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Bluenose Yacht Sales Becomes Presenting Partner of Ida Lewis Distance Race

NEWPORT, R.I. (August 5, 2021) – The annual [Ida Lewis Distance Race](#), scheduled for its 17th edition on August 19-21, has announced that [Bluenose Yacht Sales](#) is the event's new Presenting Partner. Bluenose Yacht Sales is the dealer for Jeanneau Sailboats, which served as presenting sponsor in 2020.

"This partnership with the Ida Lewis Distance Race is an excellent opportunity to support our sport and this fun, challenging event," said Glenn Walters, managing partner of Bluenose Yacht Sales. "We represent a variety of new boat brands and are brokers for many outstanding sailboats, including *Alchemist*, the Jeanneau Sun Fast 3300 that is our defending champion in the Doublehanded Class at the Ida Lewis Distance Race."

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Alchemist will defend in Doublehanded Class at this year's Ida Lewis Distance Race, which is presented by Bluenose Yacht Sales / Photo credit Melissa Santaniello. **Ctrl+Click to download**

Alchemist, which last month won the New England Solo/Twin (for a second consecutive year) and Edgartown Race Weekend's coveted Venona Trophy in that event's 'Round-the-Island Race, will be co-skipped by World and North American sailing champion Brad Read (Middletown, R.I.) and Porter Kavle (Annapolis, Md.). Read, executive director of Sail Newport, has been part of a rotation of sailors (including North Sails President Ken Read and Suzy Leech) who have contributed to *Alchemist's* undefeated record since the start of her ambitious double-handed campaign in January of 2020. Additionally, there are two other Sun Fast 3300s registered for this year's Ida Lewis Distance Race.

"The Ida Lewis Distance Race is a significant event for those who love to sail offshore, whether doublehanded or with a fully crewed boat," said Read. "It's an overnighter that is just the right length – not too long, not too short – so that all types of sailors can try their hand at it."

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In addition to an ORC Doublehanded Class, the Ida Lewis Distance Race hosts classes for ORC and PHRF handicapped monohull boats and a class for PHRF Cruising Spinnaker Class. These classes start on Friday, August 20 when the Race Committee will decide (based on weather forecasts) which of four courses to use. The courses range between 112 and 169 nautical miles. (On Saturday, August 21, a separate fleet of PHRF and Spinnaker Cruising Class sailors will test their skills in a 33-mile IN BAY race that is also part of the event.)

The Ida Lewis Distance Race is hosted by Ida Lewis Yacht Club. Currently, 49 teams are registered to compete.

Sponsors

Ida Lewis Yacht Club hosts this world-class race with the help of generous sponsors. Our Presenting Partner for 2021 is [Bluenose Yacht Sales](#). Gold Sponsors are [Contender Sailcloth](#) and City of Newport ; Silver Sponsor is [Safe Harbor Newport Shipyard](#); Bronze Sponsors are [Gold's Wine & Spirits](#), [Kirby Marine](#), [Newport Construction Services](#), and [North Sails](#); Contributing Sponsors are [Goslings Rum](#), [Mac Designs](#), [RIG PRO](#) and [Stella Artois](#), [Toni Mills Graphic Design](#), and [Triton Insurance](#).

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