



## **EDGARTOWN RACE WEEKEND**

### ***'ROUND-THE-ISLAND RACE***

*June 21, 2025*

*The Edgartown Yacht Club*  
*Edgartown, Massachusetts*

The Officers and Members of the Edgartown Yacht Club invite you to participate in the Edgartown Race Weekend Round-the-Island Race. This race will be open to PHRF-NE and Multi-Hull yachts. 'Round-the-Island is a qualifier for the New England Lighthouse Series (PHRF).

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

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 Organizing Authority (OA) is Edgartown Yacht Club (EYC).
- 1.2 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, including US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS)*, and the *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)*
- 1.3 Boats will also be subject to the rules of the rating convention in which they are competing.
- 1.4 RRS 51 is amended to include the sentence "The use of water ballast or canting keels for boats that are rated as such is allowed." This changes RRS 51.
- 1.5 RRS 52 is amended to include the following: "Powered winches and powered winch handles are allowed in all in all PHRF classes. Boats racing double-handed are allowed to use autopilots." This changes RRS 52.
- 1.6 [NP] [DP] Each boat shall fly from its back stay at least five feet above the deck an international code flag numeral pennant corresponding to the number of the class to which it has been assigned. This pennant shall be flown from the time the boat checks in until the boat has finished and cleared the finishing area. Boats lacking a back stay shall do their best to comply.

- 1.7 The Official Notice Board shall be located on Yacht Scoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16932>.
- 1.8 Boats must be a minimum of 28 feet LOA.
- 1.9 Boats shall meet the *US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Coastal Racing*, dated March 1, 2023 found at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>.
- 1.10 The following requirements of the SER are deleted: 3.6.4, 3.9 AIS, and 3.16.2. Boats shall meet either SER requirement 3.7.1 or 3.7.2. The Organizing Authority requires that all boats meet SER 4.3.2 *Safety at Sea Training* for a minimum of two crewmembers, or 30 percent of its crew, whichever is greater.
- 1.11 Boats may submit SER waiver requests along with their risk mitigation proposals via email to the event organizer at [racer@edgartownyc.org](mailto:racer@edgartownyc.org).
- 1.12 Boats racing with PHRF-NE Double-Handed with Spinnaker ratings may also register with a secondary PHRF-NE fully crewed rating to be eligible for the Venona Trophy (overall winner) further described in NOR 13.2 *Prizes*.
- 1.13 The Race Committee will use trackers to monitor competitors for the purposes of safety and race management. Boats shall carry a tracking transponder loaned by the race organizers. A refundable damage/loss deposit by check or credit card number is required for all boats that will be using trackers hardware.
- 1.14 Trackers and sponsor provided race memorabilia will be available for pick up at the Race Office after 1200, Friday June 20, 2025.
- 1.15 **Failure of a boat to pick up a tracker will result in a 30 minute corrected time penalty.**
- 1.16 **Failure of a boat equipped with a tracker to continuously transmit on their tracker will result in a 30 minute corrected time penalty.**
- 1.17 Trackers shall be returned to the Race Office upon completion of racing, but no later than 1200, Sunday, June 22, 2025. Failure to return the device shall result in the specified monetary charge for loss or non-return.
- 1.18 Trackers returned late will be charged for hazardous material overseas shipping and any late return penalties imposed by the provider.
- 1.19 Special arrangements for individual boats to pick up and/or return trackers at an alternate time or place must be coordinated with the Race Office at least one week prior to the event.
- 1.20 RRS Part 2 will be replaced by COLREGS Part B from sunset to sunrise.

## **2 ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

- 2.1 [NP] [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2 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 any such competitor.

## **3 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION**

- 3.1 Boats entered must be owned by, or under charter to, members of US Sailing or of yacht clubs affiliated with US SAILING.
- 3.2 Class sizes will be limited to not fewer than three boats, subject to exceptions made by the Race Committee.
- 3.3 Additional PHRF-NE classes of three or more boats (or fewer, at the discretion of the Race Committee) will be eligible in Non-Spinnaker and Double-Handed with Spinnaker classes.

- 3.4 The acceptance of any entry and the constitution of any class or division are at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.5 Class and/or division changes may not be requested after 1730, Friday, June 13, 2025.
- 3.6 Eligible boats may be entered by completing the registration form found on the regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16932> and by paying the required fee online per the deadlines posted in NOR 5 *Schedule of Events*.
- 3.7 [DP] A representative from each boat must check in by telephone (508) 627-4364, or in person at the Race Office per the deadlines posted in NOR 5 *Schedule of Events*.

#### 4 FEES

- 4.1 All registration fees must be paid before the relevant registration deadlines. No registration is considered complete until the required fees have been paid.
- 4.2 The Registration fee for all classes is \$400 for Early Registration, \$500 for Regular Registration, and \$600 for Late registrations.
- 4.3 Two nights of free moorage will be provided for the first 50 Early and Regular paid registrants. Instructions for mooring reservations will be provided on the regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16932>. Additional registrants will receive moorings on a space available basis.
- 4.4 A refundable damage/loss deposit will be required for all boats for the tracker devices provided by the race organizer. A link to the damage/loss deposit form will be provided on the regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16932>. Forms will also be available in the Race Committee office on the day of tracker pick-up.
- 4.5 Registration fees are waived for Edgartown Yacht Club members.
- 4.6 Refund policy: Full refunds, minus PayPal processing fees, will be given through June 13, 2025. Refund requests submitted after June 13 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

##### Monday, May 5, 2025

1730 Deadline for early registration and payment Online

##### Friday, June 6, 2025

1730 Deadline for regular registration and payment Online

##### Friday, June 13, 2025

1730 Deadline for late registration and payment Online  
 1730 Deadline for submission of rating certificates Email or Race Office  
 1730 Deadline for requesting refunds Telephone or email  
 1730 Deadline for changing classes or divisions Telephone or Race Office

##### Friday, June 20, 2025

1000-1700 Check-in Telephone or Race Office  
 1200-1700 Tracker and memorabilia pick-up Race Office  
 1700 Skipper's Meeting Main Clubhouse  
 1720 Mount Gay Welcome Party and Dinner Main Clubhouse  
 1730 Deadline for submission of Liability Waivers Online

##### Saturday, June 21, 2025

0800 First Warning Signal Starting Line  
 2400 Time limit expires Finish Line

##### Sunday, June 22, 2025

0900 Awards Ceremony\* Main Clubhouse  
 1200 Deadline to return trackers Race Office

**\* It is the intention of the Organizing Authority to hold the Awards Ceremony on schedule based upon the best available information at the time. Final results may vary if there are still protest hearings in progress, or waiting to be heard.**

## **6 MEASUREMENTS**

- 6.1 Each boat participating in PHRF-NE, or Multi-Hull shall produce a valid PHRF-NE or New England Multi-Hull Association (NEMA) certificate on or before 1730, Friday, June 13, 2025. All certificates must be valid for the current year.

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCRATCH SHEETS**

- 7.1 Sailing Instruction will be available on the Official Notice Board no later than 1600, Wednesday, June 18, 2025.
- 7.2 Final scratch sheets will be available on the Official Notice Board no later than 1600, Friday, June 20, 2025.
- 7.3 This will be a paperless event. Paper copies of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and scratch sheets will not be distributed at check-in.

## **8 VENUE**

The 'Round-the-Island Race will be sailed around the Island of Martha's Vineyard, in Nantucket Sound, the Atlantic Ocean and Vineyard Sound.

## **9 COURSE**

The course will be a clockwise circumnavigation of Martha's Vineyard from Edgartown. The distance is approximately 55.0 miles. The approximate course, with virtual gates, will be depicted in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions. This course is a test of seamanship and navigation skills. Competitors are reminded that the course passes adjacent to several shoals and reefs. Caution should be exercised throughout the race, with special attention given in the area east and south of Wasque Point on the southeast corner of Chappaquiddick Island, where strong currents have occasionally forced boats to anchor while awaiting favorable conditions. Use of engines to safely navigate any part of this course will be a RRS 42 infraction, and boats that engage their engines are expected to retire.

## **10 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

Alternative scoring penalties may be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 The scoring will be Time-on-Time (ToT) using the PHRF-NE and NEMA rating conventions. Within PHRF-NE, there will be three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Double-Handed with Spinnaker. The organizing authority may combine or subdivide each of the classes or divisions at its discretion.
- 11.2 RRS 90.3(e) will apply, with the exception that the "24 hours" limit is replaced with "48 hours."

## **12 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 12.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, and except for intra-boat communications within boats sailed double-handed, 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, PDAs and other electronic devices capable of receiving transmissions originating off the boat.
- 12.2 Radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee will be on VHF Channel 72, with the exception of check-in for 'Round-the-Island on VHF Channel 73.

### 13 PRIZES

13.1 First, Second and Third place Prizes will be awarded in each class.

13.2 Special awards

- The **VENONA Trophy** for the overall winner (the single best corrected PHRF-NE time) for boats with fully-crewed PHRF-NE spinnaker ratings. In the event of shortened courses where all classes are not finished at the shortened course finish line, only boats that complete the longest course are eligible for this award.
- The **CONCORD Cup** for the non-foiling monohull finisher with the lowest elapsed time.
- The **RALPH D. OSBORNE Trophy** for the innovative design finisher with the lowest elapsed time.
- The **UPBEAT Cup** for the overall winner of the fully-crewed non-spinnaker classes.\*\*
- The **EOLIS Bowl** for the overall winner of the Double-Handed with Spinnaker classes.\*\*
- The **ALEXANDER N. ORR Trophy** for the best corrected time among boats racing double-handed without a spinnaker.\*\*
- The **HOBART A.H. COOK Award** for the best corrected time among Service Academy entries.\*\*
- The **OCEAN RACE Trophy** for the best corrected time among entries by EYC members.\*\*
- The **TEAM Award** for the best corrected time of a 3-boat team from a given yacht club or Service Academy. Teams will be automatically comprised of the top three finishers from any club or Service Academy.\*\* \*\*\*
- The **INCOGNITO Award** is awarded to the crew that exhibits passion, perseverance, and commitment to the sport of sailing during the course of Edgartown Race Weekend. The INCOGNITO Award is the generous donation of one of Edgartown Race Weekend's most ardent supporters, and is awarded at the discretion of the ERW Organizing Authority.
- Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

**\*\* Criteria for determining corrected time for boats racing under different rating systems and/or different length courses will be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.**

**\*\*\* Criteria for defining a club eligible for the Team Award will be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.**

### 14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 As a condition of entry, each participating owner, skipper, and individual 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 regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16932>. Boats shall not be scored unless the required forms have been submitted.

14.2 RRS 3 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 Race Committee Office: (508) 627-4364; [racer@edgartownyc.org](mailto:racer@edgartownyc.org)