# New England Fleet Race Championships



New London, CT April 17 & 18, 2021

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024), the Procedural Rules and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition, and the NEISA Rules and Regulations, except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Teams are limited to having 7 sailors at the event.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices will be posted to the notice board on techscore.

#### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any ch<mark>ang</mark>es in the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted before the first race in which they are to take effect.

## 4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday-	1030	Report Time	Sunday-	1030	Report Time
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	1800	No Starting Signal After		1800	No Starting Signal After

#### 5. FORMAT

5.1. The event will be sailed in combined divisions with 8 races scheduled.

## 6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. FJs will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.
- 6.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 6.3. The penalty for infringing instruction 6.1 or 6.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 6.4. Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee Boat on the

## 7. ROTATION

- 7.1. Boats will be assigned for each skipper and crew(s) for the duration of the event. There will be no boat rotation.
- 7.2. Sailor substitutions may occur on the water or at docks

#### 8. MARKS

- 8.1. Rounding marks will be colored buoys for the FJ Fleet.
- 8.2. The start line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the Race Committee Start Boat and buoy at the port end (start mark).

#### 9. COURSE

9.1. Course diagrams will be posted on the Notice Board.

## 10. STARTING SYSTEM

- 10.1. FJ races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).
- 10.2. Recalls will be in accordance with PR 18(b)(ii) and PR 18(b)(iii).
- 10.3. A prep flag will be flown at 2 minutes and removed at 1 minute. The flag is a courtesy and does not actually change the timing of the signal which is audible.

## 11. PROTESTS

- 11.1. Every attempt should be made to exonerate rule infringements on the water.
- 11.2. Completed protest forms shall be photographed and sent via email or text to the PRO within the time limit.
- 11.3. In the event of a protest, hearings will be conducted virtually or at an outdoor location with competitors from each venue.

#### 12. SAFETY

- 12.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should so signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 12.2. Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.
- 12.3. At the discretion of the Regatta Chairman, a race may be abandoned at any point if there is submarine traffic approaching in the Thames River. When a race is abandoned, competitors shall sail toward Jacobs Rock floats and the rotation area. Failure to comply with SI 12.3 will result in disqualification from the regatta. This changes RRS 32.1.

#### 13. COACHING

- 13.1. Coach boats will be provided for all coaches.
- 13.2. Coaching will be performed after races and during breaks.
- 13.3. In the event of an emergency, coaches will be asked to assist competitors on their team.