



EDGARTOWN RACE WEEKEND

'ROUND-THE-BUOY RACES

July 22-23, 2021

*The Edgartown Yacht Club
is the Organizing Authority*

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is Edgartown Yacht Club (EYC).
- 1.2 The 'Round-the-Buoy Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 including US Sailing Prescriptions* (RRS).
- 1.3 Yachts will also be subject to the rules of the rating convention or one-design classes in which they are competing.
- 1.4 There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.
- 1.5 RRS 52 is changed to allow powered winches in all PHRF classes.
- 1.6 RRS 52 is changed to allow autopilots in the Double-Handed class.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located online on Yacht Scoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13248> or found via the EYC racing website at https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view_document.asp?NS=PR&GRP=40011&DN=RACE.
- 2.2 A skippers' meeting will be held at 1700 Wednesday, July 21, 2021 in the EYC Clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0800 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races 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 ‘Round-the-Buoys Schedule

Friday, July 9, 2021

1730 Deadline for early registration and payment Online or Race Office

Thursday, July 15 2021

1730 Deadline for late registration and payment Online or Race Office

1730 Deadline for submission of rating certificates Race Office

1730 Deadline for changing classes Race Office

Monday, July 19 2021

1730 Deadline for submission of Liability Waivers Online

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

All day Check-in Phone or Race Office

1700 ‘RTB Skippers’ Meeting Clubhouse

Thursday, July 22, 2021

1300 First Warning Signal Starting Line

Friday, July 23 2021

1300 First Warning Signal Starting Line

1700 ‘RTI Skippers’ Meeting Clubhouse

Mount Gay Welcome Party and Dinner Clubhouse

Sunday, July 25, 2021

1300 ‘RTB’/‘RTI Combined Awards Ceremony Clubhouse

- 5.2 **There will be no warning signals after 1430 on the final day of racing.**

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Race Committee will publish an amendment to the SI listing the class breakdown, the boats assigned to each class, the class flag and the start sequence. This amendment will be posted online on the Official Notice Board no later than 1600 Wednesday, July 21, 2021.
- 6.2 Each boat will fly from its stern at least five feet above the deck an international code flag numeral pennant corresponding to the number of the class to which it has been assigned. Boats lacking a backstay will do their best to comply. The pennant will be flown from the time of the checks in per SI 17.2 until the boat has finished and cleared the finishing area at the end of racing for the day. Only the Race Committee may protest a boat for breaking this requirement (this changes RRS 60).

7 RACING AREAS

The area for racing will be Edgartown Outer Harbor, and the Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be Windward-Leeward with the number of legs posted on the Committee Boat no later than the class warning signal. A “4” would be sailed windward-leeward-windward-leeward. A diagram of the courses will be provided in an addendum to these Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

- 8.3 Marks, including the windward offset mark, if used, shall be rounded in order and, with the exception of a leeward gate, if used, left to port. Classes may have different distances posted which would indicate different windward marks.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The windward, leeward, offset, and gate marks (if used) will be inflatable marks.
9.2 The marks of the starting line and of finishing line will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy.
9.3 The Race Committee may set an offset mark to be honored after the windward mark. When a change is made to a windward mark, a new offset mark may not be set.
9.4 A standoff buoy may be set off the stern of the Race Committee signal boat. This standoff buoy shall be regarded as part of the signal boat.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark.
10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area while other classes are in start sequence.
10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.
10.4 If any part of a boat's hull 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 or failure of a competitor to hear the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
11.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
11.3 When a change of course is intended for a specific class, the corresponding class flag will be displayed. If no class flag is displayed, the change of the course is for all classes.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag flown on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark which may be a rounding mark and which will be on the same side of the Race Committee boat as the staff displaying the blue flag.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 or 44.2 shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.
13.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to finish in each class is 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Committee office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 A yacht shall report her intent to protest to the Race Committee upon finishing.
- 15.3 The protest and request for redress time limit is 1 hour from the time 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.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Ward Room, located next to the Race Committee office, as soon as practicable after the posting of notices.
- 15.5 Breaches of SI 10.2 and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.6 Breaches of RRS 47 *Trash Disposal* will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The number of races completed shall constitute a series.
- 16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of its race scores with no scores excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 16.3 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).

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 The Chappaquiddick Ferry shall be considered "Restricted in her ability to maneuver," as defined in Rule 18 of the International and Inland Navigation Rules, and as such has the right-of-way over power driven and sailing vessels underway.
- 17.2 Prior to the first warning signal each day, each boat will pass astern of the Race Committee signal boat on starboard tack (or under power on a starboard tack heading) within hailing distance and check in by announcing to the Committee its name, class, and sail number. The Race Committee will respond with the sail number heard. Radio check-in will not be accepted.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 as soon as possible.
- 17.4 Any boat intending to leave the racing area prior to finishing the last race of the day shall communicate its intention to the Race Committee prior to leaving the racing area.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 Radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee will be on VHF Channel 72.
- 18.2 Except in an emergency or to communicate with the Race Committee, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be given for all qualifying classes including One Design.
- 19.2 Additional Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

22 COMMUNICATIONS

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