

Holmes Hole Sailing Association
49th Annual George Moffett Race
Saturday September 12, 2026
NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The forty-ninth Annual George Moffett Race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* and the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Monohull Boats with a minimum boat length of 18 feet. No free-flying sails or spinnakers; however, fisherman's staysails may be set on any gaff rigged boat.

Link to online entry form and payment available on the Holmes Hole Sailing Association Moffett website until Monday, September 7, 2026 at 23:59 Moffett Registration

3. FEES

The entry fee is \$75 until June 15, 2026. \$100 if received by 23:59 on September 7, 2026

Late entries will be accepted until the beginning of the skipper's meeting for an additional charge of \$100.

4. SCHEDULE

Regular online registration must be completed by 23:59 Monday, September 7, 2026

The Competitors' Meeting is at 17:00 hours on Friday, September 11, 2026 at Gannon and Benjamin.

The Moffett Race will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026. The first warning signal will be at 11:10 hours. If weather forces postponement or the Race Committee determines that conditions would result in a better race the following day, Sunday, September 13, 2026 will be the alternate date. All entrants will be notified of the change of date no later than 17:00 Friday, September 11, 2026 [Skipper's Meeting]

The Awards Announcements and post race party[**BYOB**everages] will be one hour after the last boat finishes, at the VHYC. All competitors are encouraged to come.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Moffett website by 09:00 hours on Friday, September 11, 2026.

6. THE COURSES

The courses for the Handicap Division will be between 10 and 22 nautical miles in length and will be in either Vineyard Sound or Nantucket Sound. The start will be in Vineyard Haven Outer Harbor off Eastville. Course descriptions will be in the sailing instructions. Course schematics will be available on the website by 09:00 hours on Friday September 11.

7. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 One and Two Turn Penalties will apply.

8. SCORING

Scoring is based on the Holmes Hole Sailing Association Moffett handicap system, a Time on Distance based system. All boats are scored as a single division.

9. PRIZES

The Moffett Trophy will be awarded to that vessel in the handicap fleet with the best corrected time overall. Keeper cups will be given to the top three finishers.

10. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the Moffett Race entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, its members, agents, employees, representatives, and the Race Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event, and will not provide emergency towing or rescue vessels or services in connection with the race.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

Holmes Hole Sailing Association reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments of this notice will be posted on the event website and notices sent to all boats registered at that time.

2026 Moffett Entry link and a listing of past winners are all available on the Holmes Hole Sailing Association website: www.holmehole.org Look for the Moffett Button

For questions contact moffett@holmehole.org.

Link to event website below:

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