



Sail Martha's Vineyard's Vineyard Cup Regatta will be held on the waters of Nantucket Sound and Vineyard Sound off of the Island of Martha's Vineyard on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 10, 11, 12th, 2015. Sail Martha's Vineyard ("SMV") is the Organizing Authority www.sailmv.com and invites vessels 18 feet in length and greater to come and enjoy a fun and affordable event. All proceeds of the event help to support the year round maritime programs of Sail Martha's Vineyard.

NOTICE OF RACE

AMENDED JANUARY 6, 2015
See Section 16

1) RULES

- a) The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 ("RRS"), the prescriptions of US SAILING, any modifications or stated exceptions thereto, Class Rules for any One-Design Class competing and the Sailing Instructions.

2) OTHER RULES and REQUIREMENTS

- a) All boats must be sailed by a minimum of two sailors.
- b) There are no weight limitations

3) ADVERTISING

- a) The Cup will be sailed in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3.1(b)
- b) Vessels may be asked to display a sponsors' flag provided by the Organizing Authority as permitted by ISAF regulation 20.3 (d)(i)

4) ELIGIBILITY

- a) The regatta is open to Catboats at least 18 feet LOA or other boats at least 22 feet LOA who either (i) carry a PHRF rating or (ii) fall within the categories of Classic boats.
- b) If entries in any Division warrant, a Division will be divided into Classes to be established at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority and designated based on one-design class, rating and/or hull material or configuration or any combination thereof.
- c) Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form and paying the entry fee online. All boats except the Classic and Catboat Divisions must submit a **2015 rating certificate**. Entries and payment may also be sent to Vineyard Cup Entries, c/o Sail Martha's Vineyard, P.O. Box 1998, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts 02568.
- d) Entries must be received by 1800 hrs July 9, 2015
- e) A 2015 PHRF certificate can be applied for through the Sail Martha's Vineyard Fleet. (Application available at www.phrfne.org.) Fill out and send to Sail MV with \$25 check made out to Sail MV.

5) CLASSIFICATION

- a) The Classic Division is for sailing yachts that have a full keel, be of heavy to moderate displacement built of wood or steel and be of traditional rig and appearance.

- i. Old craft using modern materials such as epoxy or glass sheathing, or new craft built along the lines of an old design are acceptable.
- ii. Fibre glass yachts should have a full long keel with a keelhung rudder, and be a descendant of a wooden boat design.
- iii. Yachts built of other materials may be accepted if they have a gaff or traditional schooner rig.
- b) The PHRF Non-Spinnaker Division: A 2015 PHRF-NE Certificate MUST be presented. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
- c) The PHRF Spinnaker Division: A 2015 PHRF-NE Certificate MUST be presented. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
- d) The IRC Division: A 2015 IRC Certificate MUST be presented. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
- e) Catboats of at least 18 feet are eligible for the Catboat Division
- f) Any one design class that has at least six boats registered may petition the Organizing Authority to designate it as a separate class and score them as a one design class.

6) ENTRY FEES

- a) **Members of Sail Martha’s Vineyard Receive a \$25 Discount. [JOIN NOW HERE!](#) (link)**
 - i. Catboats \$75 if entered and paid before June 1, 2015
 - ii. Catboats \$125 if entered and paid after May 31, 2015
 - iii. Classics Designed After 1945 \$150 if entered and paid before June 1, 2015
 - iv. Classics Designed After 1945 \$200 if entered and paid after May 31, 2015
 - v. Classics Designed Before 1945 \$100 if entered and paid before June 1, 2015
 - vi. Classics Designed Before 1945 \$200 if entered and paid after May 31, 2015
 - vii. PHRF/IRC with LOA >/ 30’ \$150 if entered and paid before June 1,2015
 - viii. PHRF/IRC with LOA >/ 30’ \$200 if entered and paid after May 31, 2015
 - ix. PHRF/IRC with LOA < 30’ \$100 if entered and paid before June 1, 2015
 - x. PHRF/IRC with LOA < 30’ \$200 if entered and paid after May 31, 2015
- b) **Any owner who purchases a table at the Seafood Buffet and Auction on the evening of July 19th will not be required to pay any entry fee for his/her vessel. [RESERVE YOUR TABLE HERE!](#) (link)**

NOTE: Sail Martha’s Vineyard may in its sole discretion accept any late entry at any time. A \$50.00 late entry fee will apply.

7) PRELIMINARY RACING SCHEDULE

- a) Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 10, 11 and 12, 2015

The PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker and IRC Divisions

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2015

First Warning Signal	1300 hrs	Division/Class Flag
Preparatory Signal	1305 hrs	Code Flag “P”
Start	1310 hrs	Div/Class Flag Down

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015

First Warning Signal	1015 hrs	Division/Class Flag
Preparatory Signal	1020 hrs	Code Flag “P”
Start	1025 hrs	Div/Class Flag Down

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015

Pursuit Race First Boat Warning Signal	1030 hrs	Yellow Flag
Preparatory Signal	1035 hrs	Blue Flag
Pursuit Starting Sequence Begins	1040 hrs	Red Flag

The Classic Division

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015

First Warning Signal	1005 hrs	Division/Class Flag
Preparatory Signal	1010 hrs	Code Flag "P"
Start	1015 hrs	Div/ Class Flag Down

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015

Pursuit Race First Boat Warning Signal	1030 hrs	Yellow Flag
Preparatory Signal	1035 hrs	Blue Flag
Pursuit Starting Sequence Begins	1040 hrs	Red Flag

The Catboat Division

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015

First Warning Signal	1200 hrs	Division/Class Flag
Preparatory Signal	1205 hrs	Code Flag "P"
Start	1210 hrs	Div/ Class Flag Down

8) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Sailing Instructions for the PHRF, IRC, Classic and Catboat Divisions will be posted on the Vineyard Cup website, www.vineyardcup.com and be available at Race Headquarters beginning at 0900 hrs. July 9, 2015 and at the Competitors Meeting.

9) RACE HEADQUARTERS

- a) Race Headquarters will be located at the Sail Martha's Vineyard's offices which are located at 79 Beach Road in Vineyard Haven.

10) RACE COURSES

- a) The course to be sailed will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat Course Board (starboard side) and transmitted over VHF Channel 73 approximately ten minutes before the starting sequence.
- b) All Divisions and All Classes (see Appendix for graphic representations):

COURSE #1 *L'HOMMEDIU SHOAL COURSE* (approximately 10.9 nm)

Start to N "4" (leave to port) to C"25" (leave to port) to R"26" (leave to starboard) to C"15" at the western end of L'Hommedieu Shoal (leave to starboard) to RG N at the west end of Hedge Fence (leave to starboard) to Finish.

COURSE #2 *RACE TO THE ROCK...AND BACK* (approximately 29.1 nm)

Start to N "4" (leave to port) to C"25" (leave to port) to GR Lone Rock at the north entrance to Quicks Hole (leave to starboard) to C"25" (leave to starboard) to N "4" (leave to starboard) to Finish.

NOTE: Skippers may approach and return from Lone Rock by any course they choose. Passage through Wood's, Robinson's or Quick's Holes in either direction is permitted.

COURSE #3 *CAPE POGE COURSE* (approximately 18.6 nm)

Start to C"23A" (leave to starboard) to GR east of the Oak Bluffs ferry pier (leave to starboard) to C"1" Lone Rock off Oak Bluffs (leave to starboard) to Skiff #1 approximate position of 41° 25' 35" N by 70° 32' 30" W (leave to port) to R"2" (leave to starboard) to G"21A"

approximately 2.1 nm northeast of Cape Poge (leave to port) to RG N at the west end of Hedge Fence (leave to port) through N'4" - C "23A" gate to Finish.

COURSE # 4 EDGARTOWN COURSE (approximately 11.1 nm)

Start to C"23A" (leave to starboard) to GR east of the Oak Bluffs ferry pier (leave to starboard) to C"1" (leave to starboard) to Skiff #1 approximate position of 41° 25' 35" N by 70° 32' 30" W (leave to port) to R"2" off of Edgartown (leave to port) to C "23A" (leave to port) to Finish.

COURSE #5 HEDGE FENCE COURSE (approximately 10.5 nm)

Start to C "23A" (leave to starboard) to G 23 (leave to starboard) to R "22" (leave to starboard) to GR Bell (leave to starboard) to G "23" (leave to port) to C "23A" (leave to port) to Finish.

COURSE # 6 LUCAS SHOAL COURSE (approximately 21.3 nm)

Start to N "4" (leave to port) to R "2" (leave to port) to C "25" (leave to port) to G "27 (leave to port) to GR C "LS" at Lucas Shoal (leave to port) to C"25" (leave to starboard) to R "2" (leave to starboard) to N"4" (leave to starboard) to Finish.

COURSE # 7 VINEYARD SOUND COURSE SHORT (approximately 12.1 nm)

Start to N "4" (leave to port) to C "25" (leave to port) to R "26" (leave to port) to G "27" (leave to port) to C "25" (leave to starboard) to N "4" (leave to starboard) to Finish.

COURSE # 8 VINEYARD SOUND COURSE LONG (approximately 21.7 nm)

Start to N "4" (leave to port) to C "25" (leave to port) to R "26" (leave to port) to G "27" (leave to port) to C"25" (leave to port) to R"26" (leave to port) to G"27" (leave to port) to C"25" (leave to starboard) to N"4" (leave to starboard) to Finish.

COURSE # 9 THE DASH (approximately 5.2 nm)

Start to C" 23A" (leave to starboard) to G "23" (leave to port) to RG N (leave to port) through N'4" - C "23A" gate to Finish.

COURSE # 10 THE DASH PLUS (approximately 7.6 nm)

Start to C" 23A" (leave to starboard) to G "23" (leave to port) to C "15" (leave to port) through N'4" - C "23A" gate to Finish.

NOTES:

- **ALL BOATS SHOULD TREAT N"4" AND C"23A" AS A GATE AND SHALL PASS BETWEEN THEM OUTBOUND FROM THE START LINE AND INBOUND TO THE FINISH LINE. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.**
- **The start and finish lines will be positioned approximately 0.4 nm (at a bearing of 65° M) from FI G "7" at the end of the Eastville jetty.**
- **Skiff #1 is used as a mark in Courses #3 and #4 will be a 12' white Flatiron skiff and will fly a 4' x 4' orange flag from its mast.**

11) SCORING and ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- a) Each Division and Class will be scored separately for the purpose of Awards
- b) Time-over-distance ratings developed by the Race Committee to the best of its ability and in the recreational spirit of the Classic Division will be assigned to each boat entered in that Division.
- c) PHRF NE ratings will be used for the PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions. **A valid PHRF-NE 2015 certificate for each boat entered must be on file with the Race Committee.**
- d) No score will be excluded in any Division. This changes Rule A2

- e) RRS 44.3 (c), Scoring Penalty shall be **20%** of the number of boats in a Class

12) **PRIZES**

- a) Trophies will be awarded as follows:
 - i. Two Vineyard Cup awards:
 - 1. To the PHRF boat with the best cumulative corrected finishing places based on corrected times for Friday and Saturday's races and on actual finishing place in her class for Sunday's pursuit race
 - 2. To the Classic boat with the best cumulative finishing places based on corrected times for Saturday's race and on actual finishing place for Sunday's pursuit race.
 - ii. In the IRC Division
 - iii. In the Classic Division
 - iv. In the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Division
 - v. In the PHRF Spinnaker Division
 - vi. In the Catboat Division
 - vii. By Morris Yachts for the Morris yacht with the best cumulative corrected finishing places

13) **CLEAN REGATTA**

- a) The Vineyard Cup Regatta is committed to maintaining and improving the water quality in Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds. As such,
 - i. The Vineyard Cup is registered in the Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas program. All Vineyard Cup Regatta participants are encouraged to follow the goals and requirements of Clean Regattas. The requirements include:
- b) No discharge of treated or untreated sewage or black water in harbor areas or no-discharge zones around Martha's Vineyard
- c) No overboard discharge of trash or littering at shore facilities (e.g., rigging tape, cigarette butts, beer cans).
- d) Follow Martha's Vineyard's trash and recycling guidelines: Trash must be in clear plastic or biodegradable bags. All paper, glass, metal, and plastic must be recycled and placed in separate containers.
- e) Reduce plastic waste by using refillable water bottles.
- f) Use green cleaning and maintenance products.
- g) Reduce the impact of oil spills from motorized vessels by carrying at least one bilge sponge and fuel spill pad

14) **SHORESIDE PARTIES**

- a) The Annual Seafood Buffet and Auction will be held on Thursday, July 9th starting at 5:30 at the Tisbury Wharf
- b) There will be harbor-side parties each day under the Race Village tents at the Tisbury Wharf. Food, Beverage, Music, Daily Awards and Sponsor Handouts will all be part of the fun. Great food and drink for those who have purchased daily or weekend Race Village bracelets.

15) **LIABILITY**

- a) The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper/Owner who must ensure that his boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and crewed by an experienced and physically capable crew. The decision of whether or not to start or continue a race is solely that of the skipper.
- b) The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Vineyard Cup Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat, both while on the water and ashore.
- c) Sail Martha's Vineyard, the participating Sponsors and Industry Partners of the 2015 Vineyard Cup do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants nor for the loss of nor damage to any vessel in any way from any cause during the Vineyard Cup.

16) RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a) Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17) AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

- a) Sail Martha's Vineyard reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments of this notice will be posted on the Vineyard Cup and Sail Martha's Vineyard websites and notices sent to all boats registered at that time. All amendments will be posted on the Vineyard Cup website www.vineyardcup.com, and hard copy will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Race Headquarters.