DF95 US Region 1 Championship

March 28--29, 2026 – Sail Newport, Newport, RI
The Organizing Authority is the Newport Model Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1. **RULES:** The RRS are insanely complicated, but we do have to use them! The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including RRS Appendix E. If we have inadvertently changed a rule, so be it! We are trying hard to make this fun and not complicated.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be announced orally and may be posted on the Official Notice Board and via What'sApp. The official notice board will be online at https://newportmodelsailingclub.org/
3. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Changes to the sailing instructions may be communicated orally to all affected competitors before the warning signal of the relevant race or heat per RRS E1.3(d).
4. **SCHEDULE:**

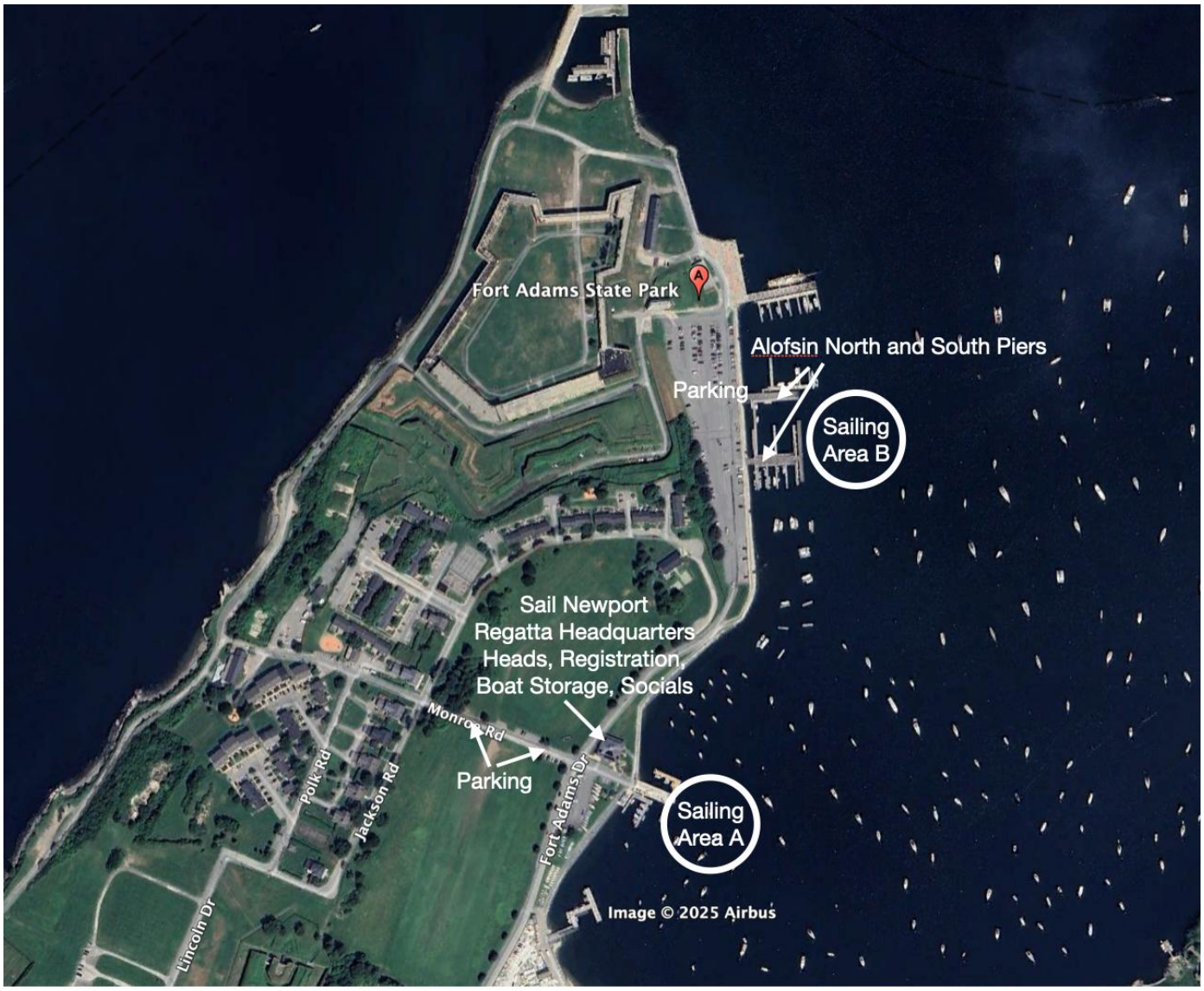
Friday March 27	1400-1700	Check-in, Equipment Inspection in the lobby and on the deck, Practice.
	1730	Off Site Social TBD
Saturday March 28	0800-1000	Check-in, Equipment Inspection on the deck
	1000	Skipper's meeting on the lawn at the flagpole
	1030	First Warning Signal
	After Racing:	Social After Racing @Sail Newport
Sunday March 29	0900	Skipper's meeting
	930	First Warning Signal
	1500	No initial Warning Signal shall be made after this time.
	Awards presentation immediately following final race.	

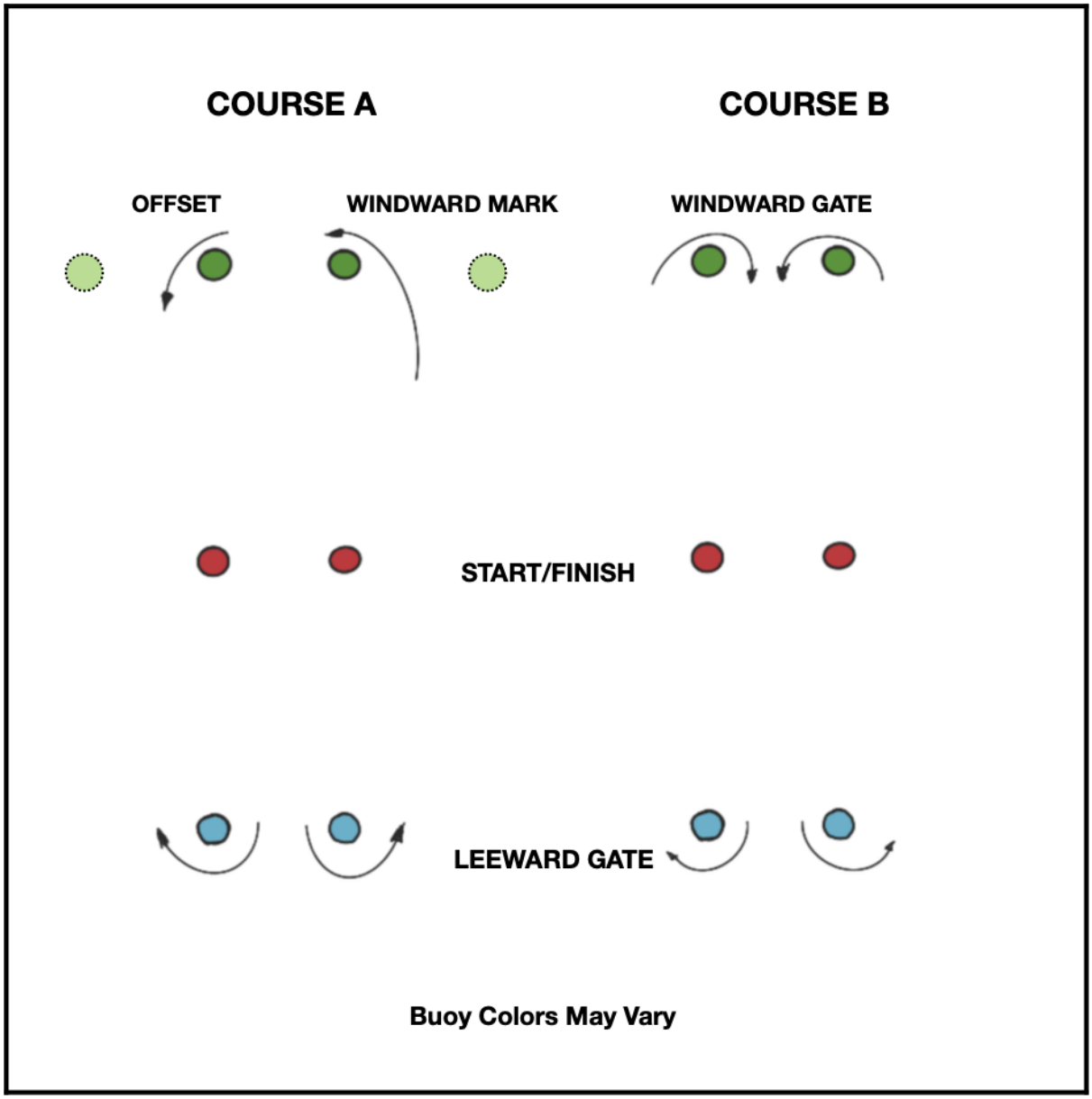
5. **RACING FORMAT**:
   5.1. Races will be Windward-Leeward courses.
   5.2. We will be using EITHER a windward gate (rounding outside-in) or windward marks with offsets. Leeward marks will be a gate (inside-out)
   5.3. Courses for each flight will be announced with the 2-minute warning announcement prior to each flight
   5.4. Marks will be a combination of inflatable buoys and cylindrical robotic marks
6. **COURSE LOCATIONS:** The course area will be announced and posted before each day's racing. See Appendix A. We may switch between sailing areas during a day to create a better race track.
7. **THE START:**
   7.1. The Race Committee will hail the name of the next heat approximately 3 minutes prior to the starting signal for that race . It is the competitor's responsibility to hear this call and for the boat to compete in her assigned heat. Failure to hear and comply with the Race Committee's hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4 (b).
   7.2. Races will be started using the AMYA 2-minute countdown timer. This changes RRS E3.4(a).
   7.3. A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
   7.4. U FLAG AND BLACK FLAG STARTS: The race committee may inform a boat that she has broken RRS 30.3 or 30.4 and is disqualified, by hailing "UFD [sail number]" or "BFD [sail number]". The hail should be repeated until the hailed boat responds. The hailed boat shall immediately retire, promptly leave the course area and, under RRS 23.1 shall not, if reasonably possible, interfere with a boat that is racing. This changes RRS E3.7 U Flag and Black Flag Rules
8. **POSPONEMENTS/ HOLDS:** Racing may be postponed periodically at the discretion of the RC for changes in weather conditions or for other reasonable cause.
9. **TIME LIMITS**:
   9.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish after having sailed the course in accordance with RRS 28 will be 20 minutes.

9.2. Boats not subject to another penalty which fail to finish within ten minutes of the finish time of the first boat to start, sail the course properly, and finish will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

10. **THE FINISH:** The finishing line will be between the finishing marks, which will be described by the RC before the start of racing.
11. **PENALTY SYSTEM:**
    - 11.1. A boat breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 may take a one-turn penalty as described in Rule E4.3.
    - 11.2. RRS 62.1 & E6.6 (Redress) the following is added: "In order to qualify for a redress hearing:
      - 11.2.1. If the incident occurred on a leg of the course, the boat requesting redress must retire on the leg of the course upon which the incident occurred,
      - 11.2.2. For the purpose of this rule only, a mark and its offset mark are considered a single mark."
      - 11.2.3. RRS E4.3(b) (Taking a penalty) is changed to read as follows: "if the boat gained a significant advantage in the heat or race by her breach of a rule despite taking a one turn penalty, her penalty shall be additional turns as required to negate the significant advantage gained."
12. **PROTESTS:**
    - 12.1. A boat protesting another boat while sailing shall hail the other boat, as required by Rule 61.1(a) as modified by Rule E6.3, except that she must loudly repeat the hail twice (eg:"5-0 protests 7-5, repeat, 5-0 protests 7-5"). This changes Rule E6.3.
    - 12.2. A boat intending to file a protest shall inform the RC verbally promptly upon finishing the race in which the incident occurred. A boat shall file a written protest no more than 10 minutes after the start of the next race in which she is not racing.
    - 12.3. The "Five minute justice" expedited hearing format will be used: Protests will be heard as soon as practicable.
13. **SCORING**:
    - 13.1. Races will be scored per the Heat Management System https://www.mya-uk.org.uk/kb/mya-heat-management-system-hms-current/ , The Low Point System.
    - 13.2. Series ties will be broken using the HMS procedures.
    - 13.3. Excluded races: See HMS 1.6: Discards after 4, 8, 16, 24 races & so on
    - 13.4. Boats finishing in an incorrect heat will not be allowed to sail in their assigned heat for that race and will be scored DNS for their correct heat.
14. **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS:** (DP) If any measured equipment is found to have been modified, the boat involved will be scored "DNS" for all races to the point when the modifications were discovered.
15. **AWARDS:** Awards for first through third place will be given after racing on Sunday at or near the Sail Newport Deck.
16. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** The organizing authority and race management volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
17. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Remember that we are always in friendly competition. Please watch your language and treat each other with respect.

Appendix A: Racing Locations



Appendix B: Courses

Course A1 or B1: 1 Lap, Start and Finish in the Middle
Course A2 or B2: 2 laps, Start and Finish in the Middle