



## 103rd ANNUAL REGATTA NOTICE OF RACE

The Edgartown Yacht Club 103rd Annual Regatta (“The Regatta”) will be held in Edgartown, Massachusetts on July 10-12, 2026 for One-Design Shields, and July 11 and 12, 2026 for Wianno Senior, J70, Rhodes 19, and Herreshoff 12 ½ Keelboats.

The Edgartown Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA.)

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, and the rules of the one-design classes in which a boat is competing as published in each class association’s web site.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 Auxiliary motors and fuel are not required equipment in the J/70 class for this regatta. This is an exception to Rule C.5.3(a)(1) of the International J/70 Class Rules.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board for all classes no later than 1800 on Thursday, July 9, 2026.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board shall be online on Regatta Network.
- 3.2 All keelboats will be required to carry VHF radios capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16, 63, and 72.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel for each fleet will be stated in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions
- 3.4 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.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to registered boats in One-Design Classes, including but not limited to Shields, Wianno Senior, J/70, Rhodes 19 (R19), and Herreshoff 12 1/2s (H12).
- 4.2 Shields, Wianno Senior, J/70, R19, and H12 classes may register by completing the registration form and paying the required fee online at on or before 1600, Monday, July 6, 2026. The deadline for late registrations is 1600, Thursday, July 9, 2026 for Shields; and 1600, Friday, July 10, 2026 for Wianno Senior, J/70, R19, and H12 classes. The Edgartown Yacht Club may, at its sole discretion, accept any late entry.
- 4.3 A Representative from each Shields shall check in with the Race Committee Office in person or by telephone at (508) 627-4364, prior to 0900, Friday, July 10, 2026.
- 4.4 A Representative from each Wianno Senior, J/70, R19, and H12 shall check in with the Race Committee Office in person or by telephone at (508) 627-4364, prior to 0900, Saturday, July 11, 2026.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 The fee for all keelboat classes is \$150 per boat. This fee is waived for active members of Edgartown Yacht Club. **A \$50 late registration fee will be charged after 1600 on Monday, July 6.**
- 5.2 Full refunds, less service fees, will be given for participants who withdraw by Monday, July 6, 2026. 50% refunds will be given for withdrawing prior to the day of their races. No refunds will be given for withdrawing after the scheduled start on the first day of racing.

## 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 OF EVENTS

### 7.1 Shields

#### **Monday, July 6, 2026**

1600 Deadline for registration and payment Online

#### **Thursday, July 9, 2026**

0900 Race Office opens Race Office

1400-1600 Check-in Race Office and telephone

1600 Deadline for late registration and payment Online

#### **Friday, July 10, 2026**

0800 Race Office opens Race Office

0830 Shields Skippers' Meeting Clubhouse

0900 Check-in deadline Race Office and telephone

1100 Shields - First Warning Signal Edgartown Outer Harbor or Cow Bay

#### **Saturday, July 11, 2026**

1100 Shields - First Warning Signal Edgartown Outer Harbor or Cow Bay

#### **Sunday, July 12, 2026**

1100 Shields - First Warning Signal Edgartown Outer Harbor or Cow Ba

**There will be no Warning Signals after 1430 on the final day of sailing.**

1700\* Combined Awards Ceremony Clubhouse

\*Approximate time. The Awards ceremony may be held earlier to help facilitate plans for visiting sailors once the results have been finalized.

### 7.2 J70s

#### **Monday, July 6, 2026**

1600 Deadline for registration and payment Online

#### **Friday, July 10, 2026**

0800 Race Office opens Race Office

1400-1600 Check-in Race Office and telephone

1600 Deadline for late registration and payment Online

#### **Saturday, July 11, 2026**

0800 Race Office opens Race Office

0900 Check-in deadline Race Office or Telephone

0830 Skippers Meeting Main Clubhouse

1100 J70s - First Warning Edgartown Outer Harbor or Cow Bay

#### **Sunday, July 12, 2026**

1100 J70s - First Warning Edgartown Outer Harbor or Cow Bay

**There will be no Warning Signals after 1430 on the final day of sailing.**

1700\* Combined Awards Ceremony Clubhouse

\*Approximate time. The Awards ceremony may be held earlier to help facilitate plans for visiting sailors once the results have been finalized.

### 7.3 **Wianno Senior**

#### **Monday, July 6, 2026**

1600 Deadline for registration and payment Online

#### **Friday, July 10, 2026**

0800 Race Office opens Race Office

1400-1600 Check-in Race Office and telephone

1600 Deadline for late registration and payment Online

1700 Wianno Senior Skippers Meeting Clubhouse

#### **Saturday, July 11, 2026**

0900 Check-in deadline

1230 Wianno Seniors - First Warning Signal Edgartown Outer Harbor or Cow Bay

#### **Sunday, July 12, 2026**

1200 Wianno Seniors - First Warning Signal Edgartown Outer Harbor or Cow Bay

**There will be no Warning Signals after 1430 on the final day of sailing.**

**Two Wianno Senior Races are planned for both Saturday and Sunday.**

1700\* Combined Awards Ceremony Clubhouse

\*Approximate time. The Awards ceremony may be held earlier to help facilitate plans for visiting sailors once the results have been finalized.

### 7.4 **R19 and H12**

#### **Monday, July 6, 2026**

1600 Deadline for registration and payment Online

#### **Friday, July 10, 2026**

0800 Race Office opens Race Office

1400-1600 Check-in Race Office and telephone

1600 Deadline for late registration and payment Online

#### **Saturday, July 11, 2026**

0800 Race Office opens Race Office

0900 Check-in deadline Race Office and telephone

1030 Combined Skippers' Meeting Clubhouse

1300 R19 and H12 – First Warning Signal Edgartown Outer Harbor

#### **Sunday, July 12, 2026**

1200 R19 and H12 - First Warning Signal Edgartown Outer Harbor

**There will be no Warning Signals after 1430 on the final day of sailing.**

1700\* Combined Awards Ceremony Clubhouse

\*Approximate time. The Awards ceremony may be held earlier to help facilitate plans for visiting sailors once the results have been finalized.

## 8 **EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Boats may be inspected by a race official at any time for compliance with class or Organizing Authority rules.

## 9 **THE COURSES**

9.1 The courses to be sailed by One-Design Keelboats will be windward/leeward.

9.2 Course diagrams will be provided as an addendum to the Sailing Instructions.

## 10 **VENUE**

10.1 The races for R19 and H12 classes will be sailed in Edgartown Outer Harbor.

10.2 The races for Shields, J70 and Wianno Senior classes will be sailed in Edgartown Outer Harbor or Cow Bay.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 For the Shields, Wianno Senior, R19 and H12 classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 The post race penalty option RRS Appendix V2 will be in effect.

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 Two completed races are required to constitute a series for the Shields, J/70, R19 and H12 classes.
- 12.2 One completed race is required to constitute a series for the Wianno Senior class.
- 12.3 Scoring for all classes shall be as follows:
  - (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
  - (b) When 6 or more races have been completed, its 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.
- 12.4 A boat that competes in any races of the Regatta shall be scored for the entire series.
- 12.5 A boat that came to the starting area but did not start, 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.
- 12.6 A boat that did not come to the starting area (DNC) 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.
- 12.7 Time limits for races in each class will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. Boats still racing and failing to finish within the specified **finishing window** after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE) without a hearing and will be scored 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.
- 12.8 RRS 90.3(e) regarding the correction of scoring errors will apply.

## 13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## 14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online liability waiver release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Forms shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link can be found on the event page on Regatta Network under the tab "About the Event".
- 14.2 Boats that start, but that have not completed approved liability waiver forms, shall be scored Disqualified (DSQ) without a hearing.
- 14.3 Scores given under 14.2 shall not be subject to redress.
- 14.4 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 to race 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 taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

**16 PRIZES**

16.1 Prizes will be awarded in each class as follows: A minimum of four competing boats in the class is necessary for a Second Place to be awarded. A minimum of five competing boats in the class is necessary for Third Place to be awarded. Additional prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

16.2 The G. Richard Steigler Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the highest winning margin.

**17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club Race Committee Office, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309, Edgartown, MA 02539, 508-627-4364; email the race administrator at [racer@edgartownyc.org](mailto:racer@edgartownyc.org). [www.edgartownyc.org](http://www.edgartownyc.org)