



VINEYARD HERRESHOFF CUP
June 23-24, 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The Organizing Authority for the 2018 Vineyard Herreshoff Cup is the Edgartown Yacht Club ("EYC").

The Vineyard Herreshoff Cup will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* 2017–2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, any modifications or state exceptions thereto, the H Class Association Rules of April 12, 2008, as amended November 19, 2011 and these Sailing Instructions.

2 ENTRIES

Entry is open to all Herreshoff 12's sailed by members of the Edgartown Yacht Club or Menemsha Pond Races.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Edgartown Yacht Club website <http://www.edgartownyc.org/Racing.aspx> and posted 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").

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.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

The starting sequence for Race #1 on Saturday, June 23, 2018 will be at 1200 hrs. The race committee will endeavor to run two subsequent races, beginning shortly after the finish of the last boat in the previous race. The starting sequence for the first race on Sunday, June 24, 2018 will be at 1300 hrs with the starting sequence for a second race beginning immediately following the finish of the last boat of the previous race.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the outer harbor in Edgartown.

7 COURSES and MARKS

- a) The course to be sailed will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat Course Board prior to the beginning of a starting sequence.
- b) Courses will be windward-leeward and will be designated as the number of legs to be sailed, i.e. "3" is windward-leeward-windward. At the discretion of the Race Committee, a triangular course may also be set, in which case the course designation will be "T".
- c) All marks shall be rounded to port.

8 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM

The starting and finishing lines will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the **starboard** end of the line and an inflatable mark at the port end. All boats are to sail by the stern of the Committee Boat on starboard tack and check in prior to their warning signal. The starting sequence shall be:

5	Minutes Before Start	5 Long
4	Minutes Before Start	4 Long
3	Minutes Before Start	3 Long
2	Minutes Before Start	2 Long
1 and ½	Minutes Before Start	1 Long/3 Short
1	Minute Before Start	1 Long
30	Seconds Before Start	3 Short
20	Seconds Before Start	2 Short
10	Seconds Before Start	1 Short
5	Seconds Before Start	1 Short
4	Seconds Before Start	1 Short
3	Seconds Before Start	1 Short
2	Seconds Before Start	1 Short
1	Second Before Start	1 Short
Start		1 Long

9 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be one hour for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than twenty minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

10 PENALTY TURNS

A boat may take a one turn penalty consisting of one tack and one jibe. This changes Rule 44.1.

11 PROTESTS

A boat intending to protest another boat will be required to follow the conditions set forth in Rule 61 except that no red flag will be required. The Race Committee will arrange a time and place for the protest hearing to be held, prior to which the protestor will be required to submit in writing to the Race Committee his/her protest within one hour of the Race Committee boat's arrival at the EYC dock.

12 SCORING

All boats will be scored using the Low Point System. At the conclusion of racing the sum total scores of the top three finishing boats from Edgartown Yacht Club and the top three finishing boats from Menemsha Pond Races will be compared with the winner being that organization that has the lowest combined score.

A minimum of two races must be sailed to constitute a series.

13 SAFETY

Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows: Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn by every sailor at all times (except when actively adding or removing clothing) from the time the boat checks in with the Race Committee until the finish of each race. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing.