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Edgartown Yacht Club's Edgartown Race Weekend

'Round-the-Buoy Races Offer Challenging Competition

EDGARTOWN, MASS., (June 22, 2016) – If your idea of a perfect summer weekend includes competition, camaraderie, time afloat and enjoying some nightlife, then Edgartown Yacht Club's 2016 'Round-the-Buoy Races (Thursday and Friday, July 28-29) should be on your schedule. With a sure hand, regatta organizers at Edgartown Yacht Club have seamlessly fused all the necessary components to create a two-day event that continues to build momentum since being inaugurated in 2012 as a complement to the legendary 'Round-the-Island Race (Saturday, July 30) held on the third and final day of Edgartown Race Weekend.

“Since Edgartown Yacht Club added the buoy races to their race weekend, it has become a favorite of ours,” said Jahn Tihansky the Director of the US Naval Academy Offshore Sailing Team. For the fourth consecutive year, the Academy will have two boats on the starting line: *Patriot* and *Ranger*, two Farr 40s, are entered in the PHRF class. “The ability to combine both buoy and point-to-point racing together at one regatta provides the diversity and challenge that we are looking for in our summer training program. To be able to do it in a place like the Vineyard really makes it a perfect event for us, and our participation would not be possible without the wonderful people at Edgartown Yacht Club who take great care of us every year.”



US Naval Academy Varsity Offshore Sailing Teams racing in the 2015 Edgartown Yacht Club's 'Round-the-Buoy Races.

(photo credit MacDougalls' Boatyard/Michael Berwind)

Teaming up with island resident John Wilson is another fan of the 'Round-the-Buoy Races, Hal Findlay of Greenwich, Conn., who will race *Arrow*, his Aphrodite 101, in the doublehanded class.

"The double-handed class has the obvious advantage of fewer entries and better chances of winning!," said Findlay who relishes the challenges of the windward-leeward course set in Edgartown's Outer Harbor. "The 'Round-the-Buoy course features shore breezes, phased wind shifts, upwind strategy and close-in maneuvering with competing boats. It's also a great opportunity to shake the boat down and work on crew coordination prior to Saturday's 54-mile 'Round-the-Island Race (which was first run in 1938), making the three-day Edgartown Yacht Club Race Weekend a great opportunity to get to know the other sailors and explore Edgartown, an iconic whaling port located at the eastern end of Martha's Vineyard."



Edgartown Yacht Club 'Round-the-Buoy Race Start.

(photo credit MacDougalls' Boatyard/Michael Berwind)

Entry is free for the two-day 'Round-the-Buoy Races which are open to boats with a minimum LOA of 28', racing with a PHRF, ORC, IRC or CRF rating. The Friday night "jump-up" sponsored by Mount Gay, follows the awards presentations at Edgartown Yacht Club. Saturday's 'Round-the-Island Race is open to IRC, ORC, PHRF-NE (including spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions), classic, one-design, multihull, and double-handed boats. Info for the 'Round-the-Island Race, including entry fee, registration and NOR may be found online at www.rtirace.org, along with the separate NOR and registration for the 'Round-the-Buoy Races.

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