



Sail Martha's Vineyard Presents

The 2024 VINEYARD CUP REGATTA.

A CYOA Classic yacht challenge series regatta.

HOSTED BY MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHIPYARD



To Benefit Sail Martha's Vineyard
JULY 12-14, 2024

Sail Martha's Vineyard is the island's sailing non-profit, providing free sailing and windsurfing lessons to island youth for over thirty years. The opportunity for young people to take to the water is imperative not only for their personal health and wellbeing, but also to secure the future of the sport we all love and cherish. Each summer Sail MV welcomes over 350 children to the waters of Lagoon Pond, with over 70% of these children coming to us for free thanks to our island youth scholarship program. None of this would be possible without the support of the sailing community.

Proceeds from the Vineyard Cup Regatta help to support the year-round maritime programs of Sail Martha's Vineyard. The regatta is held on the waters of Nantucket Sound and Vineyard Sound off the island of Martha's Vineyard, with racing on Friday through Sunday, July 12 to 14, 2024. Sail Martha's Vineyard (SMV, www.sailmv.org) is the Organizing Authority and invites all to enjoy a great blend of sailing and fun.

While you are in the area, our friends at Edgartown Yacht Club will be hosting their 'Round the Buoy Races and the 'Round the Island Race on June 20 - 22, 2024. The time between Edgartown Yacht Club Race Weekend and the Vineyard Cup Regatta provides an excellent opportunity to enjoy cruising the waters of Nantucket Sound, Vineyard Sound and Buzzards Bay.

One Vineyard, One Sea, One Sail MV.

**2024 Vineyard Cup Regatta
Sail Martha's Vineyard
July 12 – 14 2024
Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

i. Sailing Instructions for the event will be posted on the Vineyard Cup Regatta website no later than 0900 hours July 12, 2024. There will be no paper copies. [VINEYARD CUP WEBSITE](#).

3. COMMUNICATION

- i. The official notice board will be online and is located at [NOTICE BOARD](#).
- ii. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the relevant fleet channel.
- iii. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- iv. While reciting, 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 cellular telephones.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- i. The event is open to all:
 - (a) Herreshoff 12.5 boats;
 - (b) Catboats at least 18 feet LOA; and
 - (c) Other boats at least 22 feet LOA which either:
 - (1) carry a PHRF rating;
 - (2) carry a CRF rating; or
 - (3) are a one-design class (see below).

ii. 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.

iii. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form and paying the entry fee online. ENTER ONLINE. Entries and payment may also be sent to Sail Martha's Vineyard, PO Box 1998, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts 02568.

iv. Entries must be received by 1800 hrs. July 10, 2024.

NOTE: Sail Martha's Vineyard may at its sole discretion accept any late entry at any time. A \$50 late entry fee will apply.

5. CLASSIFICATION

i. The Classic Division is for sailing yachts that have a full keel, are of heavy to moderate displacement, are built of wood or steel, and are of traditional rig and appearance and/or carry a CRF rating.

a. A 2024 CRF Certificate MUST be presented for all boats in the Classic Division.

e. Boats in the Classic Division will be divided into the following Classes: Vintage, Classic, Modern Classic, Spirit of Tradition and Contemporary, based on the classification specified on the CRF Certificate.

ii. The PHRF Non-Spinnaker Division: A 2024 PHRF-NE Certificate MUST be presented.

iii. The PHRF Spinnaker Division: A 2024 PHRF-NE Certificate MUST be presented.

iv. Catboats of at least 18 feet are eligible for the Catboat Division.

v. Herreshoff 12.5s are eligible for the Herreshoff 12.5 Division.

vi. Any one-design class that has at least six boats registered may petition the Organizing Authority to designate it as a separate class. Such class, if constituted, will start with its appropriate Division/Class.

A 2024 PHRF certificate can be applied for through the Martha's Vineyard Fleet. APPLY FOR PHRF CERTIFICATE ONLINE. Complete application, pay and submit on the PHRF-NE website.

CRF certificates can be applied for through the following link. CRF RATINGS.

6. ENTRY FEES

- i. Catboats \$175
- ii. Herreshoff 12.5 \$200
- iii. Classics Designed After 1945 \$275
- iv. Classics Designed In or Before 1945 \$250
- v. PHRF with LOA \geq 30' \$300
- vi. PHRF with LOA < 30' \$275

\$100 of each entry fee is a tax-deductible contribution to Sail Martha's Vineyard. All proceeds help to support the charitable programs of Sail Martha's Vineyard.

Registration received after the 1800 hrs. July 10, 2024 deadline, if accepted by Sail Martha's Vineyard in its sole discretion, will be subject to a \$50 late fee.

7. CREW LIMITATIONS

- i. All boats in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker, Spinnaker and Classics Divisions shall be sailed by a minimum of two sailors.
- ii. RRS 40.1 shall apply. RRS 40.1 states, in part, "each competitor shall wear a personal floatation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment."

8. ADVERTISING

A boat may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority, as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

9. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

All Divisions (OTHER THAN HERRESHOFF 12.5 DIVISION):

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024

Captains' meeting 1800 hrs., [Owen Park gazebo](#).

The PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF Non-Spinnaker Divisions:

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024

First Warning Signal 1020 hrs.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

Pursuit Race First Boat Warning Signal 1030 hrs.

The Classic Division:

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024

First Warning Signal 1000 hrs.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

Pursuit Race First Boat Warning Signal 1030 hrs.

The Catboat Division:

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024

First Warning Signal 1200 hrs.

The Herreshoff 12.5 Division:

Friday, July 12, 2024

Captains meeting 0900 hrs. @ the Sail MV office 151 Beach Road, Vineyard Haven.

First Warning Signal 1300 hrs.

(Second race warning to follow completion of first race.)

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024

Notice to fleet concerning days racing will be made no later than 1030

First Warning Signal 1200 hrs.

(Second race warning to follow completion of first race.)

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024 (reserve day)

First Warning Signal 1200 hrs.

(Second race warning to follow completion of first race.)

10. VENUE AND COURSES

i. For all Divisions other than the Herreshoff 12.5 Division, all races will start in Vineyard Haven Harbor and may take place in Nantucket Sound and/or Vineyard Sound off the Island of Martha's Vineyard using government marks.

ii. For the Herreshoff 12.5 Division, all races will start, and be sailed, in Vineyard Haven Harbor using existing buoys and/or dropped marks.

iii. Race Headquarters will be located at the Sail Martha's Vineyard office:

151 Beach Road, Unit 2C

Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

508-696-7644

admin@sailmv.org

iv. Courses for all classes will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING and ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

i. Each Division and Class will be scored separately for the purpose of awards.

ii. PHRF-NE ratings will be used for the PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions. A valid PHRF-NE 2024 certificate for each boat entered must be on file with the Race Committee prior to the start of the race on July 13, 2024.

iii. CRF ratings will be used for the Classic Division. A valid 2024 CRF Certificate for each boat entered must be on file with the Race Committee prior to the start of the race on July 13, 2024.

iv. No score will be excluded in any Division or Class scoring. This changes RRS A2.1

v. For boats in the Classic, PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF Non-Spinnaker divisions, for a breach of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS, a scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3 shall apply.

12. PRIZES

i. Trophies will be awarded after racing on Sunday as follows:

a. CLASSIC DIVISION: The DANA FAMILY CUP, a perpetual trophy for the boat with the best cumulative, corrected overall, finishing place for all races. Second and third place overall trophies will also be awarded. First place trophies will also be awarded in the following Classic Division Classes: Vintage, Classic, Modern Classic, Spirit of Tradition and Contemporary.

- b. PHRF NON-SPINNAKER DIVISION: The VINEYARD CUP TROPHY for the boat with the best cumulative, corrected finishing places for all races, across all Classes within the PHRF Non-spinnaker Division.
- c. PHRF NON-SPINNAKER DIVISION: The DONALD S. COHAN TROPHY “The Methuselah” for the boat with the oldest skipper with the best cumulative, corrected finishing places for all races, across all Classes within the PHRF Non-spinnaker Division.
- d. PHRF SPINNAKER DIVISION: The VINEYARD CHALLENGE TROPHY for the boat with the best cumulative, corrected finishing places for all races. Second and third place trophies will also be awarded in the PHRF Spinnaker Division.
- e. First, second and third place trophies in each PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class.
- f. First, second and third place trophies in the Catboat Division.
- g. First, second and third place trophies in the Herreshoff 12.5 Division.
- h. The SAIL MV TROPHY for the boat best exemplifying the spirit of Island sailing.

If any Class or Division has less than 6 boats, then only the first-place trophy shall be awarded for such Class or Division.

13. SHORESIDE PARTIES

After the conclusion of racing, at 5pm on Saturday, July 13, there will be an informal evening get-together at the [Sail MV Boathouse](#) with food and refreshments. A \$35 donation per person is suggested and may be paid at the event.

After the conclusion of racing, at 5pm on Sunday, July 14, there will be an award ceremony and informal gathering with refreshments at [MV Shipyard](#).

14. ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

The Vineyard Cup Regatta will be sailed pursuant to the Notice of Expectations, which set forth the environmental standards by which the event will be run and Sail Martha’s Vineyard’s expectations of the competitors as they relate to environmental practices.

15. LIABILITY

- i. 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.
- ii. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the event shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat, both while on the water and ashore.
- iii. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include intense winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.
- iv. Sail Martha's Vineyard (including its officers, directors, and staff), the participating Sponsors and Industry Partners of the 2024 Vineyard Cup Regatta, the race committee, volunteers, officials and protest committee do not accept responsibility or liability for any damage, personal injury or death sustained in in any way in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Vineyard Cup Regatta.

16. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

Sail Martha's Vineyard reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Any amendments of the NOR will be (i) posted on the Official Noticeboard and (ii) sent to all boats registered at that time.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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