



EDGARTOWN RACE WEEKEND

'ROUND-THE-ISLAND RACE

August 1, 2020
The Edgartown Yacht Club
Edgartown, Massachusetts

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is Edgartown Yacht Club (EYC).
- 1.2 The 'Round-the-Island Race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the *US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Coastal Racing*, dated January 1, 2020, https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US_SER_2019.0_Categories.pdf and the *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)*.
- 1.3 RRS Part 2 will be replaced by COLREGS Part B from sunset to sunrise.
- 1.4 The following requirements of the SER are deleted: 3.6.2, 3.6.4, 3.16.2, 4.3.2. Yachts shall meet either SER requirement 3.7.1 or 3.7.2.
- 1.5 Yachts will also be subject to the rules of the rating convention in which they are competing.
- 1.6 There will be no limitations on crew number or weight. This changes IRC Rule 22.4.
- 1.7 RRS Rule 52 is changed to allow powered winches in all PHRF classes.
- 1.8 RRS Rule 52 is changed to allow autopilots in the Double-Handed class.
- 1.9 RRS 64.1 is changed to include: "The protest committee may impose penalties other than disqualification, including time penalties, for breaches of a rule."
- 1.10 Yachts racing one-design, or with IRC ratings may also register with a secondary PHRF-NE rating to be eligible for the special awards described in NOR 14 (Prizes).
- 1.11 It is the responsibility of all participants to be in compliance with the current Commonwealth of Massachusetts COVID-19 guidelines.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The Edgartown Race Weekend page on the Edgartown Yacht Club website shall serve as the Official Notice Board.

- 2.2 A combined skippers' meeting for the 'Round-the-Island and 'Round-the-Sound Races will be held at 1700 on Friday, July 31, 2020 on Zoom. A link to the meeting will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any Changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 0600 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the race will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club station mast.
4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in the race signal AP. When a class flag is displayed with the AP, it applies to that class only.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Wednesday, July 29, 2020

1730	Deadline for registration and payment	Online and via mail
1730	Deadline for submission of rating certificates	Race Office via email or fax
1730	Deadline for changing classes	Race Office via telephone

Friday, July 31, 2020

1200	Deadline for changing from 'RTI to 'RTS	Race Office via telephone
0900-1600	Check-in	Race Office via telephone
1700	'RTI/'RTS Skippers' Meeting	Online via Zoom

Saturday, August 1, 2020

0800	First Warning Signal	Starting Line
2400	Time limit expires	Finish Line

Sunday, August 2, 2020

1300	'RTI/'RTS Awards Ceremony	Online via Zoom
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- 5.2 The Race Committee will publish an amendment to these Sailing Instructions listing the class breakdown, the boats assigned to each class, the class flags and the order of start for each class. This amendment will be posted on the online Official Notice Board by 1600 on Friday, July 31, 2020. Preliminary versions of these documents may be posted earlier at the discretion of the Race Committee. The responsibility of the assignment of a boat to a class rests solely with the Race Committee.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Each boat will fly from her stern, at least five feet above the deck, an international code flag numeral pennant corresponding to the number of the class to which she has been assigned. Boats lacking a backstay will do their best to comply. The pennant will be flown from the time the boat checks in per SI 18.1 until the boat has finished and cleared the finishing area. Only the Race Committee may protest a boat for breaking this requirement. This changes RRS 60.
- 6.2 Racing boats shall not fly an ensign. Only the Race Committee may protest a boat for breaking this requirement.

7 THE COURSE

The course will be a clockwise circumnavigation of Martha's Vineyard from Edgartown, and will be sailed in Nantucket Sound, the Atlantic Ocean, and Vineyard Sound. The distance is approximately 54.7 nautical miles. The approximate course, with virtual gates, is depicted in Addendum #1 to these sailing instructions. Competitors are

reminded that the course passes adjacent to several shoals and reefs. Caution should be exercised throughout the Race with special attention given in the area east and south of Wasque Point on the southeast corner of Chappaquiddick Island.

8 MARKS

After the start, the following are the marks of the course in sequence. All marks will be left to Starboard.

- Start - Edgartown C “3”
- Inflatable Yellow Mark (Will be set approximately 1.3 NM NNE of Cape Pogue in position: 41 26.4N, 070 26.2 W).
- Mutton Shoal G C “3”
- Muskeget Channel RW “MC”, Mo(A)
- Squibnocket Point N “2”
- Devil’s Bridge G “31”
- West Chop C “25”
- East Chop G “23”
- Finish - Edgartown R “2”

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange colored flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the port end and C “3” at the starboard end of the line.
- 9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area while other classes are in start sequence.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than five minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 9.4 A boat on the course side of the starting line at its starting signal that does not return to the pre-start side of the starting line and properly start will be penalized by an adjustment increasing its corrected time for scoring purposes by 30 minutes. This changes RRS A4.2 and 29.1.
- 9.5 If any part of the boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast its sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.6 The starting signal boat may use a “stand-off” buoy at the starting line. The “stand-off” buoy is considered part of the committee boat.

10 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 10.1 In the event of a shortened course, the following procedures will be used. (This changes RRS 32.)
- 10.2 **Shortened Course using “Course Gates”** — Yachts shall record their time to the nearest second per their GPS when they pass through each “course gate” as described in SI Addendum 1. Yachts should attempt to note the sail numbers of the yachts immediately ahead and astern of them as they pass through the gate. In the event that the Race Committee decides to shorten the course at a “course gate”, they will signal their intention to do so prior to any yacht in their class completing the original course by displaying flag “G” over the numeral pennant of the designated gate from the club station mast, accompanied by two sound signals, and attempt to notify the racing yachts on the fleet VHF 72 channel. All yachts shall provide the Race Committee with their time(s) passing the “course gates” and the sail numbers of the yachts immediately ahead and astern of them, as soon as reasonably possible after finishing, but not later than 2400 on Saturday, August 1. Reports can be submitted by telephone or text to (978) 618-7385.

- 10.3 Boats that fail to finish before time expires, or retire prior to reaching the finish line or the shortened course finish gate for their class, will be scored based upon their reported time at the last gate through which they successfully passed before they retired or time expired.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the port end of the line and Edgartown Buoy R "2" at the starboard end.
- 11.2 Boats finishing will hail the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 five minutes before their estimated finishing time stating their name and sail number.
- 11.3 Boats shall record their own finishing time to the nearest second per their GPS, and provide that information to the Race Committee or Protest Committee if requested.
- 11.4 After sunset the Race Committee boat at the finish line will display an anchor light and the Club's night signal, red over green over red. Boats finishing after sunset will illuminate their sail numbers on the starboard side while crossing the finishing line and for at least 30 seconds following the finishing signal from the Race Committee boat.
- 11.5 If there is fog at the finish, the Race Committee boat may ring a bell rapidly for approximately five seconds at intervals of not more than one minute.
- 11.6 In the event that there is no Race Committee boat on station at the finishing line, a yacht shall finish and take its own time in accordance with the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34 changed to read "a boat shall finish within 100 yards of the remaining mark on a line extending from its required side at a 90-degree angle to the last leg," (the mark will bear 230M from the racing yacht) and report its finishing time and finishing position in relation to any nearby yachts and report them to the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than 2400 on Saturday, August 1, 2020.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will be in effect.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 Boats failing to finish by 2400 on Saturday, August 1, 2020 will be scored for finishing at the last gate through which they successfully passed before time expired. This changes RRS 35.
- 13.2 Boats failing to successfully pass Gate 1 before time expires will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 A yacht shall report its intent to protest to the Race Committee signal boat within 10 minutes following its finish. Such notification will include the sail number of the boat being protested.
- 14.2 Protest and requests for redress will be filed electronically by text to (978) 618-7385. The electronically filed protest or redress request must include the information required by RRS 61.2 and 62.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.3 The protest and request for redress time limit is 1 hour after the Race Committee signal boat arrives at its dock. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and the Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.4 Notices will be posted electronically on the Edgartown Race Weekend Official Notice Board and Yacht Scoring as soon as practicable, but no later than 0800 Sunday, August 2, 2020 to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as

witnesses. Hearings will be held remotely by telephone conference call, Zoom, or in person (as posted on the Official Notice Board.)

- 14.5 Protests and requests for redress will be heard in approximately the order in which they are received beginning at 0830 on Sunday, August 2, 2020, unless the parties and the Protest Committee agree to hear the case earlier.
- 14.6 A request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.7 Breaches of SI 1.11, 1.12, 17, and 18, and RRS 55 Trash Disposal will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 14.8 The US Prescription to RRS 63.2 is not in effect.
- 14.9 Requests for scoring reviews must be submitted by text prior to 0800 on Sunday, August 2, 2020. This deadline may be extended on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Race Committee or Protest Committee.

15 SCORING

The decision on the scoring method and scoring parameters used will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and together with length of course, directions of leg and the wind speed will not be grounds for request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

16 SAFETY

- 16.1 Prior to the first warning signal each boat will contact the Race Committee as they pass Edgartown R "6" on VHF Channel 73, and check in by announcing to the Race Committee its name, class, and sail number. The Race Committee will respond with the sail number heard. Upon completion of check-in, boats shall shift their radios back to VHF Channel 72 for the duration of the race.
- 16.2 Refer to the Safety and Emergency Protocol information provided on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.3 The Chappaquiddick Ferry shall be considered "Restricted in her ability to maneuver," as defined in COLREGS Rule 18, and as such has the right-of-way over power driven and sailing vessels underway.
- 16.4 Any boat withdrawing before the start or retiring during the Race for any reason SHALL NOTIFY THE RACE COMMITTEE on VHF Channel 72 AND the Race Committee Office by telephone (508) 627-4364.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1 Radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee will be on VHF Channel 72, with the exception of check-in on VHF Channel 73.
- 17.2 The Double-Handed division may make intra-boat radio communications while racing. This changes RRS 41.
- 17.3 Competitors equipped with AIS are encouraged to transmit their position.
- 17.4 Except in an emergency or to communicate with the Race Committee, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded on Zoom beginning at 1300 on Sunday, August 2, 2020.
- 18.2 First, Second and Third place Prizes will be awarded for each class.
- 18.3 Special Awards:
 - The VENONA Trophy for the overall winner (the single best corrected PHRF-NE time)

of the spinnaker division boats, regardless of class.

- The UPBEAT Cup for the overall winner of the non-spinnaker division
- The CONCORD Cup for the finisher with the lowest elapsed time
- The EOLIS Bowl – For Double-Handed overall winner
- The HOBART A.H. COOK Award for the best time among Service Academy entries
- The OCEAN RACE Trophy for the best time among entries by EYC members
- A TEAM AWARD for the best corrected time of a 3-boat team from a given yacht club or Service Academy. Teams will be automatically comprised of the top three finishers from any club or Service Academy.

18.4 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the Race.

20 COMMUNICATION

For further information please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club Race Committee Office, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309 Edgartown, Massachusetts 02539, Telephone (508) 627-4364, www.edgartownyc.org