The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta
and the US Para Sailing Championship

June 23-28, 2026
Newport, Rhode Island
Organizing Authority: Clagett Sailing in collaboration with US Sailing

Notice of Race

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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. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The following documents govern the regatta and shall be completed by all competitors:
- (a) Medical form, health insurance information, skipper and crew waivers and crew information.

1.3 The following documents also govern the US Para Sailing Championship:
- (a) US Sailing Championship Conditions
- (b) US Para Sailing Championship Conditions
- (c) [NP] US Sailing Championships Code of Conduct
- (d) [DP] US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy
- (e) This is a Grade 3 (no private coaching) event.

1.4 Racing rules are changed as follows:
- (a) Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or"
- (b) RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters.
- (c) The US Sailing Prescription to the Preamble to Part 5, Section B is deleted.

1.5 2.4mR boats (singlehanded) will race under 2.4mR Norlin One-Design class rules.

1.6 Martin 16 boats (doublehanded) will race under Martin 16 class rules and the double-handed sailing format will apply (Martin 16 Class Rule 6.3). Main and jib are permitted; spinnakers are prohibited.

1.7 Once the regatta begins, there shall be no crew changes without the written permission of the organizing authority (OA).

1.8 [NP] A boat shall not protest another boat or competitor for breaking a class rule that requires class membership. This changes RRS 60.1.

1.9 Event Grading and Ranking (For Para Inclusive Ranking Points)

(a) The event has currently been assigned a 50-point grading. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing.

(b) Disability:

i. For sailors/teams wishing to compete for ranking points in the 'Para' category in either the single or doublehanded class(es), Para World Sailing minimal disability (MD) classification criteria must apply to the singlehanded sailor or to both sailors entered as being part of a team Each sailor must have a current / valid classification status at the time of the event.

ii. For a singlehanded sailor or teams wishing to compete for ranking points in the 'Inclusive' category, a self-declaration of a minimum disability, condition, or illness that affects daily life must apply to the singlehanded sailor and at least one of the two athletes entered as a team.

iii. Classification may be available at this event.

2. SAFETY [DP]

2.1 A U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket shall be worn, properly fitted and fastened, while afloat except briefly while adding or removing clothing. Competitors from outside the U.S. may substitute a life jacket approved by their nation's maritime authority.

2.2 PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing, except that a thin shirt or bib may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.

2.3 The OA recommends the use of protective helmets.

2.4 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee vessel before leaving the course, or if that is not possible, a regatta representative at the regatta tent at Sail Newport.

2.5 Competitors shall identify the location of all safety harness quick release points on their boat with fluorescent colored tape or paint.

2.6 Support boats shall register with the OA and display a provided flag while on the water.

3. COMMUNICATION [DP]

3.1 The official notice board is located on the event website. An unofficial courtesy notice board will be maintained in the regatta tent as well.

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Boats shall monitor race committee communications on a designated VHF channel. Radios will not be provided.

3.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board before the event and will be provided during registration.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 The event is open to all boats that meet the following requirements:

(a) Single-handed fleet – 2.4mR: one person with a disability.

(b) Double-handed fleet – Martin 16: two persons with disabilities or one person with disability and one safety companion with or without a disability.

(c) Competitors shall supply their own boats or arrange for a charter.

(d) Competitors shall be members of US Sailing or members of their home country's Member National Authority. Non-members can join US Sailing online.

(e) Competitors shall not use banned substances that would cause them to be declared ineligible under the rules and regulations of the US Anti-Doping Agency, except under the terms of a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption

(TUE). A copy of the TUE shall be provided to the organizing authority (OA) before racing begins.

(f) Classification may be offered at the event but is not required.

(g) The OA or race officials may conduct equipment inspection at any time before, during, or after the regatta.

5.2 All competitors in a team shall have a World Sailing Sailor ID. All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/ . Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

6. ENTRY AND FEES

6.1 Eligible competitors may enter no later than June 16, 2026, by registering online at the event website and paying all required fees. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all advance and on-site registration requirements and pay all fees. Registrations may be accepted after this date at the discretion of the OA, but regatta swag and lunch selections are not guaranteed for late registrants.

6.2 The clinic and regatta registration fee is $225 US per competitor. An additional late fee of $125 US per person will apply to registrations received after May 31.

6.3 Entry includes one launch and one haul out, docking during the event, coaching and post-race socials and awards ceremony for competitors.

6.4 Meal and beverage fees for non-competitors are a suggested donation of $30/person/day. Please reserve meals by June 16 by emailing cmr@clagettsailing.org.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 Advertising shall comply with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. Additional advertising at the venue may be displayed only with advance approval by the OA. [DP]

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, June 23

1500 – 1800 Check-in at the Clagett Regatta tent, Sail Newport

(Boats and trailers arriving before this date may incur storage and/or hoist fees, which are the responsibility of the competitor. Contact Sail Newport for additional information.)

Competitors are strongly encouraged to participate in the clinic for the benefit of all sailors. Boats are expected to be docked at Alofsin Pier near the regatta tent and ready to take part in the start of the clinic by 0900 on Wednesday, June 24.

Wednesday, June 24

1000 – 1200	Welcome followed by clinic
1200 – 1300	Lunch afloat or ashore
1300 – 1600	Clinic afloat or ashore (run by coaches)
1600 – 1700	Coach debrief (no organized competitor dinner social)

Thursday, June 25

1000 – 1200	Clinic Day
1200 – 1300	Lunch afloat or ashore
1300 – 1600	Clinic afloat or ashore (run by coaches)
1600 – 1700	Coach debrief (no organized competitor dinner social)

Friday, June 26

0830	Competitor meeting followed by coach briefing
1100	First Warning Signal
After racing	Coach debrief

1800	Dinner at regatta tent

Saturday, June 27

0930	Coach briefing
1100	First Warning Signal
After racing	Coach debrief
1800	Dinner at regatta tent

Sunday, June 28

0930	Coach briefing
1100	First Warning Signal
1500	No warning signal after this time
After racing	Coach debrief
After racing	Awards and cookout at regatta tent

9. VENUE

8.1 Racing will be held in Narragansett Bay near Newport Harbor. Sail Newport is the host site. Attachment A shows the race areas. The race area will be announced at the competitors meeting or coach briefing each day.

8.2 Race Area "A" is between Rose Island and Goat Island. Race Area "B" is north of the Newport-Pell Bridge near Potter Cove. Race Area "C" is north of the Newport-Pell Bridge near Coasters Island.

10. COURSES

Courses may include windward-leeward or trapezoid courses.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident and Appendix V2, Post-Race Penalties will apply.

12. SCORING

12.1 The race committee will run no more than five races per day and a maximum of 15 races for the regatta. A minimum of three races is required to be completed by a class to constitute a series.

12.2 When fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores. When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score.

12.3 The Clagett Regatta and Para Sailing Championship fleets will sail and be scored together. For the championship, the highest placing championship-eligible boat will be declared the winner, the second highest placing championship-eligible boat will be scored in second place, and so on.

13. PRIZES

13.1 For the Clagett Regatta:

- The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Trophy will be awarded for overall excellence to a sailor with a disability or a full team of sailors with disabilities.
- Competition awards or medals will be awarded to the skipper and crew from the first three finishing positions in each class.

- In addition, the following awards will be presented and may be based on criteria other than the competition at the discretion of the OA:
  - Sportsmanship – determined by polling the participants
  - Most Improved – determined by the coaches and judges
  - Seamanship – based on a point system

- Additional prizes may be presented and may be based on criteria other than competition at the discretion of the OA.

13.2 For the US Para Sailing Championship:

- US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three boats in each division.

13.3 The winner of the single-handed class will be awarded the Judd Goldman Trophy.

- The highest placing singlehanded U.S. finisher will be named the U.S. Para Sailing Singlehanded Champion.
- The winner of the double-handed class will be awarded the Chandler Hovey Trophy.
- The highest placing U.S. finisher will be named the U.S. Para Sailing Doublehanded Champion.

14. SERVICE ANIMALS [DP]

The care and supervision of service animals is the sole responsibility of the sailor or owner of the animal. Service animals shall always be under the control of the sailor or owner and shall be harnessed, leashed, or tethered unless such restraint interferes with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents such restraint. Service animals shall not accompany the sailor onboard a boat provided by the OA. Sailors using their own personal sailboat shall apply to the OA for permission to take a service animal afloat during racing. While the sailor is on the water the service animal must be looked after away from the regatta site. The OA will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury resulting from the actions of service animals.

15. SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available to sailors with disabilities to support travel and housing costs. Competitors may request up to $1,000 in scholarship. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on availability. The application deadline is June 8. For more information, visit https://clagettsailing.org/Clagett-Newport-Scholarships.

16. ALCOHOL

Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed on any competitor or support boat associated with the regatta. Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed on the premises of Fort Adams State Park except beverages served and consumed in the regatta tent during social hours.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY and MEDIA RELEASE

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. US Sailing and Clagett Sailing and their officers, directors and employees, the event volunteers and officials, the event sponsors, and any other member of the regatta will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. A waiver of liability shall be signed by all competitors and shall be considered a document governing the regatta.

17.2 Competitors grant, at no cost and in perpetuity, to Clagett Sailing and US Sailing the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media world-wide (including television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the Clagett Sailing, US Sailing and the US Para Sailing Championship and the competitor's participation in the event.

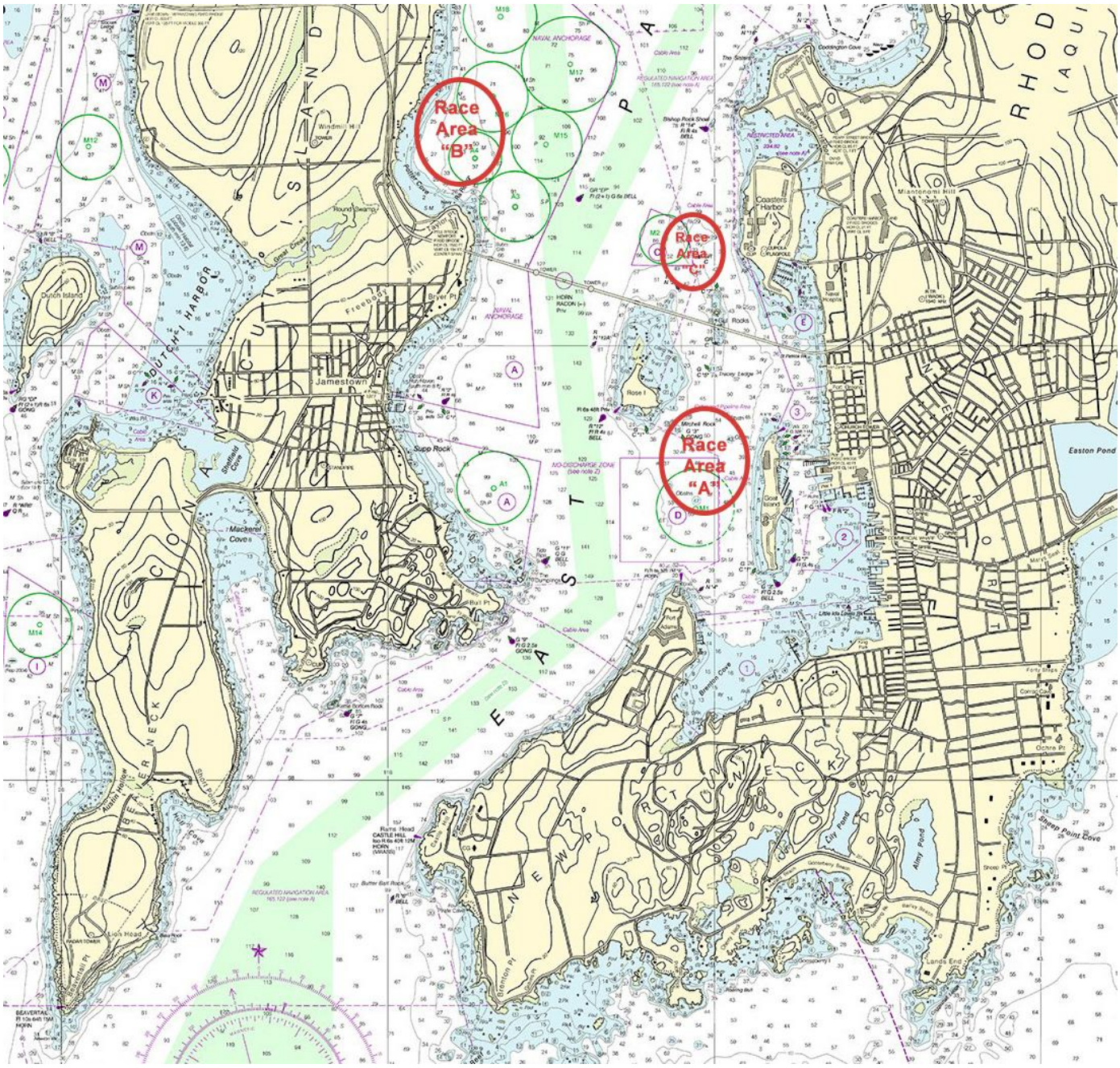
18. CONTACT INFORMATION

Regatta website: https://clagettsailing.org
Regatta Email: cmr@clagettsailing.org
Regatta Co-Chair: Dan Dwyer, clagettsailingcochair@gmail.com
Regatta Co-Chair: Stephanie McLennan, smclennan@clagettsailing.org
Regatta Office: Lynda Costic, 401-846-4470, cmr@clagettsailing.org
Media/public relation contact: Sam Crichton, crichton.sam@gmail.com

US Sailing Adult Director: Betsy Alison, 401-342-7914, BetsyAlison@ussailing.org
US Sailing Competition Manager: Diana Emmanuelli, 401-342-7961, dianaemmanuelli@ussailing.org
Website: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2026-u-s-para-sailing-championship/

Host site: Sail Newport, 60 Fort Adams Drive, Newport, RI 02840
Contact for trailer storage: Nick Mauprivez, nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org
SN contact for event: Nikki Raccio, nikki.raccio@sailinewport.org

ATTACHMENT A – RACE AREAS



(End of Notice of Race)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Documents: The governing documents listed in NoR 1.3 are available on the US Sailing Para Sailing Championships web page: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2026-u-s-para-sailing-championship/.

Lodging and Transportation: Clagett Sailing will attempt to arrange for ADA-compliant lodging within a reasonable distance from the competition venue. Additionally, there mays be accessible ferry service between Perrotti Park and Fort Adams during the event. Please see the event website for more information: https://clagettsailing.org/Information.