



EDGARTOWN RACE WEEKEND

'ROUND-THE-BUOY RACES

July 25-26, 2019

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* (RRS).
- 1.3 Yachts will also be subject to the rules of the rating convention or one-design classes in which they are competing. Classic Classes will also be governed by the Classic Racing Formula Rules. Spirit of tradition Yachts will race with PHRF-NE ratings.
- 1.4 There will be no limitations on crew number or weight. This changes IRC Rule 22.4.
- 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.
- 1.7 IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) are changed as follows: During the regatta, the sails carried (including mainsails and spinnakers) may vary from day to day, but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat first leaves the dock or its mooring for the race course.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Committee notice board located in the entrance to the Clubhouse of the Edgartown Yacht Club.
- 2.2 A skippers' meeting will be held at 1700 Wednesday, July 24, 2019 in the Clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted 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 Tuesday, July 23, 2019

1730	Deadline for registration/payment	Online and Race Office
1730	Deadline for changing classes	Race Office

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

1600	Pick up race packets	Clubhouse
1700	Skippers' Meeting	Clubhouse

Thursday, July 25, 2019

1300	First Warning Signal	Starting Line
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Friday, July 26, 2019

1300	First Warning Signal	Starting Line
1700	'RTB Awards	Clubhouse
1800	Jump Up Party, Buffet Dinner	Clubhouse

- 5.2 There will be no warning signals after 1530 on the final day of racing.
- 5.3 The number of races sailed will be determined by the Race Committee.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Race Committee will publish an addendum to the SI listing the class breakdown, the boats assigned to each class, the class flag and the start sequence. This addendum will be posted on the official bulletin board at the entrance to the main hall no later than 1600 Wednesday, July 24, 2019.
- 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 Nantucket Sound.

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. This changes RRS A4 and RRS A5.
10.4 If any part of a 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 77. Failure to make a broadcast or failure of a competitor to hear the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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 Did Not Finish (DNF) 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 its intent to protest to the Race Committee within 10 minutes following its finish.
- 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 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 On the last scheduled day of racing 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.
- 15.6 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.
- 15.7 Breaches of RRS 55 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 77 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 77.
- 18.2 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.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Series Prizes for those boats that participate in both the Thursday and Friday races, will be given for all qualifying classes including One Designs.
- 19.2 Additionally:
 - The Alexander N. Orr Trophy – For IRC Overall Winner
 - The Ralph D. Osborne Trophy – For PHRF Spinnaker Overall Winner
 - The John J. Trask Trophy – For Classic Class Overall Winner
 - The Metcalf Trophy – For PHRF Cruising Overall Winner
- 19.3 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 4, 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 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