



100th ANNUAL REGATTA **Catboat Rendezvous Race**

The Edgartown Yacht Club Regatta Catboat Rendezvous Race will be held in Edgartown, Massachusetts on Saturday, July 15, 2023.

Sailing Instructions **with amendment #1 in strikethrough text**

1 RULES

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2022-2024 including US Sailing Prescriptions*, and the *Navigation Rules (COLREGS)*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at Regatta Network: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26112>.
- 2.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions (called 'the supplement' below) including course chartlet and instructions, will be posted on the official notice board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3 The Race Committee may make oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water, in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes shall be broadcast by the Race Committee to competitors via VHF no later than the warning for any race for which such changes will apply. Radio channels will be specified in the supplement to the Sailing Instructions.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main clubhouse mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 1 hour" in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACE EVENTS

5.1 Saturday, July 15

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| 1045 | Skippers Meeting | Old Sculpin Gallery |
| 1130 | Rendezvous for Parade of Catboats | Down Harbor |
| 1200 | Parade of Catboats and Salute | Edgartown Yacht Club |

1245 Warning Signal Edgartown Outer Harbor
1700* Catboat Awards Ceremony Old Sculpin Gallery
*Approximate time

6 CLASS FLAGS

There will be a single start for all catboats. The class flag used by the Race Committee will be the Numeral One pennant.

7 RACING AREAS

The race course location will be Edgartown Outer Harbor and Nantucket Sound.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The course chartlet and instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 0900 on Saturday, July 15.

9 MARKS

9.1 The marks will be a mix of government and inflatable marks.

9.2 The starting marks will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy.

9.3 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 Race Committee will use the three minute Appendix U *Audible Signal Racing System* to signal the start. The Race Committee signal boat will sound horns at 3 minutes, 2 minutes, 1 ½ minutes, 1 minute, thirty seconds, twenty seconds, ten seconds, and counting down 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and start. Time announcements may also be made on VHF Channel 63.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable buoy.

10.3 If any part of the boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line before the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail their sail number. Boats shall not attempt to restart properly, but will be awarded a time penalty by the Race Committee without a hearing of one minute plus the number of seconds that they were over the line early. This changes RRS 29.1.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between the Edgartown Lighthouse and a staff displaying a blue flag flown on the dock of the EYC Sailing Center on Chappaquiddick. Boats are requested to radio the Catboat Finish Crew on VHF ch 63 as they approach the finish area.

12 SPIRIT OF THE RACE

The Catboat Rendezvous Race is a friendly competition. Competitors are encouraged to sail safely, to observe the rules, and to avoid contact between boats.

14 SCORING

14.1 Boats will be scored in order of finish for their class. ~~Any boat receiving a time penalty for an infraction will have the penalty added to their recorded finish time. Any change to a penalized boat's finish order will not impact the score of other boats. This is a change to RRS A3.~~

15 TIME LIMIT

15.1 The time limit for all boats to finish is 3 hours. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

~~16~~ **~~PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS~~**

- ~~16.1~~ Boats intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area are requested to notify the Race Committee finishing crew on VHF channel 63 immediately after finishing or retiring.
- ~~16.2~~ Hearing forms are available in the Race Office. Completed protest and request for redress forms shall be delivered to protest judges within the appropriate time limit.
- ~~16.3~~ For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time of docking will be noted on the official notice board.
- ~~16.4~~ The protest committee may award penalties other than disqualification at their discretion.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Each boat shall verbally check in with the Race Committee signal boat at the starting area by contacting the Race Committee signal boat on VHF Channel 63 at least 5 minutes before the Warning Signal. Each boat shall state its class, sail number, and number of souls aboard. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the sail number recorded.
- 17.2 [DP] Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn by every sailor at all times while on the water (except when actively adding or removing clothing, or when inside a cabin.) PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing. This changes RRS 40.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee immediately.
- 17.4 Support vessels or competitors experiencing or observing any on the water incident requiring an emergency response shall immediately report the incident to the race committee. The Race Committee will coordinate operations with emergency services. Support vessels may be tasked by the race committee.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 Radio communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be via VHF on channel 63.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race, which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 strong 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. 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.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309, Edgartown, Massachusetts, 02539.
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