



Edgartown Yacht Club
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101st ANNUAL REGATTA

Shields and Wianno Senior, J/70, Rhodes 19, and Herreshoff 12 Classes

The Edgartown Yacht Club Regatta for One-Design Keelboats will be held in Edgartown, Massachusetts beginning on Friday, July 12, 2024 and ending on Sunday, July 14, 2024. The 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)*, and the rules of the one-design classes in which a boat is competing as published in each class association's website.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Regatta Network: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27676>
- 2.2 Supplementary sailing instructions (called 'the supplement' below) including course diagrams and VHF assignments, will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0800 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3 The Race Committee may make oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water, in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes shall be broadcast by the race committee to competitors via VHF no later than the warning for any race for which such changes will apply. Radio channels will be specified in the supplement to the sailing instructions.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main clubhouse 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 CLASS FLAGS

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

6 RACING AREAS

The race course location for Shields, J/70s and Wianno Seniors will be Edgartown Outer Harbor or Cow Bay, location to be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0800 each race day. The location for R19s, and H12s will be Edgartown Outer Harbor.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course, and it may also display the approximate bearing and distance to the first mark.
- 7.2 Course diagrams can be found on the Official Notice Board in the supplement 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.
- 7.3 Marks, including the windward offset mark (if used) shall be rounded in order and with the exception of a gate (if used) shall be left to port.
- 7.4 In the absence of a leeward gate, the leeward mark shall be left to port.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 The windward, leeward, offset, reach (wing), and gate marks will be inflatable marks.
- 8.2 New marks will be inflatable marks.
- 8.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 8.4 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.
- 8.5 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.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The start sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area while other classes are in their start sequence.
- 9.4 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 9.5 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 hail their sail number. Failure to make a hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.6 No warning signals will be made after 1430 on the final day of the regatta.

10 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.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 [DP] A boat that has taken a penalty or retired shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.
- 11.2 For the Wianno Senior, Shields, R19 and H12 classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 The post race penalty option Appendix 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) and a change to NOR 11.3.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish in the R19, and H12 classes, unless otherwise posted or signaled, will be one hour from the start signal of that class.
- 12.2 R19, and H12 class boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.
- 12.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish in the Shields, J/70, and Wianno Senior classes, unless otherwise posted or signaled, will be one and one-half hours from the start signal of that class, except as noted in SI 12.5.
- 12.4 Shields, J/70 and Wianno Senior class boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.
- 12.5 The time limit for all boats to finish in the Wianno Senior race on Sunday, unless otherwise posted or signaled, will be three hours.
- 12.6 Wianno Senior class boats failing to finish within the time limit for the Sunday race will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Boats intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area are requested to notify the Race Committee finishing vessel immediately after finishing or retiring.
- 13.2 Hearing forms are available in the Race Office. Completed protest and request for redress forms shall be delivered to protest judges within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time of docking will be noted on the Official Notice Board.
- 13.4 The schedule of protest hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board approximately 30 minutes after the protest time limit. Hearings will take place in the EYC Ward Room adjacent to the Race Office. The schedule is subject to modification by the Chief Judge on a case-by-case basis.
- 13.5 [DP] Breaches of SI 11.1, 15, and 16 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.
- 13.6 Breaches of RRS 47 Trash Disposal will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 Each 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 its class, sail number, and number of souls aboard. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the sail number recorded.
- 14.2 [DP] Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn by every sailor at all times while on the water (except when actively adding or removing clothing). PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing. This changes RRS 40.
- 14.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or intends to leave the racing area prior to their finishing the last race of the day, shall notify the Race Committee immediately.
- 14.4 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. Support vessels may be tasked by the race committee.
- 14.5 The operation of drones by support persons in the vicinity of the race course is prohibited.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 Radio communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be via VHF. Channel assignments for each fleet will be listed in the supplement on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.2 [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. Competitors may monitor their fleet's VHF channel for instructions/directions from the Race Committee.
- 15.3 The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules, except as allowed by SI 14.3, 14.4, 15.1, and 15.2.

16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 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.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309, Edgartown, Massachusetts, 02539. Phone: 508 627-4604; email the race administrator racer@edgartownyc.org, or visit the EYC website: www.edgartownyc.org.