:00	Check in
Saturday June 28	08:00-08:45	Late Check in
	08:45	Coaches Meeting
	09:00	Competitors' Meeting
	09:30	Harbor Start
	11:00	First Warning
	18:00	After Race Social
Sunday June 29	08:45	Coaches Meeting
	09:00	Competitors' Meeting
	09:30	Harbor Start
	11:00	First Warning
	15:00	No Warning Signal after, awards to immediately following haul-out

### 5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1. Every skipper must complete and submit a signed Inspection form found here: [Inspection Checklist](#) prior to participation in the regatta at check-in. A limited number of these forms will also be available at the check-in desk.
  - 5.2. All boats are subject to safety inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
The **Sailing Instructions** will be available on the [Clubspot event website only](#) which will serve as the Official Notice Board.
- 7. VENUE**
- 7.1. The intended racing area will be Narragansett Bay as per Attachment B.
- 8. COURSES**  
A Trapezoid course will be run, See Attachment C.
- 9. SCORING**
- 9.1. The Low-point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.
  - 9.2. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
  - 9.3. When fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
  - 9.4. When five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 10. SAFETY**
- 10.1. All competitors, parents, spectators and coaches will be required to follow all local, country, state and federal regulations regarding health and safety. Additionally, the OA and the Club 420 Association may choose to impose additional regulations at their discretion. The additional regulations will be posted in the form of an amendment to the NOR on [Clubspot](#).
  - 10.2. Parents/guardians/or competitors 18 or over at the time of the start of the event are responsible for the safety of the competitors. It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of the competitors, or in the instance of the competitor who is 18 or over, the competitor, to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents of competitors under 18 not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.
  - 10.3. Per RRS 40.1, all competitors shall wear either a US Coast Guard approved PFD, or a PFD approved by the country of the citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. The 'Y' flag will not be flown.
- 11. COACH BOATS**
- 11.1. All coach boats must register before racing begins and must always prominently fly a designated flag provided by the OA while on the water.
  - 11.2. All coach boats are required to register online through [Clubspot](#) and pay a \$1.00 fee for a support boat flag. Failure to return the flag at the end of the regatta will result in a \$30 charge on the credit card on file.
  - 11.3. All coach boats are considered safety boats and at the direction of the OA or race committee and will render aid if requested.
- 12. PRIZES**
- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to first place through 10<sup>th</sup> place in Gold Fleet, and first place through 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Silver and Bronze (if applicable).
  - 12.2. The top placing Junior team in which both skipper and crew are **under 16** throughout 2025.
- 13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 13.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes. The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, the officers, directors, employees and members of Sail Newport, C420 Class, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event."

**14. OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- 14.1. If a competitor under the age of 18 is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during all activities of the regatta, then the parent or legal guardian shall name a "Designated Adult" of 18 years or older, through entry in the online registration process and shall be present at all times in their absence and who will supervise the minor competitor at all times to assure his/her safety. This Designated Adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 14.2. For each competitor under 18, it is the competitor's parent(s), legal guardian or Designated Adult's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adult(s) supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 14.3. A competitor age 18 or older retains all responsibilities for himself or herself.
- 14.4. No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.) the possession of which is unlawful. This prohibition is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the Sail Newport Sailing Center and Fort Adams State Park. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing may be held in accordance with the RRS.

**15. Contact:**

**Sail Newport, 72 Fort Adams Dr. Newport, RI 02840**  
<https://sailnewport.org>  
**Regatta Coordinator: [regattas@sailnewport.org](mailto:regattas@sailnewport.org)**  
**401-846-1983**

**16. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION –**

**SUSTAINABILITY**

Sail Newport is committed to reducing our landfill footprint by using alternates to plastic where possible; encouraging recycling; diverting waste from landfill to compost and educating sailors and the community.

Please bring your re-usable water container! Water refilling stations are available at the grass triangle (boat park), inside the Sail Newport Sailing Center lobby at 72 Fort Adams Drive and the Fort Adams Visitors Center at 90 Fort Adams Drive (next to the coach boat Docks!)



LEED-COMPLIANT HEADQUARTERS



SOLAR POWER



RAIN WATER HARVESTING



RECYCLE



GREEN TEAM



STRAW FREE CAMPUS



NO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BOTTLES



COMPOSTIBLE FOODWARE



LOCALLY SOURCED FOOD



OCEAN CONSERVATION EDUCATION



PAPERLESS REGATTA MANAGEMENT



ELECTRIC GPS-CONTROLLED MARKS



PROVISION WITHOUT PLASTIC



REUSEABLE ICE PACKS



COMPOST FOOD SCRAPS

# ATTACHMENT A: Lay of the Land







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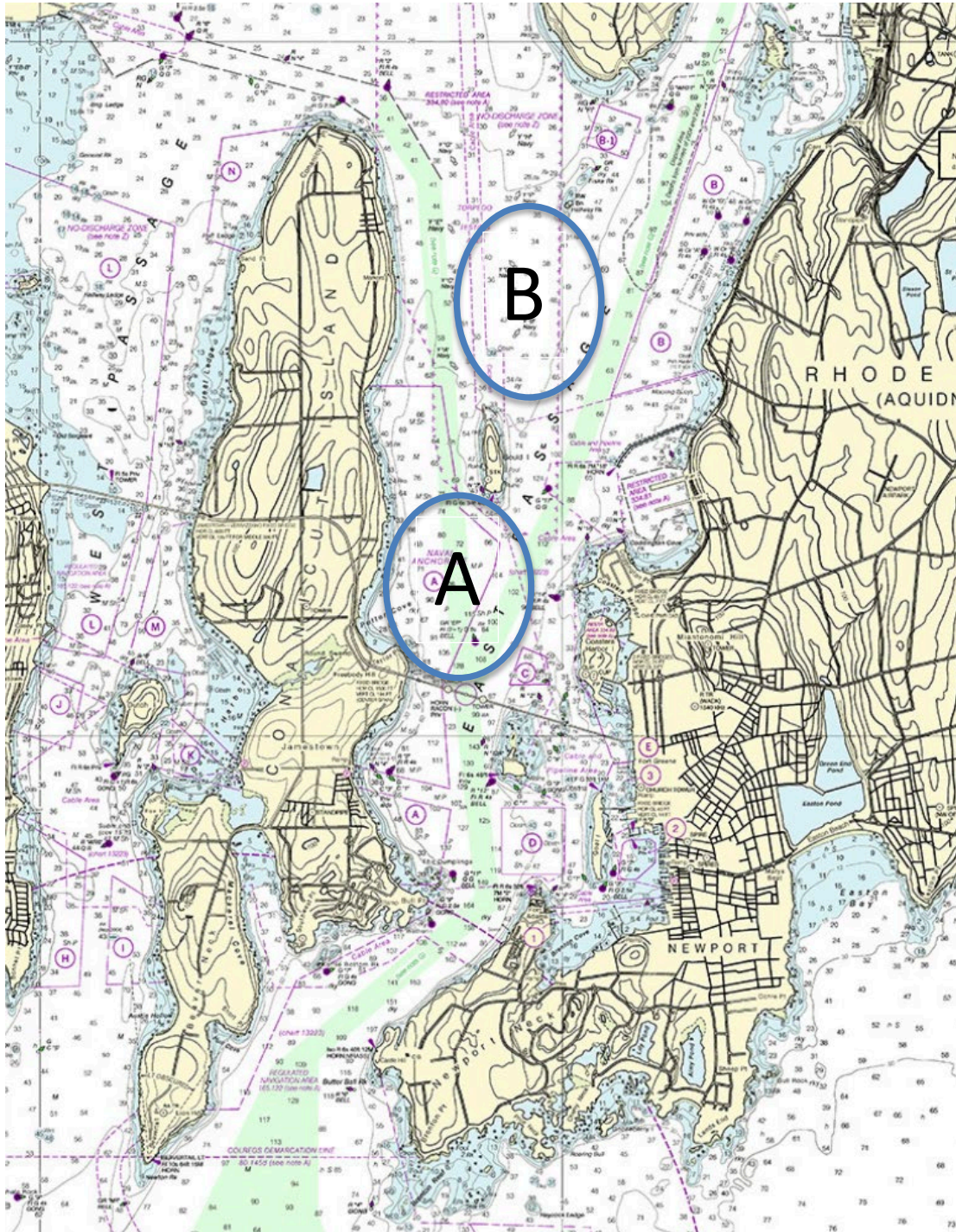
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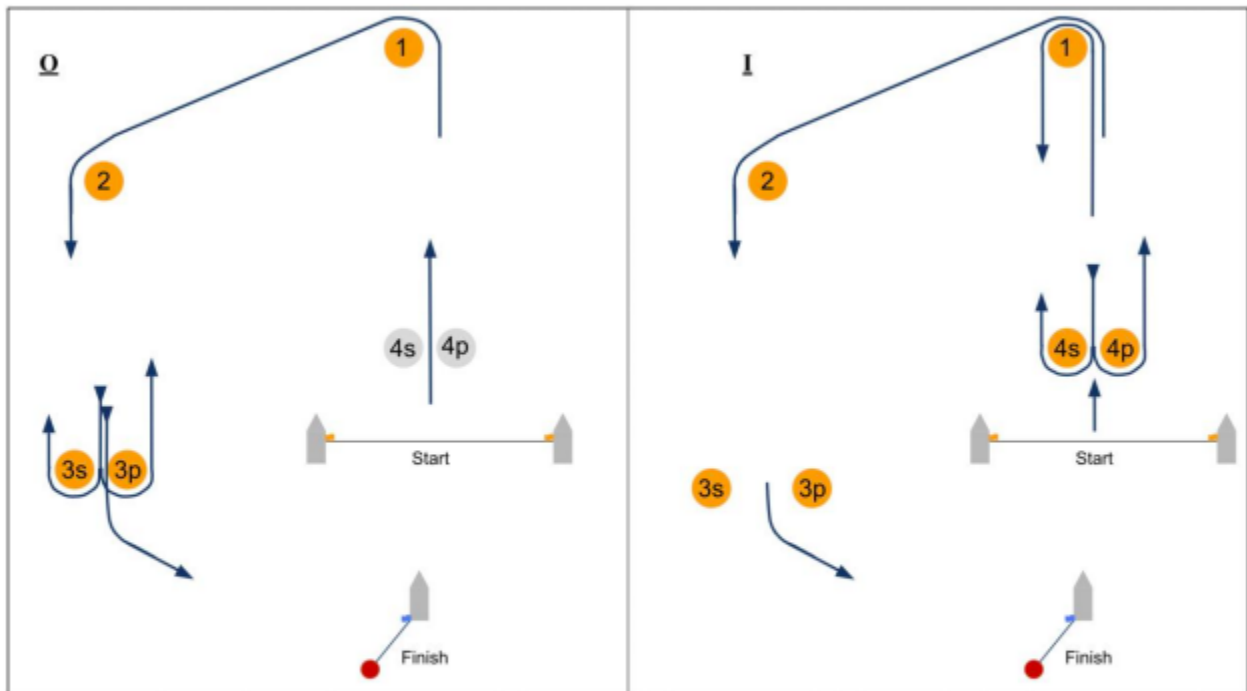
### ATTACHMENT B

### Racing Areas:



**ATTACHMENT C: Courses**

**Trapezoid Race Course with Inner and Outer Courses**  
(not to scale)



**Course: Outer Trapezoid**  
Mark Rounding Order  
Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish

**Course: Inner Trapezoid**  
Mark Rounding Order  
Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish