



Edgartown Yacht Club  
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***SUMMER SERIES 2025***  
**One-Design Keelboat Classes**  
**Wednesday Practice Series,**  
**Independence Series, July and August Series,**  
**Commodore's Cup**

The Edgartown Yacht Club Summer Series for the Shields, J/70, Rhodes 19 (R19), and Herreshoff 12 1/2 (H12) Classes will be held in Edgartown, Massachusetts beginning Wednesday, June 25, 2025 and ending Sunday, August 24, 2025. The Edgartown Yacht Club is the organizing authority.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) for 2025-2028 including *US Sailing Prescriptions*; by the rules of the one-design classes in which boats are competing as published in the class association's website, except as noted in the Notice of Race; by local class rules; and by Chapter X, Section 1 and 2 of the Edgartown Yacht Club Regulations.
- 1.2 RRS 60.4 (a) (2) is changed as follows: "if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Part 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or"

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the EYC website *Racing and Regattas* Summer Series page.

**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 CLASS FLAGS**

The class flags used by the Race Committee will be an approximation of the class insignia used on each class's sails.

## **6 RACING AREAS**

The race course location for all classes will be the Edgartown Outer Harbor. Alternative locations will be posted on the official notice board no later than 0900 on the day of the event.

## **7 THE COURSES**

- 7.1 The courses will be windward-leeward. The Race Committee signal boat will display the course, and the approximate magnetic compass bearing and distance to the first weather mark no later than the warning signal for each race. For example: A course "4" would be 4 legs (windward-leeward-windward-leeward.) A course "3" would be 3 legs (windward-leeward-windward.)
- 7.2 When Patrol or another boat is substituting for Splendid as signal boat, and for Wednesday practice races, this information may be passed to competitors via VHF radio.
- 7.2 Marks, including the windward offset mark if used, shall be rounded in order and left to port.
- 7.3 If two windward marks are set:
  - a. The Shields and J/70 shall use the farther windward mark.
  - b. The H12 class shall round the closer windward mark. In a course with an odd number of legs, i.e. "3" or "5", H12s shall sail to their usual windward mark(s) but on the last windward leg of the race the finish will be at the windward mark used by the J/70 and Shields classes.
  - c. The R19 class shall round the farther windward mark on their first windward leg, and the H12 windward mark for their second windward leg.
  - d. In a course with an odd number of legs, i.e. "3" or "5", ALL CLASSES shall sail to their usual windward mark(s) but on the last windward leg of the race the finish will be at the farther windward mark used by the J/70 and Shields classes.

## **8 MARKS**

- 8.1 The windward, leeward, offset, and replacement marks will be inflatable marks.
- 8.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable mark.
- 8.3 The Race Committee may set an offset mark to be honored after the windward mark. When a change is made to the windward mark, a new offset mark need not be set.
- 8.4 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.

## **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 mark which may also be a rounding mark of the course.
- 9.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area while other classes are in their start sequence.
- 9.3 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 9.4 If any part of the boat's hull 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 72 and/or hail with a loud hailer. Failure to make a broadcast or hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.5 The Race Committee may replace the starting signals described in RRS 26 with the Audible-Signal Racing System described in RRS Appendix U (commonly known as 3-minute dinghy starts) on days when Race Committee resources are limited. This change will be announced to the competitors as an oral change to the Sailing Instructions by the Race Committee while boats are checking in.
- 9.6 No warning signal will be made after 1630 for Wednesday practice races. For all other races there will be no warning signals after 1600 unless the schedule of races has been changed in accordance with SI 2.1.

## **10 THE FINISH**

The finish 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 [DP] A boat that has taken a penalty or retired shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.
- 11.2 For the Shields, R19, and H12 classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.3 The post-race penalty option RRS Appendix V2 will be in effect. The Scoring Penalty shall be two places, or 30 percent of the score for Did Not Finish, whichever is greater, but no worse than the score for Did Not Finish. This is a modification to Appendix V2(b).

## **12 TIME LIMIT**

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish in each class, unless otherwise posted or signaled, will be one hour from the start signal of that class.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE). This is a change to RRS 35.

## **13 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 13.1 For the H12 and R19 classes RRS 61.1(a)(2) is changed to require boats of these classes to display a red flag when intending to protest another boat.

- 13.2 Boats intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee upon retiring or finishing the race.
- 13.3 Protest forms are available at the Race Committee office. Protests and requests for redress may also be filled out electronically using the US Sailing App or the US Sailing Hearing Request Form located on the EYC Racing website. All protestors and those requesting redress shall notify the Race Committee office in person, and confirm receipt of the filing within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.4 The time limit for protest and request for redress is 1 hour after the Race Committee signal boat arrives at their 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.
- 13.5 Protests will be heard in the EYC Wardroom starting 30 minutes after the protest time limit expires. This is subject to modification by the Chief Judge on a case-by-case basis.
- 13.6 A representative of each fleet - Shields, J/70, R19 and H12 - may be called to sit on protest panels as needed. Protest judges will coordinate with fleet captains to assign members when required.
- 13.7 Competitors directly involved in any incident between two or more yachts sailing in or near the racing area and intend to race, are racing, or have been racing that results in serious damage or injury shall report the incident to the Race Committee. This is in addition to the provisions of RRS 44.1(b).
- 13.8 The Race Committee, or Protest Committee on behalf of the Race Committee, shall file a protest if it learns of an incident as described in SI 13.7 that has not resulted in a protest being submitted by a boat. The protest time limit for the Race or Protest Committee to file under this rule is 48 hours from signal boat docking time.

#### **14 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 14.1 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 their class, sail number, and number of souls on board. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the sail number recorded.
- 14.2 RRS 40.1 is in effect. Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn by every sailor from the time the boat checks in with the Race Committee until they have retired or finished the last race of the day. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing except when actively adding or removing clothing.
- 14.3 [DP] All keelboats must carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on all US VHF channels.
- 14.4 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 14.5 [DP] Any boat intending to leave the racing area prior to their finishing the last race of the day shall communicate their intention to the Race Committee prior to leaving the racing area.

## **15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.

## **16 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 16.1 [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. VHF Channel 72 may be monitored for instructions/directions from the Race Committee. An alternate VHF channel may be assigned if two or more events are being run on the same day. (Examples: 12M Regatta, 'Round-the-Island, or Vineyard Herreshoff Cup.)
- 16.2 [DP] The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules.

## **17 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 series.

## **18 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309, Edgartown, Massachusetts, 02539. Phone: 508 627-4364, or the EYC website: [www.edgartownyc.org](http://www.edgartownyc.org)