



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

***July 24, 2021***

***The Edgartown Yacht Club***  
***Edgartown, Massachusetts***

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **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 for 2021-2024 including US Sailing Prescriptions* (RRS). In addition, 'Round-the-Island will be governed by the *US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Coastal Racing*, dated February 8, 2021, <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/> and the *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea*.
- 1.3 The following requirements of the SER are deleted: 3.6.2, 3.6.4, 3.16.2, 4.3.2. Yachts shall meet either SER requirement 3.7.1 or 3.7.2.
- 1.4 RRS Part 2 will be replaced by COLREGS Part B from sunset to sunrise.
- 1.5 Yachts will also be subject to the rules of the rating convention in which they are competing.
- 1.6 RRS Rule 52 is changed to allow powered winches in all PHRF classes.
- 1.7 RRS Rule 52 is changed to allow autopilots in the Double-Handed classes.
- 1.8 Yachts racing with ORC ratings may also register with a secondary PHRF-NE rating to be eligible for the special 'Round-the Island awards described in NOR 18.3 (Prizes).
- 1.9 The Race Committee will publish a scratch sheet listing the class breakdowns, the boats assigned to each class, and the class flags. The order of starts will be published as an addendum to the Sailing Instructions. These will be posted on the online Official Notice Board by 1600 on Friday, July 23, 2021. The responsibility of the assignment of a boat to a class rests solely with the Race Committee.
- 1.10 The Official Notice Board shall be located on the EYC racing website at [https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view\\_document.asp?NS=PR&GRP=40011&DN=RACE](https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view_document.asp?NS=PR&GRP=40011&DN=RACE) and Yacht Scoring at [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=13249](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=13249).

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.2 A skippers' meeting for the 'Round-the-Island will be held at 1730 on Friday, July 23, 2021 at the EYC Clubhouse.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any Changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 0600 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the race will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## **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 90 minutes" in the race signal AP. When a class flag is displayed with the AP, it applies to that class only.

## **5 SCHEDULE**

### **5.1 Friday, July 23, 2021**

1400-1730	Check-in	Race Office
1730	Skipper's Meeting	Clubhouse
1800	Mount Gay Welcome Party and Dinner	Clubhouse

### **Saturday, July 24, 2021**

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

### **Sunday, July 25, 2021**

1100	Combined 'RTI'/RTB Awards Ceremony	Clubhouse
1300	Deadline for return of YB Trackers	Race Office

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 Each boat will fly from her stern, at least five feet above the deck, an international code flag numeral pennant corresponding to the number of the class to which she has been assigned. Boats lacking a backstay will do their best to comply. Catamarans are exempt from this requirement. The pennant will be flown from the time the boat checks in per SI 18.1 until the boat has finished and cleared the finishing area. Only the Race Committee may protest a boat for breaking this requirement. This changes RRS 60.
- 6.2 Racing boats shall not fly an ensign. Only the Race Committee may protest a boat for breaking this requirement.

## **7 THE COURSE**

The course will be a clockwise circumnavigation of Martha's Vineyard from Edgartown, and will be sailed in Nantucket Sound, the Atlantic Ocean, and Vineyard Sound. The distance is approximately 55 nautical miles. The approximate course, with virtual gates, is depicted in Addendum #1 to these 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 racing yachts to anchor while awaiting favorable conditions. Use of engines to safely navigate any part of this course will be a RRS 42 infraction and yachts that engage their engines should retire or face disqualification.

## **8 MARKS**

After the start, the following are the marks of the course in sequence. All marks will be left to Starboard with the exception of the finish mark as described in SI 11.1

- Start - Edgartown C “3”
- Inflatable Yellow Mark (Will be set approximately 1.3 NM NNE of Cape Pogue in position: 41 26.4N, 070 26.2 W).
- Mutton Shoal G C “3”
- Muskeget Channel RW “MC”, Mo(A)
- Squibnocket Point N “2”
- Devil’s Bridge G “31”
- West Chop C “25”
- East Chop G “23”
- Finish - Edgartown R “2”

## **9 THE START**

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange-colored flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the port end and C “3” at the starboard end of the line.
- 9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area while other classes are in start sequence.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than five minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 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. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.5 The starting signal boat may use a “stand-off” buoy at the starting line. The “stand-off” buoy is considered part of the committee boat.
- 9.6 Under World Sailing Test Rule 21-01, change the definition *Start* as follows:  
*Start* A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with RRS 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side of the course either  
(a) at or after her starting signal, or  
(b) during the last 60 seconds before her starting signal.
- 9.7 When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition *start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a), but, if she does not the starting penalty shall be 10 minutes added to her elapsed time.

## **10 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 10.1 In the event of a shortened course, the following procedures will be used. (This changes RRS 32.)
- 10.2 **Shortened Course using “Course Gates”** — Yachts shall record their time to the nearest second per their GPS when they pass through each “course gate” as described in SI Addendum 1. Yachts should attempt to note the sail numbers of the yachts immediately ahead and astern of them as they pass through the gate. In the event that the Race Committee decides to shorten the course at a “course gate”, they will attempt to notify the racing yachts on the fleet VHF 72 channel. All yachts shall provide the Race Committee with their time(s) passing the “course gates” and finish line time, and the sail numbers of the yachts immediately ahead and astern of them, as soon as reasonably possible after finishing, but not later than 2400 on Saturday, July 24, 2021. Reports can be submitted to the Race Office or by texting a photo of their gate time sheet to (978) 618-7385.

- 10.3 Boats that fail to finish before time expires, or retire prior to reaching the finish line or the shortened course finish gate for their class, will be scored based upon their reported time at the last gate through which they successfully passed before they retired or time expired.

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1 Yachts finishing will hail the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 five minutes before their estimated finishing time stating their name and sail number.
- 11.2 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line and Edgartown Buoy R "2" at the port end.
- 11.3 Deep keeled yachts concerned with finishing on the "wrong" side of R "2" may declare their intent to leave R "2" to starboard and finish within a 100 yard extension of the finish line. They must make this declaration when checking in per SI 11.1.
- 11.4 Boats shall record their own finishing time to the nearest second per their GPS, and provide that information to the Race Committee on Addendum 1. (See SI 10.2.)
- 11.5 After sunset the Race Committee boat at the finish line will display an anchor light and the Club's night signal, red over green over red. Boats finishing after sunset will illuminate their sail numbers on the side closest to the Race Committee boat while crossing the finishing line and for at least 30 seconds following the finishing signal from the Race Committee boat.
- 11.6 If there is fog at the finish, the Race Committee boat may ring a bell rapidly for approximately five seconds at intervals of not more than one minute.
- 11.7 In the event that there is no Race Committee boat on station at the finishing line, a yacht shall finish and take its own time in accordance with the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34. A yacht shall finish within 100 yards of R "2" with the mark bearing 050M or 230M from the racing yacht, and report its finishing time and finishing position in relation to any nearby yachts and report them to the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than 2400 on Saturday, July 24, 2021.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 RRS 44.3, *Scoring Penalty*, will be in effect.
- 12.2 RRS 64.2 is changed to include: "The protest committee may impose penalties other than disqualification, including time penalties, for breaches of a rule."

## **13 TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1 Boats failing to finish by 2400 on Saturday, July 24, 2021 will be scored for finishing at the last gate through which they successfully passed before time expired. This changes RRS 35.
- 13.2 Boats failing to successfully pass Gate 1 before time expires will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 A yacht shall report its intent to protest to the Race Committee signal boat within 10 minutes following its finish. Such notification will include the sail number of the boat being protested.
- 14.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Committee office.
- 14.3 Protests and requests for redress must be delivered to the EYC Race Office before 0800 on Sunday, July 25, 2021. The same time limit applies to protests and requests for redress by the Race Committee and the Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area.

- 14.4 Notices will be posted electronically on the Official Notice Board as soon as practicable, but no later than 0800 Sunday, July 25, 2021 to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held remotely by telephone conference call, or in person in the EYC Wardroom (as posted on the Official Notice Board.)
- 14.5 Requests for scoring reviews must be submitted in person or by calling the EYC Race Office prior to 0800 on Sunday, July 25, 2021. This deadline may be extended on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Race Committee or Protest Committee.
- 14.6 Protests and requests for redress will be heard in approximately the order in which they are received beginning at 0830 on Sunday, July 25, 2021, unless the parties and the Protest Committee agree to hear the case earlier.
- 14.7 Breaches of SI 1.9, 17, and RRS 47 *Trash Disposal* will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 14.8 The US Prescription to RRS 63.2 is not in effect.

## **15 SCORING**

The decision on the scoring method and scoring parameters used will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and together with length of course, directions of leg and the wind speed will not be grounds for request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

## **16 SAFETY**

- 16.1 Prior to the first warning signal each boat will contact the Race Committee as they pass Edgartown R "6" on VHF Channel 73, and check in by announcing to the Race Committee its name, class, and sail number. The Race Committee will respond with the sail number heard. Upon completion of check-in, boats shall shift their radios back to VHF Channel 72 for the duration of the race.
- 16.2 Refer to the Safety and Emergency Protocol information provided on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.3 The Chappaquiddick Ferry shall be considered "Restricted in her ability to maneuver," as defined in COLREGS Rule 18, and as such has the right-of-way over power driven and sailing vessels underway.
- 16.4 Any boat withdrawing before the start or retiring during the Race for any reason SHALL NOTIFY THE RACE COMMITTEE on VHF Channel 72 AND the Race Committee Office by telephone (508) 627-4364.

## **17 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 17.1 Radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee will be on VHF Channel 72, with the exception of check-in on VHF Channel 73.
- 17.2 The Double-Handed division may make intra-boat radio communications while racing.
- 17.4 Except in an emergency or to communicate with the Race Committee, 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.

## **18 PRIZES**

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded at 1100 on Sunday, July 25, 2021. A Zoom link will be provided on the Official Notice Board.
- 18.2 First, Second and Third place Prizes will be awarded for each class.

- 18.3 Special Awards:
- The VENONA Trophy for the overall winner (the single best corrected PHRF-NE time) of the fully-crewed spinnaker division boats, regardless of class.
  - The UPBEAT Cup for the overall winner of the fully-crewed non-spinnaker division.
  - The CONCORD Cup for the monohull finisher with the lowest elapsed time.
  - The RALPH D. OSBORNE Trophy for the innovative design finisher with the lowest elapsed time.
  - The EOLIS Bowl for the Double-Handed with Spinnaker overall winner.
  - The ALEXANDER N. ORR Trophy for the Double-Handed without Spinnaker overall winner.
  - The HOBART A.H. COOK Award for the best PHRF-NE time among Service Academy entries.
  - The OCEAN RACE Trophy for the best PHRF-NE time among entries by EYC members.
  - A TEAM AWARD for the best corrected time of a 3-boat team with PHRF-NE ratings from a given yacht club or Service Academy. Teams will be automatically comprised of the top three finishers from any club or Service Academy.
- 18.4 Edgartown Race Weekend Award(s) will be given to the yacht(s) with the best combined performance in the 'Round-the-Buoys and 'Round-the-Island Races.
- 18.5 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

**19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the Race.

**20 RACE TRACKER RETURN PROCEDURES**

Race trackers shall be returned to the Race Office upon completion of racing, but no later than 1300, Sunday July 25, 2021. Failure to return the device shall result in the specified monetary charge for loss or non-return.

**21 COMMUNICATION**

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