



## **EDGARTOWN RACE WEEKEND**

### ***'ROUND-THE-BUOY RACES***

*July 20-21, 2017*

*The Edgartown Yacht Club  
is the Organizing Authority*

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The "Round-the-Buoy Races" will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*; the PHRF New England Rule, or the IRC Rule and the class rules for eligible one-design classes.
- 1.2 Rule 52 is changed to allow powered winches in the non-spinnaker division.
- 1.3 Rule 52 is changed to allow powered winches and autopilots in the Double-Handed class.
- 1.4 IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) are changed as follows: During the regatta, the sails carried (including mainsails and spinnakers) may vary from day to day, but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat first leaves the dock or its mooring for the race course.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Committee notice board located in the entrance to the main hall of the Edgartown Yacht Club (the "Club").
- 2.2 A skippers' meeting will be held at 1700 hrs Wednesday, July 19, 2017 in the main hall.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hrs. on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club station mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 1 hour' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Code Flag L ashore means that there has been a change in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The races will be held Thursday and Friday, July 20 & 21, 2017 with the first warning signal at 1000 hrs each day.
- 5.2 If a subsequent race is to be sailed, the finishing line signal boat will fly pennant **second substitute** at the finish. If a class flag is displayed with pennant **second substitute**, the subsequent race is for that class(es) only.
- 5.3 The number of races sailed will be determined by the Race Committee.

#### **6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 The Race Committee will publish an amendment to the Sailing Instructions listing the class breakdown, the boats assigned to each class, the class flag and the start sequence. This amendment will be posted on the official bulletin board at the entrance to the main hall no later than 1600 hrs Tuesday, July 18th, 2017.
- 6.2 Each boat will fly from her stern at least five feet above the deck an international code flag numeral pennant corresponding to the number of the class to which she has been assigned. Boats lacking a backstay will do their best to comply. The pennant will be flown from the time of the warning signal for the relevant class until the boat has finished and cleared the finishing area. Only the Race Committee may protest a boat for breaking this requirement (this changes Rule 60).

#### **7 RACING AREAS**

The area for racing will be Edgartown Outer Harbor and Nantucket Sound.

#### **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The courses will be windward-leeward. The number displayed under the class number will indicate the number of legs. For example, "4" will be sailed windward-leeward-windward-leeward. Rounding marks, including the windward offset mark, if used, will be left to port. Gate marks, if used, will be rounded in accordance with rule 28.2 (c).
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark. Classes may have different distances posted which would indicate different windward marks.

#### **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 The windward, leeward, offset, and gate marks (if used) will be inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The marks of the starting line and of finishing line will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 9.3 The Race Committee may set an offset mark to be honored after the windward mark. When a change is made to a windward mark, a new offset mark may not be set.

- 9.4 The Race Committee may also set a standoff buoy from the stern of its signal boat, which buoy shall be regarded as part of the signal boat.
- 9.5 For the **MULTIHULL CLASS** – a course using government marks will be designated by the Race Committee prior to the warning for that class.
- 10 THE START**
- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark which may also be a rounding mark.
- 10.2 Boats who are not racing shall avoid the starting area while other classes are in start sequence.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.4 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF Channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or failure of a competitor to hear the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course under rule 33, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 11.2 A new mark, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be an inflatable buoy with a black band.
- 11.3 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.4 When a change of course is intended for a specific class, the corresponding class flag will be displayed. If no class flag is displayed, the change of the course is for all classes.
- 12 THE FINISH**
- The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag flown on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark which may be a rounding mark and which will be on the same side of the Race Committee boat as the staff displaying the blue flag.
- 13 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 13.1 A boat taking a penalty shall take a one-turn penalty (including one tack and one jibe). This changes rule 44.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 or 44.2 shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.
- 14 TIME LIMIT**
- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish in each class is two hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A4 and A5
- 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Committee office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 15.2 A yacht shall report her intent to protest to the Race Committee within 10 minutes following her finish.
- 15.3 The protest and request for redress time limit is 60 minutes from the time the Race Committee signal boat arrives at her dock.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the **Ward Room** as soon as practicable after the posting of notices.
- 15.5 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 10.2 and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.7 Breaches of rule 55 Trash Disposal will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 The number of races completed shall constitute a series.
- 16.2 A boat that Did Not Start, Did Not Finish, Retired After Finishing, or was Disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of yachts that finish. This changes rule A4.2.
- 16.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no scores excluded. This changes rule A2.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 The Chappaquiddick Ferry shall be considered "Restricted in her ability to maneuver," as defined in rule 18 of the International and Inland Navigation Rules, and as such has the right-of-way in all circumstances.
- 17.2 Prior to the first warning signal each day, each boat will pass astern of the Race Committee signal boat under power or on starboard tack within hailing distance and check in by announcing to the Committee her name, class, and sail number. The Race Committee will respond with the sail number heard. Radio check in will not be accepted.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

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.

## **19 PRIZES**

- 19.1 Daily Prizes will be given for all qualifying classes including One Designs.
- 19.2 Additionally:
  - The Alexander N. Orr Trophy – For IRC Overall Winner
  - The Ralph D. Osborne Trophy – For PHRF Spinnaker Overall Winner
  - The EOLIS Bowl – For Double-Handed Overall Winner
  - The John J. Trask Trophy – For Classic Class Overall Winner
  - The Metcalf Trophy – For PHRF Cruising Overall Winner
- 19.3 Additional Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

19.4 Prizes will be awarded beginning at approximately 1700 hrs Friday, July 21, 2017.

**20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

**21 COMMUNICATIONS**

For further information please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club Race Committee Office, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309 Edgartown, Massachusetts 02539, Telephone (508) 627-4364, [www.edgartownyc.org](http://www.edgartownyc.org)