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Edgartown Yacht Club's Edgartown Race Weekend

50 Footers in Full Force

EDGARTOWN, MASS., MARTHA'S VINEYARD (June 10, 2014)— A flock of boats in the 50-foot range are expected to descend upon [Edgartown Yacht Club](#)'s three-day [Edgartown Race Weekend](#) scheduled for July 24-26. The well-known IRC 52s *Vesper*, *Sled* and *Interlodge* will be joined by *Hooligan*, an IRC 52 with a new owner, and *Privateer*, *Rima2* and *Irie 2*, a Cookson 50, Reichel/Pugh 55, and Kerr 55, respectively.



Sled trails *Vesper* at last year's Edgartown Yacht Club Race Weekend, which this year will host a large contingent of boats in the 50-foot range (Photo Credit Michael Berwind).

"Whenever you can get a group of boats like this on the starting line in a place like Edgartown, it's a good thing," said *Interlodge* (Newport, R.I.) Captain and Project Manager Kris Matthews. "We sailed this regatta two years ago, and it was a really good experience; the race course is 20 minutes away from the dock at the yacht club, and it's just a perfect place to sail."

Matthews explained that *Interlodge* is participating in a full slate of East Coast regattas this summer, including the New York Yacht Club's Race Week at Newport, which directly precedes the Edgartown event. "Edgartown is a great weekend to follow up after Race Week. It's not often you get the opportunity to sail almost two weeks as a team at a couple of different venues. We finish Race Week on Saturday (July 19), get the boats to Edgartown on Tuesday and start sailing again."



Vesper, an IRC52, won its class in both the Big Boat Buoy Races and the 'Round-the-Island Race last year at Edgartown Yacht Club Race Week (Photo Credit Michael Berwind).

Contrary to what was previously reported, *Rambler*, the 90 footer that posted the record-breaking time for the '[Round-the-Island Race](#)' last year, will not make the event this year, after all. "That's too bad," said Matthews, recalling that *Interlodge* was first-to-finish in the Around-the-Island Race two years ago, "but hopefully one of the 50s has a chance to win (the Concord Cup, awarded to the first yacht to finish).

Edgartown's Race Weekend promotes fun, competitive racing for all sizes of boats in IRC, PHRF, Double-Handed, Classic and Cruising divisions and offers two days of [Big Boat Buoy Races](#) (July 24-25) prior to the '[Round-the-Island Race](#)' on Sunday (July 26).

The Big Boat Buoy Races are sanctioned as part of the prestigious U.S. IRC Gulf Stream Series, and the 'Round-the-Island Race' is part of the New England Lighthouse Series for PHRF yachts. Deadline for entry is July 23 for the former and July 25 for the latter. (No registration fee is required for the Big Boat Buoy

Races.) For more information, go to <http://www.rtirace.org> or contact raceadministrator@edgartownnyc.org

More about Edgartown Yacht Club

Edgartown Yacht Club has a long history of providing exceptional yacht racing in the waters around Martha's Vineyard. With roots going back to the turn of the 20th century, the club was officially founded in 1905 by racing members of the original "Home Club," to which many prominent summer and permanent residents—both racing and non-racing—belonged. The current clubhouse, completed in 1927, sits magnificently at the foot of Main Street, where in the days of old, the town's whaling ships berthed.

In 2014, Edgartown Yacht Club will host, in addition to Edgartown Race Weekend, a North Sails J/70 Spring Tune-Up Clinic (June 20-22); the Edgartown Yacht Club 91st Annual Regatta for one-design boats, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Wianno Senior class (July 10-12); and the 21st running of the Annual 12 Metre Regatta (August 8-10).

For more information and to register for Edgartown Yacht Club sailing events, visit www.edgartownnyc.org.

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