



## Safe Harbor Race Weekend

August 13-15, 2021 | Newport, Rhode Island

The inaugural Safe Harbor Race Weekend, is a three-day sailing regatta geared toward the enjoyment of boat owners, families, and crew members. Scheduled for August 13-15 in the waters in and around Narragansett Bay with boats over 30' LOA invited to participate. The goal of the organizers and local marina managers is to provide an event that delivers good sportsmanship, enjoyable competition, and sailing camaraderie over three fun-filled days with racing and exciting shoreside social events at Safe Harbor Marinas in Newport, Portsmouth, and Jamestown, RI.

Social highlights will include an opening Friday evening Coastal New England Dinner on The Point at Safe Harbor New England Boatworks overlooking Narragansett Bay, and a celebratory Talk of the Town Saturday night Crew Party and dinner featuring live music at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard in the heart of downtown Newport. This regatta is open to all sailors. Safe Harbor Members are invited to come enjoy the racing, or participate in the social events only, while also receiving a special rate on dockage, pending availability, at our three host marinas – (dockage and mooring information found in NoR Part 1 section 5).

Part 1 of this notice addresses general administrative information and Part 2 addresses rules and conditions of the regatta.

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### Part 1: General Administrative Information

##### 1. Organizing Authority (OA)

1.1 The 2021 Safe Harbor Race Weekend is organized by SHM RW, LLC.

##### 1.2 Address all correspondence pertaining to the regatta to:

Safe Harbor Race Weekend

Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard, 1 Washington Street, Newport RI 02840

Tel: (401) 846-6000 Fax: (401) 846-6001

Event Director: Tim Moll, [tmoll@shmarinas.com](mailto:tmoll@shmarinas.com)

Event Manager: Veronica Brown, [vbrown@shmarinas.com](mailto:vbrown@shmarinas.com)

Race Chairman: Peter Craig, [peter@premiere-racing.com](mailto:peter@premiere-racing.com)

##### 2. Race Week Website

Periodic updates and the latest information on the regatta can be found on the event website:

<https://www.shmarinas.com/safe-harbor-race-weekend>

### **3. Race Office**

The Safe Harbor Race Weekend Race Office will be located at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard.

### **4. Captains' Briefing**

The Captains' Briefing will be held on Thursday, August 12. Required participants, times, and the physical location or virtual plan will be provided in a notice prior to the meeting date.

### **5. Dockage**

**5.1** Entrants are responsible for arranging for their own dockage or mooring.

**5.2** Safe Harbor Members will be offered a special rate on dockage with a 25% savings at host marinas (pending availability) including: Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard, Safe Harbor New England Boatworks & Safe Harbor Jamestown Boatyard. Free transient nights may not be redeemed during Safe Harbor Race Weekend.

**5.3** Out of area entrants who are not Safe Harbor Members can arrange for dockage at any of the Safe Harbor marinas on Narragansett Bay (pending availability) and will be offered a special rate with 10% savings for the weekend. Information regarding participating Safe Harbor marinas can be found on the event website.

### **6. Media Rights**

Entrants and crew members give right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, as well as representation of their boats in any media (television, print, video footage, and internet media) for the purpose of press information, reporting, promoting and disseminating information.

### **7. Liability & Media Waiver**

**7.1** As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online liability waiver/media release (NoR Part 2, Section 4.6). The fully executed Liability & Media Waiver Form shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link will be posted on the event website.

**7.2** Boats shall not be scored unless the skipper/person-in-charge has submitted a liability & media waiver form. [DP]

**7.3** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority (SHRW, LLC), race committee, sponsors, affiliated companies, their representatives, staff and their agents 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. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46 and USSER 1.2, Responsibility.

### **8. Insurance**

It is a required condition of entry that each boat shall be insured by a reputable insurance company for physical loss of, or damage to, the boat up to the current market value of the boat and all its equipment onboard and also insured for Third Party Liability risks for the period of the regatta set forth in the schedule (NoR Part 2, Section 6).

### **9. Payment Instructions**

Contact the Event Manager for wiring instructions: [vbrown@shmarinas.com](mailto:vbrown@shmarinas.com)

## Part 2: Racing Rules & Conditions

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 1. Management

Safe Harbor Race Weekend is organized by SHM RW, LLC.

### 2. Rules

Safe Harbor Race Weekend will be governed by:

- a) The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
  - b) The US SAILING prescriptions to the RRS do not apply except for the prescriptions 61.4, 60.3, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1
  - c) ORC rating system rules and regulations;
  - d) IRC rating system rules and regulations;
  - e) Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Narragansett Bay (PHRF-NB);
  - f) New England Multihull Association (NEMA) rules and regulations;
  - g) Classic Rating Formula Mark II certificate;
  - h) One design rules for any one design class that meets the regatta's eligibility criteria;
  - i) Current Nearshore category of the US Safety Equipment Requirements and associated Appendices ("SER"). In the event of conflict between SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply;
  - j) Any applicable local maritime authority rules and regulations; and
  - k) Racing Rules are changed as follows: Rule 51 – to allow for the use of water ballast or canting keels for boats rated with such. Rule 52 – to allow the use of stored power.
- Note: RRS 55 (Trash Disposal) will be in effect. Disposable sail stops for spinnakers will not be allowed.

### 3. Advertising

3.1 A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

### 4. Eligibility & Entry

4.1 Entry is open to monohull and multihull boats whose LOA is 30 feet or greater.

4.2 A completed entry application and entry fee must be received by Friday, July 30, 2021. Boats are to enter and pay via the Yachtscoring.com page for Safe Harbor Race Weekend at: <https://yachtscoring.com>. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA. See NoR 5.1.3 for regatta fees. [DP]

4.3 All boats racing in handicap classes must submit a current and valid handicap certificate to [vbrown@shmarinas.com](mailto:vbrown@shmarinas.com) by Wednesday, August 4, 2021. See NoR 7.2 CLASSES for eligible handicap classes and NoR 8.1 MEASUREMENT for handicap certificate information. [DP]

4.4 All boats racing in one design classes must be in compliance with their one design class rules and regulations. [DP]

**4.5** Each boat is required to maintain a minimum level of insurance as stated in NOR Part 1, section 8.

**4.6** Each boat owner, skipper and crew member must sign a Crew Waiver Form on Yachtscoring.com. Waiver forms must be completed by August 12, 2021. [DP]

## **5. Fees**

**5.1** Entry Fees: The entry fee shall be paid via Yachtscoring.com. The Entry Fee is based on LOA. A boat's LOA is to be rounded down to the nearest whole number (e.g. 49.65' = 49'). The entry fees, paid before the July 30, 2021 deadline, are as follows:

Boats 30-39'	\$300
Boats 40-49'	\$500
Boats 50-59'	\$700
Boats 60+	\$900

**5.1.2** Early Entries: Special Early Entry fees are available as follows:

20% savings for entry applications and fees received before April 1;

10% savings for entry applications and fees received after April 1 and before May 15.

**5.1.3** Late Entries: Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA. A late fee of \$150 will be assessed for any entry application and fee received after the July 30, 2021 deadline.

**5.2** Wristband Fee: Wristband fee includes dinner and open bar Friday and Saturday evening. See NoR 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 for details. The wristband fee for owners, captains & crew 21 or older is \$80 per person. The wristband fee for crew under the age of 21 is \$40 per person, which includes Friday & Saturday dinners and non-alcoholic beverages. Wristbands must be purchased by July 30, 2021 to ensure entry. Wristbands will be sold at the discretion of the OA after July 30, 2021.

**5.3** Administration Fee: Boats withdrawing before June 1 will be granted a full refund. An administrative fee of \$150 will be applied to any cancellations after June 1 and prior to July 15, after which no refund will be granted.

## **6. Preliminary Schedule**

**6.1** Check-In: All boats shall pick up their regatta bags, which will include class assignments, scratch sheets and backstay flags, at their assigned Safe Harbor Marina location during the times listed below. Entrants will be notified of their assigned check in marina prior to August 6, 2021.

<b>6.2</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
	Thursday, August 12	1200-1800	Check-In at assigned Safe Harbor marina
	Friday, August 13	1200	First Warning Signal
		1800	SHNEB Coastal New England Dinner
	Saturday, August 14	1200	First Warning Signal
		1800	SHNSY Talk of the Town Crew Party
	Sunday, August 15	1200	First Warning Signal
		1600	Prize-Giving (Locations TBD)

**6.2.1** On Friday, August 13, a Coastal New England Dinner will be held on The Point at Safe Harbor New England Boatworks overlooking Narragansett Bay. Transportation to & from hotels reserved for Safe Harbor Race Weekend and other local marinas will be available, if needed, for guests traveling to and from Safe Harbor New England Boatworks on Friday evening.

**6.2.2** On Saturday, August 14, a Talk of the Town Crew Party and dinner will be held at Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard in the heart of downtown Newport featuring live music and local crew favorite fare.

**6.2.3** The prize-giving location will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

**6.3** It is the OA's intent to have no initial warning signal after 1500 on Sunday, August 15. The warning signal for a start following one or more general recalls or for subsequent starts on a circle may be made after 1500.

## **7. Classes**

**7.1** The OA will, at its sole discretion, divide the fleet into divisions and classes based on the composition and attributes of the fleet. A notice with the preliminary class breaks will be posted on the event website by Friday, July 30, 2021. At the race committee's discretion, classes may have different racing formats and sail different courses on any given day. See NoR section 10 VENUE, RACING FORMATS and COURSES.

**7.2** The OA will be as inclusive as possible in offering class racing for monohulls and multihulls under multiple handicap rules as well as one design racing. A final determination on racing classes will depend on the composition of the fleet and number of entries received by mid July. Potential classes include, but are not limited to:

- a) Nautor's Swan class;
- b) Oyster class;
- c) PHRF-NB handicap classes;
- d) ORC and/or ORC Club classes;
- e) IRC classes;
- f) NEMA multihull class;
- g) Mono and Multihull one design classes;
- h) Performance Cruising classes (spinnaker and non spinnaker);
- i) Double Handed classes;
- j) Classic classes; and
- k) 12 Metres.

## **8. Measurement & Handicap Certificates**

**8.1** Each boat shall submit a valid handicap certificate to the OA on or before 1700 on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. No changes shall be made after this date without the permission of the OA. [DP]

**8.2** Boats, including all qualifying equipment and sails, may be subject to random inspection by the OA at any time during this event.

## **9. Sailing Instructions & Class Assignments**

Sailing instructions and the final scratch sheet will be available on the event website and at check-in. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 0900 on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

## **10. Venue, Courses, & Racing Formats**

**10.1 Venue:** Racing will take place on Narragansett Bay and/or Rhode Island Sound depending on the classes and weather conditions each day. The OA will take into consideration boat owner input regarding racing venue prior to publishing their intent in the Sailing Instructions. It is likely that some classes will race on both Rhode Island Sound and Naragansett Bay during the three days of racing.

**10.2 Courses:** Courses for all classes will be defined in the sailing instructions and depending on the class, may include coastal races using government marks (1 race a day), and/or windward/leeward races (multiple races daily). Conditions permitting and depending on the class, a middle distance race or the popular 'Around Conanicut Island race' will be potential courses as part of the series. Courses may use inflatable and government buoys as well as islands and rocks as marks of the course.

**10.3 Racing Format:** It is the intent of the race committee to feature the conventional fleet racing start format for all classes. However, the race committee reserves the right to provide the staggered or pursuit racing formats for select classes based on final entries and the desire of participating boat owners.

## **11. Penalty System**

If class rules specify a penalty, a yacht that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident as provided in her class rules. All other penalties shall be as described in the sailing instructions.

## **12. Scoring**

**12.1** Multiple races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**12.2** A boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores, without discard, unless changed in the sailing instructions for a one-design class.

## **13. Prizes**

**13.1** Overall series prizes will be awarded in each class to the boats placing first, second and third.

**13.2** Additional prizes may be awarded as determined by the OA and will be described in the sailing instructions.

## **14. Further Information**

**14.1** For further information, please visit the regatta website <https://www.shmarinas.com/safe-harbor-race-weekend> or contact the Regatta Manager (NoR Part 1, section 1.2)

**14.2** Hotel Blocks will be secured with a Safe Harbor Marinas special rate. Reservation links will be provided on the event website as soon as they are available.