



Time to Think Edgartown

EYC Race Weekend is Back with New 'Round-the-Sound Race

EDGARTOWN, MASS., (April 2, 2018) — [Edgartown Yacht Club Race Weekend](#), a Martha's Vineyard tradition anchored for eight decades by its 56 nm 'Round-the-Island Race ('RTI), is adding a new 20 nm 'Round-the-Sound Race ('RTS) option for teams wanting to sail a shorter round-trip course. The new race will be charted from Edgartown's Outer Harbor to a government mark in either Vineyard or Nantucket Sound and adds yet another dimension to Edgartown Yacht Club Race Weekend.



The EYC Race Weekend fleet enjoys last year's 'Round-the-Island Race. This year's race will include a shorter 'Round-the-Sound option. (Photo credit: Stephen Cloutier)

According to organizers, it is an attractive alternative for those wanting to take it a bit easier on Saturday or even try short-distance racing for the first time. Boats that are 22 feet and longer and/or

do not have lifelines are welcome to participate. (The 'RTI is for boats 28 feet and longer and does require lifelines.)

The 'RTS starts at 0900 on Saturday, July 21, soon after the final start for all classes entered in the 'RTI, which never ceases to challenge even the best of sailors while simultaneously wowing them with "The Vineyard's" scenic splendor.



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The Saturday of short-distance racing follows two days of popular 'Round-the-Buoy Races ('RTB) on Thursday and Friday. The 'RTB Races were added several years ago to add diversity to the regatta's format and extend the fun of Race Weekend on its front end.

Edgartown Yacht Club Race Weekend traditionally attracts entrants from the Eastern Seaboard and beyond, delivering superb racing action in classes for PHRF (spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions), ORR, ORC, IRC, Double-Handed, and Classic yachts. Professional teams as well as amateurs enter, and the mix is what keeps the atmosphere upbeat and adventurous.

Registration deadline for the 'Round-the-Island or 'Round-the Sound is Wednesday, July 18, 2018. The registration fee for 'RTS is \$125 before July 6 and \$175 after that date. The registration fee for the 'RTI has been decreased to \$250.00 before July 6 and \$325 thereafter.

The 'Round-the-Buoy Races registration fee for all classes will be \$50 each day. The deadline for each of the two days that those races are held is Tuesday, July 17, 2018. The distance races for each day of

'RTB are scored separately. Prizes will be awarded for all qualifying classes, including one-design, for those boats that participate in both Thursday and Friday races.

A Mount Gay-sponsored "Jump-Up" party on Friday night (July 20); and prize givings on both Friday and Sunday (July 22) round out the schedule for competitors entered in one or the other, or both, of the racing sessions.

For more information <http://www.rtirace.org> or contact racer@edgartownyc.org . On Facebook follow [Edgartown Yacht Club Racing](#).

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