



2025 VINEYARD HERRESHOFF CUP

NOTICE OF RACE

The Vineyard Herreshoff Cup will take place in the waters of Edgartown Outer Harbor on the island of Martha's Vineyard on Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29, 2025

With Amendment #1 in Red

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority is the Edgartown Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and by the most current version of the H Class Association rules except as noted in NOR 3.2 and 3.3.

2 SPIRIT OF THE EVENT

The Vineyard Herreshoff Cup is intended to be a Corinthian competition between like-minded devotees of both recreational racing and the Herreshoff tradition. Competitors are discouraged from aggressive maneuvers and/or threats intended to intimidate other sailors, and are further encouraged to exonerate themselves after committing a breach of the Rules in Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Furthermore, this is a competition between individual sailors with the cumulative scores being used to determine a team award. Team racing tactics are considered outside the spirit of the event, and are discouraged.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to skippers who are current members of the Sail MV Menemsha Pond Race Fleet, Vineyard Haven Yacht Club, Holmes Hole Sailing Association or the Edgartown Yacht Club, and to skippers who are eligible for membership in any such organization and have previously competed in it.
- 3.2 Boats that meet the specifications set forth in the H Class Association By-Laws Section II, paragraph 1 are eligible to compete. In addition, Cape Cod Shipbuilding fiberglass H12s are eligible to compete.
- 3.3 The Organizing Authority may accept entry from an H12 boat with non-standard sails and rigging.
- 3.3 Registration can be completed by filling out the registration form and paying the required fee at Regatta Network:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29267
- 3.4 The Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, accept any late entry.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The registration fee shall be \$25 per boat.
- 4.2 A \$50.00 late entry fee shall apply for any entries received after Thursday, June 26.

5 COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 The online Official Notice Board is located at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29267>
- 5.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channels 16, 63, and 72.
- 5.3 Except in an emergency, 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, PDAs and other electronic devices capable of receiving transmissions originating off the boat.

6 EQUIPMENT & CREWS

- 6.1 A crew may be fewer than two persons. This changes the H Class rule pertaining to *Ballast and Weight Limit*.
- 6.2 All crew members shall complete the online liability waiver form found at no later than 1000 on Saturday, June 28:
https://www.cognitoforms.com/EdgartownYachtClub/_2025HerreshoffCupWAIVERANDRELSEOFLIABILITY
- 6.3 No changes in the number of crew, including a reduction in or addition to crew, may be made once the Regatta starts.
- 6.4 All skippers and crew shall wear Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices from the time of check in until the conclusion of racing each day.
- 6.5 Boats may sail with spinnakers, but they are not required to do so.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1800 on Friday, June 27, 2025 online on the Official Notice Board.

8 SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 26, 2025

1600	Deadline for registration	Online
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Friday, June 27, 2025

1800	Sailing Instructions published	Email and Online
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Saturday, June 28, 2025

1000	Deadline for liability waivers	Online
1030	Skippers' Meeting	EYC Clubhouse
1300	First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
After racing	Cocktails & Dinner	Anchor Deck/EYC Clubhouse

Sunday, June 29, 2025

0930	Skippers' Meeting	EYC Clubhouse
1200*	First Warning Signal	Outer Harbor
After Racing	Awards Ceremony	EYC Anchor Deck

***There will be no warning signals after 1500 on Sunday**

9 VENUE AND COURSES

- 9.1 The Regatta will take place in Edgartown Outer Harbor.
- 9.2 Courses will be windward-leeward around drop marks placed at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 9.3 Course diagrams will be provided as a supplement to the Sailing Instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The number of races sailed constitutes a series and no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 11.2 The top three series scores (total points scored for all races) for each fleet shall be used to determine the winning fleet.
- 11.3 Skippers who are members of Vineyard Haven Yacht Club or Holmes Hole Sailing Association (or who are eligible for membership in any such organization and have previously competed in it) shall be considered one fleet, representing the "Vineyard Haven fleet".

12 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.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The Vineyard Herreshoff Cup is a perpetual trophy that shall be awarded to the winning fleet and shall be engraved and maintained by that fleet until the following year's event.
- 13.2 The winning fleet shall select a charitable, non-profit organization that is based on Martha's Vineyard as the recipient of a donation in the amount of all registration fees received, less Regatta Network processing fees.

14 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.

15 ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

By participating in this Regatta, each competitor grants to the Organizing Authority and its members, the Regatta sponsors, and each fleet and the class association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, and to license any other person to so make, show and use, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, sound recordings, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of them or their property made during the period of the Regatta without compensation to such competitor.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Edgartown Yacht Club Race Administrator Margaret Passafiume: racer@edgartownyc.org tel: 508-627-4604.