



Edgartown Yacht Club

EST. 1905

SUMMER SERIES 2024

One-Design Keelboat Classes

Wednesday Practice Races, Independence Series, July and August
Saturday Series, and Commodore's Cup

NOTICE OF RACE

The Edgartown Yacht Club Summer Series for One-Design Keelboat Classes will be held in Edgartown, Massachusetts beginning on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 and ending on Sunday, August 25, 2024. The Edgartown Yacht Club is the organizing authority.

1 RULES

1.1 ~~The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024* (RRS), and the rules of the one-design classes in which a boat is competing as published in each class association's web site.~~

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1.2 RRS 40.1 is in effect. All sailors will be required to wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device from the time they check in until they have finished racing.

1.3 All keelboats will be required to carry VHF radios capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16, 63, 72, and 73.

1.4 Auxiliary motors and fuel are not required equipment in the J/70 class for this series. This is an exception to Rule C.5.3(a)(1) of the International J/70 Class Rules.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

All race communications will be on the Official Notice Board on the EYC website's Summer Series page. Members must log in to the EYC website to view the page:
https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view_document.asp?GRP=40095&NS=R&APP=80&DN=SUMMER

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board online by 0900 on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Earlier versions may be available for review online before that date.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The series is open to the Shields, J/70, Rhodes 19 (R19), and Herreshoff 12 1/2 (H12) classes. Other classes are eligible at the discretion of the organizing authority.

- 4.2 Races are open to members (Active members, children in a family membership, Junior members, and Short-Term members) in good standing of the Edgartown Yacht Club whose boats meet applicable one-design class restrictions.
- 4.3 Owners and skippers must have a current 2024 Conformity Certificate on file with the Race Committee prior to 1000 on their first day of racing. Conformity Certificates are available on the Summer Series page of the EYC website, or at this link: https://www.cognitofirms.com/EdgartownYachtClub/_2024ClassConformityCertificate
- 4.4 Except as noted in NOR 4.5 and 4.6, a member in good standing of the Edgartown Yacht Club must be at the helm of competing boats in all regular Summer Series races. (See EYC Regulations and House Rules, Chapter IX, Section 2.)
- 4.5 A class may, through its fleet captain, invite a non-member to be at the helm at the discretion of the class and with the approval of the Race Committee. Non-members may be at the helm in the Wednesday practice races.
- 4.6 Summer Series Races are open to invited J/70 yachts from other clubs/sailing organizations. Non-EYC entrants will be scored separately, and are not eligible for individual or series trophies. This changes RRS A2.
- 4.7 Class rules regarding crew size minimums and/or maximums will not apply to the Wednesday practice races.
- 4.8 Submission of the Conformity Certificates in accordance with NOR 4.3 will serve as registration for the Summer Series.
- 4.9 There are no fees or closing dates for the Summer Series.

5 ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- 5.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 5.2 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.

6 SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 26, July 3, 10, 24, and 31, and August 7, 14, and 21, 2024

1400 First Warning Keelboat Practice Races All Classes

Saturday, June 29, 2024

1030 Summer Series Combined Keelboat Skippers Meeting

1300 First Warning Keelboat Independence Series/July Series

Sunday, June 30, 2024

1200 First Warning Keelboat Independence Series

Saturday, July 6, 2024

1300 First Warning Keelboat July Series

Saturday, July 13, 2024

1100 First Warning Shields Regatta/Shields July Series

1200 First Warning J/70 Regatta/July Series

1300 First Warning R19/H12 Regatta/July Series

Saturday, July 20, 2024

1300 First Warning Keelboat July Series

Saturday, July 27, 2024

1300 First Warning Keelboat August Series
Saturday, August 3, 2024
1300 First Warning Keelboat August Series

Saturday, August 10, 2024

1300 First Warning Keelboat August Series

Saturday, August 17, 2024

1300 First Warning Keelboat August Series

Saturday, August 24, 2024

1300 First Warning Keelboat Commodore's Cup

Sunday, August 25, 2024

1200 First Warning Keelboat Commodore's Cup

1630* Awards Ceremony

*Time approximate. Awards may take place earlier. once all sailors have returned from racing and results have been finalized.

7 MEASUREMENTS

Measurement shall comply with the class rules for each class.

8 VENUE

The race course location for all classes will be the Edgartown Outer Harbor. Any alternative locations - including the possible designation of Cow Bay for Shields, J/70s, and Wianno Seniors on the Saturday of Edgartown Regatta - will be posted on the Official Notice Board and ashore on the Race Committee bulletin board located in the main clubhouse by 0900 on the day of the event.

9 PROTESTS

- 9.1 Competitors are advised that an individual from each fleet (Shields, J70, R19, and H12) will be assigned to serve on a protest panel as needed following all Summer Series races. An assignment schedule will be published as an addendum to the sailing instructions when they are posted on the official notice board in June.
- 9.2 Competitors directly involved in any incident between two or more yachts sailing in or near the racing area and intend to race, are racing, or have been racing that results in serious damage or injury shall report the incident to the Race Committee. This is in addition to the provisions of RRS 44.1(b).
- 9.3 The Race Committee shall file a protest if it learns of an incident as described in NOR 9.2 that has not resulted in a protest being submitted by a boat. This is a modification of RRS 60.2. The protest time limit for the Race Committee to file under this rule is 48 hours from signal boat docking time.
- 9.4 The Protest Committee shall file a protest if it learns of an incident as described in NOR 9.2 that has not resulted in a protest being submitted by a boat or the Race Committee. This is a modification of RRS 60.3. The protest time limit for the Protest Committee to file under this rule is 48 hours from signal boat docking time.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 For the Independence Series and for the Commodore's Cup, the number of races sailed constitutes a series and no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 10.2 A minimum of two boats must start in a class in order for a race to be scored.

- 10.3 A boat that competes in any race of the Keelboat Independence Series or the Commodore's Cup shall be scored for the entire series and scored Did Not Compete (DNC) for the races it misses.
- 10.4 For the July Series and August Series, 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (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, a boat's 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.
- 10.5 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.
- 10.6 A boat that did not come to the starting area 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.
- 10.7 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE) without a hearing, and will be scored for the finishing place 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.
- 10.8 At the Race Committee's discretion, a boat that races in an away regatta may receive scores for its missed races based upon the average of its scores (including throwouts) for the July or August Series. However, it shall be scored no worse than a "Did Not Finish" (DNF) for the missed races. **Boats intending to request this accommodation should discuss their plans with the Race Committee prior to the start of the affected series.**
- 10.9 For all series, only scores from eligible boats shall be considered. EYC Summer Series scores will not include non-EYC entered yachts. For example: if a non-EYC yacht finishes first and an EYC yacht finishes second, for scoring purposes the EYC yacht finishes first.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 For the Shields, 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 V2 will be in effect.

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

13 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 [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. Competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 72 for instructions/directions from the Race Committee.
- 13.2 The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules, except as allowed by NOR 13.1.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Series prizes will be awarded for first place if two yachts qualify; for first and second places if four yachts qualify; and for first, second and third places if five or more yachts qualify. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

14.2 Season Championships will be awarded to the yacht in each class below accumulating the best overall record in all qualifying series.

Colorado Cup – Shields Class

Robert Dudley Harrington, Jr. Trophy – J/70 Class

Hinman Trophy – Rhodes 19 Class

Welch Trophy – Herreshoff 12 Class

14.3 Special Trophies

Carl L. Vietor Memorial Trophy – Highest Percent Score

William H. Nelson, Jr. Bowl – Greatest Number of Best Starts

Commodore Peter H. Hufstader Award – recognizing a junior sailor aged 15-26 racing with dedication and distinction as skipper or crew in the keelboat fleet.

15 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 regatta.

16 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.

17 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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