



Edgartown Yacht Club

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***SUMMER SERIES 2023***  
**One-Design Keelboat Classes**  
**Wednesday Practice Series,**  
**Independence Series, July and August Saturday 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 28, 2023 and ending Sunday, August 27, 2023. Edgartown Yacht Club is the organizing authority.

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2023-2024 including US Sailing Prescriptions*, and the rules of the one-design classes in which each boat is competing as published in each class association's website.

### **2 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:  
[https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view\\_document.asp?GRP=40095&NS=R&APP=80&DN=SUMMER](https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view_document.asp?GRP=40095&NS=R&APP=80&DN=SUMMER)

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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 pass to competitors via VHF radio.

### **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 SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, June 28, July 5, 19, 26, and August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023

1400 First Warning Keelboat Practice Races

Saturday, July 1, 2023

1030 Summer Series Skippers' Meeting - Main Clubhouse

Saturday, July 1, 2023

1300 First Warning Independence Series/July Series

Sunday, July 2, 2023

1200 First Warning Independence Series

Saturday, July 8, 2023

1300 First Warning July Series

Saturday, July 15, 2023

1100 First Warning EYC Regatta/July Series – Shields

1300 First Warning EYC Regatta/July Series J70/R19/H12

Saturday, July 22, 2023

1300 First Warning July Series

Saturday, July 29, 2023

1300 First Warning August Series

Saturday, August 5, 2023

1300 First Warning August Series

Saturday, August 12, 2023

1300 First Warning August Series

Saturday, August 19, 2023

1300 First Warning August Series

Saturday, August 26, 2023

1300 First Warning Commodore's Cup

Sunday, August 27, 2023

1200 First Warning Commodore's Cup

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

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

## **7 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.

## **8 THE COURSES**

8.1 The courses will be Windward-Leeward with the number of legs posted on the Committee Boat Splendid's signal board no later than the class warning signal. A "4" would be sailed windward-leeward-windward-leeward. When Patrol or another boat is substituting for Splendid as signal boat, this information will pass to competitors via VHF.

- 8.2 Course diagrams can be found in the appendix to the sailing instructions. Diagrams show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.3 Marks, including the windward offset mark if used, shall be rounded in order and, with the exception of a gate, if used, left to port.
- 8.4 If two windward marks are set, the farther mark shall be rounded by the Shields, J/70 and R19 classes (except as noted in SI 8.2). The H12 class shall round the closer mark.
- 8.5 For the H12 class, 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 for the J/70 and Shields classes.
- 8.6 For the R19 class, in a course with four legs, the first windward mark will be the Shields and J/70 windward mark. The second windward mark will be the H12 windward mark. In a course with an odd number of legs, i.e. 3 or 5, R19s 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 for the J/70 and Shields classes. This rule does not apply during the Wednesday practice races.
- 8.7 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat Splendid will display the approximate magnetic compass bearing and distance to the first weather mark. When Patrol or another boat is substituting for Splendid as signal boat, this information will pass to competitors via VHF. This information need not be posted for the Wednesday practice races.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 The windward, leeward, offset, and gate marks will be inflatable marks.
- 9.2 New marks, as allowed in SI 11, will be inflatable marks.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 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.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable buoy which may also be a rounding mark of the course.
- 10.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area while other classes are in their start sequence.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 If any part of the boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line before 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).

- 10.5 As allowed in the US Sailing prescription to RRS 32.2, the Race Committee may display flag A (with no sound) while boats are finishing to signal that there will be no more races that day. If a class flag is displayed with flag A, there will be no more races for that class only. These signals will not be used for the Wednesday practice races.
- 10.6 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 3.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag flown on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark which will be on the same side of the Race Committee boat as the staff displaying a blue flag.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 [DP] A boat that has taken a penalty or retired shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 The post race penalty option RRS 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 V2(b).

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE).

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Boats intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee upon retiring or completing the race.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 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.
  - 15.5 A representative of each fleet - Shields, J70, R19 and H12 - will be called to sit on protest panels as needed. Protest judges will coordinate with fleet captains to assign members when required, according to the schedule published as an addendum to the sailing instructions.
  - 15.6 Breaches of SI 10.2, 13.1, and 17 and NOR 13 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalty for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
  - 15.7 Breaches of RRS 47 Trash Disposal will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
  - 15.8 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.
  - 15.9 There shall be a protest hearing to review any incident resulting in serious damage or injury that occurs between two or more yachts that are sailing in or near the racing area and intend to race, are racing, or have been racing. This is in addition to the provisions of RRS 44.1(b).
  - 15.10 The Race Committee shall file a protest if it learns of an incident as described in SI 14.9 that has not resulted in a protest being submitted by a boat. This is a modification of RRS 60.2. The time limit for the Race Committee to file a protest under this rule is 48 hours from the signal boat docking time. This is a change to SI 14.3.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1 Every 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.
- 16.2 [DP] RRS 40.1 is in effect. Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn by every sailor at all times (except when actively adding or removing clothing) 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.
- 16.3 [DP] All keelboats must carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on all US VHF channels.
- 16.4 If sustained winds are consistently above 17 mph, the Race Committee signal boat may fly numeral pennant 8 - white with a red cross - to indicate that no spinnakers shall be used in the Shields, R19, and H12 fleets.
- 16.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 16.6 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.
- 16.7 Support vessels or competitors experiencing or observing any on the water incident requiring an emergency response shall immediately report the incident to

the Race Committee. The Race Committee will coordinate operations with emergency services.

**17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

**18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

18.1 [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 for use during the Annual Regatta.

18.2 The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules, except as allowed by SI 13.1, 16.3, 16.5, 16.7, and 18.1.

**19 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 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 series.

**20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309, Edgartown, Massachusetts, 02539.

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