

Addendum to All 2020 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions Rhode Island Yacht Club



This Addendum shall apply to all Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI) issued by the Rhode Island Yacht Club (RIYC) in 2020 found on the 2020 Race [Schedule](#) . The addendum does not replace the existing NORs or SIs except in sections of each document **highlighted** below. This Addendum was prepared after reviewing suggested guidance, regulations, and executive orders from US Sailing, CDC, World Sailing, the US Olympic Committee, RIDEM and the RI Governor's Office.

The addendum identifies the actions appropriate to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19. RIYC's priority is the health and safety of club members and their guests. Adherence to these actions we believe will enable our club to safely conduct racing activities within the current framework of restrictions imposed by the State of Rhode Island and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). These guidelines are in addition to other COVID-19 related requirements that are in effect for the general operation of the RIYC and shall not supersede such requirements. The RIYC Board of Directors will rely on the current State of RI requirements, CDC recommendations and RI DEM guidance as we proceed through this pandemic. As these requirements and recommendations are revised, this document will be updated accordingly. Please check back and sail safe.

REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY:

- The Gaspee Regatta shall be run on Saturday June 13, 2020
- The regatta is open to all boats having a current PHRF-NB certificate and rating.
- Skippers are encouraged to safely configure crews with the minimum number onboard.
- Crew complement approved by the owner and/or skipper are encouraged to remain consistent through the race season.

CLASSES AND SCHEDULE:

- There will be three PHRF classes; one spinnaker (contingent on applications received) and two non-spinnaker classes, Class A and B. This applies to all Summer Series races.

SCHEDULE:

The warning signal for the first of three starts will be at 1815 for the Summer Series and 1800 for the Fall series. There will be three classes: Spinnaker Class X, Classes A and B PHRF non-spinnaker.

CLASS FLAGS:

Classes will start in the following order:

- Red Flag – Class X
- White Flag – Class A
- Yellow Flag – Class B

FEE:

There will be a fee for the Summer series and the Fall Series. Fees are to be paid separately and one week prior to the first race of each series.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All changes to Notices and Instructions will be posted on the Race Program [Webpage](#) on a timely basis per Racing Rules of Sailing

PROTESTS:

In addition to following Rule 61, upon displaying the red flag, protest forms (available on the RIYC Race Program webpage) must be filed electronically with the Race Committee within twenty-four hours after the protesting boat finishes. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the race.

SCORING AND AWARDS:

Scoring shall be on a Time on Distance method adjusted for Narragansett Bay PHRF unless otherwise noticed. To qualify for the overall series trophies the total number of races raced by a boat and the best number of finishes to be counted will equal the total number of races required for the two series which is ten (10). Results of the race will be announced on VHF Channel 72, emailed to the skippers and posted to the RIYC Race Program webpage. Awards will be distributed to winners. There will be no presentations in the RIYC Club House at the conclusion of the races.

SAFETY:

Pre-Race Preparations:

The dock is an area of increased potential for the spread of COVID-19. Boat preparation and crew assembly typically is concentrated on the dock prior to the boats setting out for the starting line. To minimize personal interaction, every effort should be made by skippers to move their crew and gear directly to their boat in its slip or on its mooring thus avoiding any crowding on the dock. Participants are encouraged to plan ahead and where possible, arrive early or pre-stage their boat at a time which avoids contact with other boats and crews. Six-foot distancing must be strictly adhered to on the docks. All participants, skippers, crew and volunteers must wear face masks/covering, maintain six (6) feet from one another, and wash hands prior to boarding vessels and after disembarking. Skippers should sanitize their vessels after each race. There should be no sharing gear of any kind; water bottles, food, other implements or clothing.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the race series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race, RRS. The organizing authority (RIYC) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race series. The final decision on whether to race or not is up to the skipper. If that person is not comfortable racing, they should not start. Please see **SPECIAL NOTICES. Force Majeure.** The RIYC reserves the right to cancel any race, race series, regatta or related event due to circumstances beyond its control. In no event shall the Rhode Island Yacht Club be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including without limitation; strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God.

SPECIAL NOTICES:

Skippers must evaluate the health of their crew by questioning each on their state of well-being prior to boarding the vessel or the launch. Do they have fever, aches, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath, muscle aches, chills with shaking, loss of taste and smell, sore throat or headache? All skippers must maintain a list of names, address and telephone numbers of all crewmembers if needed for contact tracing. This list must be provided to the RIYC if requested for pandemic related reasons.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Dockage and Social Activities. Visiting boats are once again eligible for mooring and launch services. There is a full service restaurant and bar.