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Edgartown Yacht Club's Edgartown Race Weekend

Rambler's 'Round-the-Island Record at Stake

EDGARTOWN, MASS., MARTHA'S VINEYARD (UPDATED June 6 from May 1, 2014)— *Rambler*, George David's (Hartford, Conn.) 90-foot Reichel-Pugh designed maxi yacht, last year established the record for the ['Round-the-Island Race](#) (RTI) that is part of [Edgartown Yacht Club's](#) three-day [Edgartown Race Weekend](#) (July 24-26), thus establishing the benchmark for all RTIs to follow.

"We actually broke our own record from 2009, which had been just over five hours," said *Rambler* Team Manager Mick Harvey (Newport, R.I.), explaining that the team's 2013 time of four hours and 10 minutes is now officially the fastest recorded time for the approximately 54.7 nautical mile circumnavigation of Martha's Vineyard. "Our top speed (in average 25+ knot winds) was 27 knots on the north side of the island, after the final corner to the finish. The boat just lit up! We were ripping along with flat water and no waves. George was driving, and he was having the time of his life. It was really, really cool; we were all pinching ourselves in the end."



Rambler at last year's Edgartown Yacht Club Race Weekend. Photo credit Michael Berwind

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It's important to note that racing for records is not typically the priority for most Edgartown Yacht Club Race Weekend participants. The event offers something for every type of sailor, including two days of [Big Boat Buoy Races](#) (Thursday and Friday, July 24-25) prior to the 'Round-the-Island Race (Saturday, July 26), and promotes fun, competitive racing for all sizes of boats in IRC, PHRF, Double-Handed and Cruising divisions.

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@edgartownyc.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.edgartownyc.org.

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