

# 2017 IDA LEWIS DISTANCE RACE: NEWS

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## J/Fest Participants Invited to Ida Lewis Distance Race

NEWPORT, R.I. (June 6, 2017) – [Ida Lewis Distance Race](#) and [J/Fest New England](#) are in cahoots! Officials from the separately run events want J owners to know that with the events appearing back-to-back on the 2017 summer sailing schedule (Aug. 11-13 for J/Fest and Aug. 18 for the Ida Race), it's a perfect opportunity for sailors to enjoy two extraordinary on-the-water experiences during the same time frame.

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**IDA LEWIS DISTANCE RACE**  
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It's never too early to start planning for this year's Ida Lewis Distance Race, scheduled to start on Friday, August 18, 2017. It's a late-summer sailing tradition loved by grand prix racers and cruising sailors alike. **Open to IRC, PHRF, One Design, Multihull and Double-Handed boats of 28 feet or longer.**

Some say it's the perfect overnight distance – between 104 and 177 nm depending on what the Race Committee thinks best suits the conditions – and gives old salts a challenge while offering newcomers a cool introduction to offshore racing. And there are plenty of trophies to be won, including for best youth and collegiate team entries!

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The 13<sup>th</sup> running of the popular Ida Lewis Distance Race, hosted by Ida Lewis Yacht Club, starts on the Friday after J/Fest finishes. J/Fest, hosted by Sail Newport at Fort Adams State Park, already has a slew of teams [registered](#), and some of them are already [registered](#) for the Ida Race.

Ida Lewis Distance Race has been called the “perfect overnigher.” Not too long, not too short, with courses ranging from 100 to 170 miles. The course is chosen on the day of the start and driven by the forecast conditions, with an eye toward getting the competitors back to the club in time for some refreshing libations, the prize giving and the spectacular view from the Ida Lewis Yacht Club decks at sunset.

For the family-oriented boats there is a Youth Challenge class, too. Principle requirements are that 40% of the crew be between age 14 and 20 on the day of the race. On the Thursday before the start, participating juniors are required to attend a [Junior Safety at Sea Seminar](#) presented by Storm Trysail Foundation and supported by Sail Newport and Ida Lewis Yacht Club. This also presents another great opportunity for teenagers and high school sailing team members to get a firmer grounding in big-boat sailing and then put those skills to use within 24 hours.

Ida Lewis Distance Race always has welcomed J boat teams, many of which have been quite successful over the years, and organizers will accommodate one-design classes if there is enough interest and numbers.

Registration for both events is on Yachtscoring.com, so it couldn't be easier. (Registration for J/Fest is [here](#) and for Ida Lewis Distance Race is [here](#).) Sailors can make it a two-weekend adventure in Newport by combining three days of fun at J/Fest New England with a fantastic overnight race and social events at Ida Lewis Yacht Club, a superb venue for swapping new sea stories!

For more information on Ida Lewis Distance Race, visit <http://www.ilyc.org/long-race> or contact Pat Kennedy, [racechairman@ildistancerace.org](mailto:racechairman@ildistancerace.org). For more information on J/Fest New England, visit <https://2017.jfestnewengland.com/> or contact Bill Kneller, [bill@j109.org](mailto:bill@j109.org).

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