



Wednesday Night Rhodes 19 and Trimaran Fleet Racing

Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

May 20 – September 30, 2026

Naval Station Newport, RI

Notice of Race (NoR), 20 MAY 2026 Update

The Organizing Authority is the Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club (CHNYC); website chnyc.us.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) for 2025-2028.
- 1.2 The Notice of Race (NoR) posted at <https://chnyc.us/wednesday-night-racing/> applies.
- 1.3 Rules **RRS 90.3(a)** and **RRS Appendix A4** are changed as discussed in section 9.
- 1.4 Boats shall be operated in accordance with Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department rules and regulations.
- 1.5 Race participant interference with commercial traffic may invoke a sanction of disqualification of said participant by the protest committee that is not excludable (DNE) from one or more races (see SI 2026 paragraph 9.1).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The 2026 Sailing Instructions (SI 2026) are available at <https://chnyc.us/wednesday-night-racing/>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of communication on channels 09, 16, 71. These are available through the Marina or may be provided personally. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71. Coasters Harbor Island Marina office monitors VHF radio channel 09. VHF radio channel 16 will be reserved for emergency communications.
- 3.2 It is the responsibility of competitors to check the CHNYC web site for changes to the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Race Committee duty assignments and other communication to competitors.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Races are open to the Rhodes 19 sailboats rented from the Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department at the Coasters Harbor

Island Marina. Boats will not be measured for Rhodes 19 class compliance.

- 4.2 Races are also open to trimaran sailboats, as approved for participation by the CHNYC Board. Trimarans will race as a separate fleet with their own start. Trimaran participants must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in this document.
- 4.3 For entry and scoring purposes, a “boat” shall be associated with a skipper and/or co-skipper, if designated by the skipper to race in his stead, and supporting crew regardless of the hull numbers assigned for individual races or series.
- 4.4 To be eligible to race, skippers (or both co-skippers) of all vessels racing must be members in good standing of Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club. Rhodes 19 participants must additionally hold a Qualification Record card from NAVSTA Newport, MWR Department that is authorized for “Racing, Rhodes 19”.
- 4.5 One skipper from each boat shall register to participate in the Wednesday Night Race Series by completing the CHNYC Online Registration form at <https://chnyc.us/racing/racing-form/>.
- 4.6 Each skipper and crew, prior to racing, shall have completed a Crew Waiver form located at <https://chnyc.us/racing/racing-form/>.

5. FEES:

- 5.1 Per-boat entry fees are \$45 for the spring series and \$45 for the summer series. Package price of \$100 is available through 03 May 2026 to include the Spring Series and Summer Series, and the Winslow Cup Regatta.
- 5.2 Entry Fees shall be paid prior to racing in the applicable series.
- 5.3 Payment shall be made through the Ship’s Store Online Registration on the CHNYC web site.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The season will be comprised of two series, a Spring Series and a Summer Series, each with 10 scheduled races. The intent is to conduct one race each Wednesday evening according to the following schedule:

Event	Dates	Time of Warning Signal
Practice Race	20 May	1730
Spring Series	27 May – 22 July	1730
Summer Series	29 July – 26 August	1730
	02 – 30 September	
	Trimaran	1650
	Rhodes 19	1700

*The Trimaran fleet will participate in 02-30 SEP starts only.

- 6.2 The ability to conduct a race on any date may be constrained by weather, equipment availability or other factors. The decision to conduct a race shall be by consensus of the Marina, the Fleet Captain, and Race Committee. The marina shall maintain the authority to delay, cancel, postpone, or abandon a race for safety as required.

7. BOAT ASSIGNMENTS AND RACE COMMITTEE DUTY

- 7.1 Skippers will be assigned boats for Rhodes 19 racing by the Fleet Captain on a rotating basis. An online tool will be utilized to assign boats. Skippers/Co-Skippers shall acknowledge boat assignment using the tool to indicate availability or unavailability to race by Sunday noon. If unavailable the Fleet Captain or his alternate will assign the boat to another team. By Wednesday morning the boat assignments will be locked down, and any remaining unassigned boats will be available for MWR Rental.
- 7.2 Skippers shall sail their assigned boats unless otherwise directed by the Fleet Captain or MWR for reasons such as unavailability of the assigned boat. Any questions of clarifications should be directed to the Fleet Captain at rhodes19@chync.us.
- 7.3 Each boat shall provide two persons to perform Race Committee duty through a Fleet rotation during each series, if needed.
 - 7.3.1 One of the persons provided should be power boat qualified. If a power boat qualified person cannot be provided, the skipper shall request assistance from the race committee.
 - 7.3.2 Alternatives for self-starting may be employed when power boat qualified personnel are not available for RC during the rotation.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Races will be held on the East Passage in Narragansett Bay, Newport, RI.
- 8.2 The starting area will be in the general vicinity of Gull Rock and Bishop Rock Shoal.
- 8.3 The racing area and the courses to be raced are identified on the Sail Newport's South Bay Race Chart under "Starts West of Coasters Harbor Island."
- 8.4 Special Courses - The Race Committee may select courses using a combination of government marks and special race marks. All marks are identified on the Sail Newport's South Bay Race Chart.
- 8.5 The most current Sail Newport's South Bay Race Chart may be picked up at the marina office, Sail Newport, Newport, RI or downloaded at the CHNYC site.
- 8.6 The Race Committee may assign different courses to the Rhodes 19 and trimaran fleets based on wind conditions. Courses will be posted on the RC boat for each fleet prior to the starting sequence.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. **RRS 90.3(a)** is changed as follows: A race shall be scored if at least two boats start and

it is not abandoned and at least one boat sails the course in compliance with Rule 28 and finishes within the time limit, even if she retires after finishing or is disqualified.

- 9.2 **RRS Appendix A4** is changed as follows: Rhodes 19 races and series, and the Rhodes 19 season championship, shall be scored using the *High-Point Percentage Scoring System(HPSS)*. Details are provided in the SI. Start and Finish Times will be recorded and reported as Local Time with 1-second resolution
- 9.3 The Trimaran fleet will be provided start and finish times for each entrant after each race. Start and Finish times will be recorded and reported as Local Time with 1-second resolution. The Trimaran fleet will perform scoring from the reported times for the trimaran fleet. Results may be posted on the CHNYC web site, if requested.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each Rhodes 19 series, and for the Rhodes 19 season champion. The Trimaran fleet may present their own prizes at their cost and discretion. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of CHNYC.
- 10.2. Prizes will be presented at the CHNYC Annual Awards Banquet.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1. Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 3**, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race. For CHNYC members, the CHNYC Burgee Program policy provides limited liability coverage for all members when participating in CHNYC events unless the member's actions are found to be willfully negligent or criminal. Racers are also encouraged to check their homeowners or renters insurance policies for liability coverage.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

Notice to Competitors /Official Notice Board: CHNYC.us

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