



Edgartown Yacht Club
EST. 1905

SUMMER SERIES 2025

One-Design Keelboat Classes

Wednesday Practice Races, Independence Series, July Series, August Series, and Commodore's Cup

NOTICE OF RACE

The Edgartown Yacht Club Summer Series for One-Design Keelboat Classes will be held in Edgartown, Massachusetts beginning on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 and ending on Sunday, August 24, 2025. The Edgartown Yacht Club is the organizing authority.

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

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 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS); by the rules of the one-design classes in which boats are competing as published in the class association's website; by local class rules; and by Chapter X, Section 1 and 2 of the Edgartown Yacht Club Regulations.
- 1.2 [NP] RRS 40.1 is in effect. All sailors will be required to wear US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices from the time they check in until they have finished racing except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing.
- 1.3 Auxiliary motors and fuel are not required equipment in the J/70 class. This is an exception to Rule C.5.3(a)(1) of the International J/70 Class Rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board online by 0900 by Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 All race communications will be on the Official Notice Board on the EYC website's Summer Series page.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats will be required to carry VHF radios capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16 and 72.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal of its class until the end of the last race of the day for its class, except in an emergency, a boat intending to race shall not make voice or data transmissions, and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

- 3.4 [NP][DP] Competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 72 for instructions/directions from the Race Committee.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The series is open to the Shields, J/70, Rhodes 19 (R19), and Herreshoff 12 1/2 (H12) classes. Other classes are eligible at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 4.2 Races are open to members (Active members, children in a family membership, and Junior members) in good standing of the Edgartown Yacht Club whose boats meet applicable one-design class restrictions.
- 4.3 Owners and skippers must have a current 2025 Conformity Certificate on file with the Race Committee prior to 1000 on their first day of racing. Conformity Certificates are available on the Summer Series page of the EYC website.
- 4.4 Submission of the Conformity Certificates in accordance with NOR 4.3 will serve as registration for the Summer Series.
- 4.5 Except as noted in NOR 4.6 and 4.7, a member in good standing of the Edgartown Yacht Club must be at the helm of competing boats in all regular Summer Series races. (See EYC Regulations and House Rules, Chapter IX, Section 2.)
- 4.6 A class may, through its fleet captain, invite a non-member to be at the helm at the discretion of the class and with the approval of the Race Committee. A yacht racing under this provision will not be scored for the races that are helmed by a non-member. This changes RRS A2. Non-members may be at the helm in the Wednesday practice races.
- 4.7 Summer Series Races are open to invited yachts from other clubs/sailing organizations. Non-EYC entrants will not be scored and are not eligible for individual or series trophies. This changes RRS A2.
- 4.8 Class rules regarding crew size minimums and/or maximums will not apply to the Wednesday practice races.
- 4.9 The Commodore of Edgartown Yacht Club has empowered the Race Committee to deny a boat to participate in a race for apparent safety issues, or if it does not meet the requirements of the Conformity Certificate. Boats are entitled to request redress if denied participation under this rule.

5 FEES

There are no fees or closing dates for the Summer Series.

6 ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 6.2 By participating in this regatta, each competitor grants to the organizing authority and its members, the regatta sponsors, and each 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.

7 SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 25, July 2, 9, 23, and 30, and August 6, 13, and 20, 2025

1400 First Warning Keelboat Practice Races All Classes

Saturday, June 28, 2025

1030 Summer Series Combined Shields/R19/J70 Skippers Meeting

1300 First Warning Keelboat July Series Day 1 (Shields/R19/J70 only)

Saturday, July 5, 2025

1030 Summer Series Skippers' Meeting for H12 class

1300 First Warning Keelboat July Series Day 2/Independence Series Day 1

Sunday, July 6, 2025

1300 First Warning Keelboat July Series Day 3/Independence Series Day 2

Saturday, July 19, 2025

1300 First Warning Keelboat July Series Day 4

Saturday, July 26, 2025

1300 First Warning Keelboat July Series Day 5

Saturday, August 2, 2025

1300 First Warning Keelboat August Series Day 1

Saturday, August 9, 2025

1300 First Warning Keelboat August Series Day 2

Saturday, August 16, 2025

1300 First Warning Keelboat August Series Day 3

Saturday, August 23, 2025

1300 First Warning Keelboat August Series Day 4/Commodores Cup Day 1

Sunday, August 24, 2025

1200 First Warning Keelboat August Series Day 5/Commodores Cup Day 2

1630* Awards Ceremony

*Time approximate. Awards may take place earlier, once all sailors have returned from racing and results have been finalized.

8 MEASUREMENTS

Measurement shall comply with the class rules for each class.

9 VENUE

The race course location for all classes will be the Edgartown Outer Harbor. Any alternative locations will be posted on the Official Notice Board and ashore on the Race Committee bulletin board located in the main clubhouse by 0900 on the day of the event.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 For the Shields, R19 and H12 classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

10.2 For the H12 and R19 classes RRS 60.2(a)1 is changed to require boats of these classes to display a red flag when intending to protest another boat.

10.3 The post-race alternative penalty option RRS Appendix V2 will be in effect.

10.4 Competitors are advised that an individual from each fleet (Shields, J70, R19, and H12) should be ready to serve on a protest panel as needed when asked by club judges following all Summer Series races.

11 SCORING

11.1 A minimum of two boats must start in a class for a race to be scored.

- 11.2 A boat that came to the starting area but did not sail the course, did not finish, retired, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes rule A5.3.
- 11.3 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, and will be scored for the finishing place two points more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.
- 11.4 For all series, only scores from eligible yachts shall be considered. EYC Summer Series scores shall not include boats racing under the exemptions of NOR 4.6 and 4.7. For example: if a yacht racing under NOR 4.6 or 4.7 finishes first and an eligible EYC yacht finishes second, for scoring purposes the EYC yacht finishes first.
- 11.5 At the Race Committee's discretion, a boat that races in an away regatta may receive scores for its missed races based upon the average of its scores (including throwouts) for the July or August Series. However, it shall be scored no worse than a "Did Not Finish" (DNF) for the missed races. **Boats intending to request this accommodation should discuss their plans with the Race Committee prior to the start of the affected series.**
- 11.6 For the Independence Series and for the Commodore's Cup, the number of races sailed constitutes a series and no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 11.7 A boat that competes in any race of the Independence Series or the Commodore's Cup shall be scored for that entire series and scored Did Not Compete (DNC) for the races it misses.
- 11.8 For the July Series and August Series, 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.9 For the July and August Series, when fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded. An additional worst score will be excluded for every 6 additional races that are completed. This changes RRS A2.1.

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[NP][DP] Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the Summer Series except with and according to the terms of prior written or email permission of the Race Committee.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Series prizes will be awarded for first place if two yachts qualify; for first and second places if four yachts qualify; and for first, second and third places if five or more yachts qualify. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 13.2 Season Championships will be awarded to the yacht in each class below accumulating the best overall record in all qualifying series.
 - Colorado Cup – Shields Class
 - Robert Dudley Harrington, Jr. Trophy – J/70 Class
 - Hinman Trophy – Rhodes 19 Class
 - Welch Trophy – Herreshoff 12 Class
- 13.3 Special Trophies
 - Carl L. Vietor Memorial Trophy – Highest Percent Score
 - William H. Nelson, Jr. Bowl – Greatest Number of Best Starts
 - Commodore Peter H. Hufstader Award – recognizing a junior sailor aged 15-26 racing with dedication and distinction as skipper or crew in the keelboat fleet.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the summer series 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 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate considering the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309, Edgartown, Massachusetts, 02539. Race Administrator Phone: 508 627-4364; email: racer@edgartownyc.org, or visit the EYC website: www.edgartownyc.org.