



## ***2025 VINEYARD HERRESHOFF CUP***

**Edgartown Yacht Club**

**June 28-29, 2025**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**With amendments in RED**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or..."
- 1.2 Breaches of RRS 47 Trash Disposal will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located online at Regatta Network: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29267>

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 0900 on the day it 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.
- 3.2 The Race Committee may make oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water, in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Any oral change in the sailing instructions will be communicated by the Race Committee to competitors via VHF radio on channel ~~63~~ **72**

#### **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 1 hour" in the race signal AP.

## 5 SCHEDULE

### Thursday, June 26, 2025

1600 Deadline for registration Online

### 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.**

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag used by the Race Committee will be an approximation of the H12 class Insignia.

## 7 THE COURSES

7.1 The courses will be windward-leeward. The number of legs to be sailed will be displayed by the Race Committee signal boat no later than the warning signal (5 minutes before the start.) A "4" course would be sailed windward-leeward-windward- and finish to leeward.

7.2 In a course with an odd number of legs, i.e. "3" or "5", the boats shall sail windward-leeward and finish the final leg to windward.

7.3 No later than the warning signal the Race Committee signal boat will ~~display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the windward mark~~ announce the course to be sailed and approximate distance to the windward mark.

## 8 MARKS

8.1 The windward and leeward marks will be inflatable marks.

8.2 Any new marks will be inflatable marks.

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

8.4 A standoff buoy may be set off the stern of the Race Committee signal boat. This buoy shall be regarded as a part of the signal boat.

## 9 THE START

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

9.2 The starting procedure will be a five-minute sequence in accordance with RRS 26.

9.3 A boat starting more than five minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

9.4 [NP] 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 number on VHF channel 63- 72. The absence of a hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4.

## 10 THE FINISH

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

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1 [NP] A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31, 44.1, or 44.2 shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.
- 11.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

## **12 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is one hour. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## **13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1 Boats intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area are requested to notify the Race Committee finishing vessel immediately after finishing or retiring.
- 13.2 Hearing forms are available in the Race Office. Completed protest and request for redress forms shall be delivered to protest judges within the protest time limit.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 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 Office, according to the posted schedule and at the discretion of the Chief Judge, as soon as is practicable after the posting of notices.
- 13.5 Breaches of SI 9.4, 11.1, 14.1, and 14.3 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalty for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.

## **14 SAFETY**

- 14.1 [NP] Each boat shall verbally check in with the Race Committee signal boat at the starting area by passing astern of the signal boat on starboard tack. 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.
- 14.2 [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). PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing. This changes RRS 40.
- 14.3 [NP] A boat that retires from a race, or intends to leave the racing area prior to their finishing the last race of the day, shall notify the Race Committee immediately.
- 14.4 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.

## **15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 15.1 [DP] 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. Competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 63 for instructions/directions from the Race Committee from the time of check-in until the conclusion of racing each day.
- 15.2 The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules, except as allowed by SI 3.2, 11.1, 14.3, 14.4, and 15.1.

## 16 **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.

## 17 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club, One Dock Street, PO Box 1309, Edgartown, MA 02539. Website: [edgartownyc.org](http://edgartownyc.org)

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