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2022 Ida Lewis Distance Race Scheduled for August 18-20

NEWPORT, R.I. (December 10, 2021) – The [Ida Lewis Distance Race](#), with [Bluenose Yacht Sales](#) as its Presenting Sponsor, returns for its 17th edition August 18-20, 2022. The event, hosted by Ida Lewis Yacht Club, will return to its traditional offshore course while discontinuing the “In Bay” Race.

“This event has become a popular late-summer racing tradition for an increasingly diverse fleet,” said Anselm Richards, who takes the reigns from Pat Kennedy to serve as event chair. “Last year, 55 boats registered, and we expect most of those to return.”



The Ida Lewis Distance Race will return in 2022 (Photo by Stephen R. Cloutier)

Richards explained that the race is enjoyed by veteran offshore sailors as well as those trying overnight sailing for the first time. It begins off Fort Adams and ends just inside Newport Harbor where Ida Lewis volunteers can site the finish line from their clubhouse on Lime Rock before greeting each team on the water with a congratulatory bottle of Prosecco.

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Unique to the Ida Lewis Distance Race, the Race Committee considers weather forecasts to decide from among four courses that range from 112 to 169 nautical miles. The goal is to get all teams back to the dock within 18-24 hours. The courses – incorporating some of the most iconic cruising grounds in New England – are named “The Montauk”, “The Block Island”, “The Point Judith”, and “The Buzzards Bay Tower”.

Classes are for boats 28 feet or longer and include ORC, PHRF, Double-Handed, and Mixed Gender Two-Person. The race also includes Youth and Collegiate Challenge categories.

“The [Notice of Race](#) has been published, and we encourage sailors to [register early](#) so we can build some early momentum,” said Richards.

For more information, contact Race Chair Anselm Richards, Distancerace@ilyc.org. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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