

Every Regatta Includes Several Different and Important Documents That Every Sailor Should Know

Notice of Race	Sailing Instructions	Racing Rules of Sailing	Procedural Rules	Class Association Rules
"NOR"	"SI's"	"RRS"	"PRs"	"Class Rules"
<i>What you need to know before you leave your house</i>	<i>What you need to know before you leave the shore</i>	<i>What you need to know while you are racing on the water</i>	<i>What you need to know if you are racing in high school or collegiate regattas</i>	<i>What you need to know if you are competing in a One-Design or "Design Rule" Class</i>
Who is eligible to race? How do I register?	Where will official notices to sailors be posted?	These rules keep all sailors safe	There are several rules regarding "eligibility" - as in what is required for students to be eligible to compete.	Examples of Class Associations include: Optimist, ILCA/Laser, C420, J70. Examples of Design Rules include: IOR, IMS, Americas Cup, SailGP.
What kind of boats will be raced? Do I bring my own?	How will races be conducted?	These rules make sure the competition is always fair	Include rules regarding if, when, and how colleges may recruit sailors to their school/team. There are NO sailing scholarships in college.	The RRS and its race document templates consider Class Rules to be automatically in effect unless otherwise specified in the NOR or SI's.
Where will the regatta take place? Where should I launch?	What will the start sequence be?	These rules are the same at every regatta in the United States	Prescribes limits on the amount of time sailors can spend practicing and competing.	There are some RRS rules that cannot be changed by the Class Rules.
When will the regatta take place?	What will the course be?	Sometimes these rules are changed a little bit in the Sailing Instructions	Many of the Procedural Rules prescribe the format for regattas. Teams compete in Fleet Racing, Team Racing, and Match Racing.	Class Rules describe and mandate how boats must be built in strict compliance with the original boat design or Class Rules.
Is there a fee to participate?	How will penalties and protests be handled?	Sailors are expected to always display good sportsmanship	Include requirements for how qualifier and championship regattas will be conducted.	Depending on the Class, boats can only be modified if such modifications are permitted and/or are not prohibited in the Class Rules.
Will food and/or housing be provided or available?	What safety procedures must be followed?	Sailors are expected to obey the rules and accept the appropriate penalty when they break a rule	PR's include "Dinghy Class Rules" that enable the modification of some RRS rules that cannot otherwise be modified.	Class Rules often prescribe specific requirements or qualifier paths to compete in national or world championships.