



Edgartown Yacht Club
EST. 1905

25th ANNUAL TWELVE METRE REGATTA **AUGUST 10-12, 2018**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *the current version of Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The International Twelve Metre Class By-Laws & Regulations Ratified and Adopted November 11, 2011 and any subsequent updates and amendments will apply.
- 1.3 The International Twelve Metre Class Rule 2016, March 1, 2016 and any subsequent updates and amendments will apply.

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 in the main hall of the Club on Friday, August 10, 2018 at 1000 hrs.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 hrs on Friday August 10th and 0900 hrs on Saturday the 11th and 0900 hrs Sunday the 12th, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 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.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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| 5.1 | Friday, August 10 | First Warning Signal: 1300 hrs. |
| | Saturday, August 11 | First Warning Signal: 1100 hrs. |
| | Sunday, August 12 | First Warning Signal: 1100 hrs. |

- 5.2 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

6 DIVISION FLAGS

- 6.1 Division flags will be:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Flag/Pennant</u>
Grand Prix	Numeral one (1)
Modern	Numeral two (2)
Traditional	Numeral three (3)

- 6.2 Each yacht shall fly the flag of her division from her backstay while racing.

- 6.3 The responsibility for assignment of a yacht to a division rests solely with the Race Committee of the Edgartown Yacht Club.

7 RACING AREAS

The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Channel 77

the location of the expected starting area on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from the Committee Boat when she arrives on station.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 All courses are windward/leeward.

- 8.2 The number displayed below the division will indicate the number of legs. For example, "4" would be sailed windward-leeward-windward-leeward. Rounding marks, including the windward offset mark, if used, shall be rounded in order and, with the exception of a leeward gate, if used, will be left to port.

- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The windward, leeward, offset (if used), and gate marks (if used) will be inflatable buoys.

- 9.2 The marks of the starting line and of finishing line will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy which may also be a turning mark.

- 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.

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 buoy, which may also be a mark of the course.

- 10.2 The order of starts for the first race of each day is expected to be Numeral pennant 1, numeral pennant 2, numeral pennant 3.

10.3 The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats over early by the sail number(s) of the yacht(s) on VHF Channel 77. Failure to make a broadcast or failure of a yacht to hear the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10.4 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.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, 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 division, the corresponding division flag will be displayed. If no division flag is displayed, the change of the course is for all divisions.

12 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark, which shall be an inflatable buoy.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 A boat taking a penalty may take a one-turn penalty. This changes rule 44.1.

13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44 shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit will be 90 minutes from the starting signal for each division.

14.2 Yachts failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first yacht sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Committee office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest 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 time limit is 60 minutes from the time the Race Committee Signal boat arrives at the Edgartown Yacht Club.

15.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of 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 located adjacent to the Race Committee office beginning as soon as practicable.

- 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 10.3 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 will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor and only the Race Committee or protest committee may protest under this rule. This changes rule 60.1 (a).
- 15.8 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered :
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This Changes rule 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The number of races completed shall constitute a series.
- 16.2 For individual classes no race score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 16.3 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.

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 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Man Overboard - In the event that a crew member has been lost overboard and detached from the yacht, then the yacht shall immediately:
 - 1. sail clear and stand by to recover the crew member, and
 - 2. notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 77 that a crew member has been lost overboard.

It is expected that the closest vessel, including racing yachts or support boat shall immediately proceed to render aid. This provision DOES NOT modify Rule 1.1 in any way.

- 17.4 The yacht whose crew member was lost overboard and detached from the yacht shall be scored equal to the number of starters for that race without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.

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 and other electronic devices that provide information from outside the boat.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be given for the combined Friday, Saturday and Sunday series as follows:

Grand Prix
Modern
Traditional

19.2 The *Kay Hubner Memorial Trophy* for the best score between the Edgartown Yacht Club entries and the Nantucket Yacht Club entries.

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.