



## **EDGARTOWN RACE WEEKEND** ***‘ROUND-THE-SOUND RACES*** ***‘ROUND-THE-ISLAND RACE***

***June 15-17, 2023***  
***The Edgartown Yacht Club***  
***Edgartown, Massachusetts***

The Officers and Members of the Edgartown Yacht Club invites you to participate in the Edgartown Race Weekend Round-the-Sound and ‘Round-the-Island Races. These races will be open to PHRF-NE, and Multi-Hull yachts. ‘Round-the-Island is a qualifier for the New England Lighthouse Series (PHRF).

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is Edgartown Yacht Club (EYC).
- 1.2 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 including US Sailing Prescriptions* (RRS).
- 1.3 Boats will also be subject to the rules of the rating convention in which they are competing.
- 1.4 RRS 51 is changed to allow the use of water ballast or canting keels for boats are rated as such.
- 1.5 RRS 52 is changed to allow powered winches in all PHRF classes.
- 1.6 RRS 52 is changed to allow autopilots in boats being raced double-handed.
- 1.7 Each boat shall fly from its back stay at least five feet above the deck an international code flag numeral pennant corresponding to the number of the class to which it has been assigned. This pennant shall be flown from the time of the warning signal for the relevant class until the boat has finished and cleared the finishing area. Boats lacking a back stay shall do their best to comply. Only the Race Committee may protest a boat for breaking this requirement (this changes RRS 60).
- 1.8 The Official Notice Board shall be located on [www.Yachtscoring.com](http://www.Yachtscoring.com).

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- 1.9 Boats must be a minimum of 23 feet LOA.
- 1.10 Boats shall meet the *US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Nearshore Racing*, dated January 1, 2022  
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>

## **‘ROUND-THE-ISLAND**

- 1.11 Boats must be a minimum of 28 feet LOA.
- 1.12 Boats shall meet the *US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Coastal Racing*, dated February 8, 2021,  
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/> and the *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea*.
- 1.13 The following requirements of the SER are deleted: 3.6.2, 3.6.4, 3.16.2. Boats shall meet either SER requirement 3.7.1 or 3.7.2. Note that for 2023, the Organizing Authority has added the requirement for all boats to meet SER 4.3.2 *Safety at Sea Training* for 30 percent of its crew.
- 1.14 Boats may submit SER waiver requests along with their risk mitigation proposals via email to the event organizer at [raceadministrator@edgartownyc.org](mailto:raceadministrator@edgartownyc.org).
- 1.15 Boats racing with PHRF-NE Double-Handed with Spinnaker ratings may also register with a secondary PHRF-NE fully crewed rating to be eligible for the Venona Trophy (overall winner) further described in NOR 13.4 *Prizes*.
- 1.16 The Race Committee will use YB Tracking to monitor competitors for the purposes of safety and race management. Boats shall carry a YB Tracking transponder that will be loaned by the race organizers. A refundable damage/loss deposit by check or credit card number, is required for all boats that will be using YB Tracking hardware.
- 1.17 YB Trackers and sponsor provided race memorabilia will be available for pick up at the Race Office after 1000, Friday June 16, 2023.
- 1.18 **Failure of a boat to pick up a YB Tracker will result in a 30 minute corrected time penalty.**
- 1.19 **Failure of a boat equipped with a YB Tracker to continuously transmit on their YB Tracker will result in a 30 minute corrected time penalty.**
- 1.20 YB Trackers shall be returned to the Race Office upon completion of racing, but no later than 1300, Sunday, June 18, 2023. Failure to return the device shall result in the specified monetary charge for loss or non-return.
- 1.21 YB trackers returned late will be charged for overseas hazardous material shipping and any late return penalties imposed by the provider.
- 1.22 Special arrangements for individual boats to pick up and/or return YB Trackers at an alternate time or place must be coordinated with the Race Office at least one week prior to the event.

## **2 ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2 By participating in this regatta, each competitor grants to the organizing authority and its members, the regatta sponsors, and each class association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, and to license any other person to so make, show and use, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, sound recordings, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of them or their property made during the period of the regatta without compensation to such competitor.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION**

- 3.1 Boats entered must be owned by, or under charter to, members of US SAILING or of yacht clubs affiliated with US SAILING.
- 3.2 Class sizes will be limited to not fewer than three boats, subject to exceptions made by the Race Committee.
- 3.3 Additional PHRF-NE classes of three or more boats (fewer at the discretion of the Race Committee) will be eligible in Non-Spinnaker and Double-Handed with Spinnaker classes.
- 3.4 The decision of the Race Committee as to the acceptance of any entry or the constitution of any class or division will be at the entire discretion of the Race Committee and will not be subject to protest, recourse or appeal.
- 3.5 Class and/or division changes may not be requested after 1730, Wednesday, June 7, 2023.
- 3.6 Eligible boats may be entered by completing the registration form on [www.YachtScoring.com](http://www.YachtScoring.com) and paying the required fee online per the deadlines posted in NOR 5 *Schedule of Events*.
- 3.7 A representative from each boat must check in by telephone (508) 627-4364, or in person at the Race Office per the deadlines posted in NOR 5 *Schedule of Events*.

### **4 FEES**

- 4.1 All registration fees must be paid before the relevant registration deadlines. No registration is considered complete until the required fees have been paid.

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- 4.2 The registration fee is \$100 for one day of racing or \$175 for two days of racing.
- 4.3 Late registrations will be subject to a single \$50 late fee.
- 4.4 Regular paid registration includes one night of moorage for each day that they register for 'Round-the-Sound. Late registrants will be provided moorage on a space available basis. Instructions and a special link for mooring reservations will be provided later on [www.Yachtscoring.com](http://www.Yachtscoring.com).
- 4.5 Registration fees are waived for Edgartown Yacht Club members.

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- 4.6 The Registration fee for all classes is \$350 for Early Registration, \$400 for Regular Registration, and \$500 for Late registrations.
- 4.7 Free moorage will be provided for the first 50 Early and Regular paid registrants. Instructions and a special link for mooring reservations will be provided later on [www.Yachtscoring.com](http://www.Yachtscoring.com). Additional registrants will receive moorings on a space available basis.
- 4.8 A refundable damage/loss deposit will be required for all boats for the YB Tracking hardware provided by the race organizer. A link to the damage/loss deposit form will be provided on [www.Yachtscoring.com](http://www.Yachtscoring.com). Forms will also be available in the Race Committee office on the day of YB Tracker pick-up.
- 4.9 Registration fees are waived for Edgartown Yacht Club members.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **Monday, May 1 2023**

1730 Deadline for early registration and payment Online

#### **Friday, June 2, 2023**

1730 Deadline for regular registration and payment Online

#### **Wednesday, June 7, 2023**

1730	Deadline for late registration and payment	Online
1730	Deadline for submission of rating certificates	Email or Race Office
1730	Deadline for changing classes or divisions	Telephone or Race Office

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

All day	'RTS Check-in	Telephone or Race Office
1700	'RTS Check-in deadline	Telephone or Race Office
1700	'RTS Skippers' Meeting	Clubhouse
1730	'RTS Deadline for submission of Liability Waivers	Online

**Thursday, June 15, 2023**

1100	First 'RTS Warning Signal	Starting Line
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**Friday, June 16, 2023**

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**Friday, June 16, 2023**

1000-1700	'RTI Check-in	Telephone or Race Office
1000-1700	YB Tracker and memorabilia pick-up	Race Office
1700	'RTI Skipper's Meeting	Clubhouse
	Mount Gay Welcome Party and Dinner	Clubhouse
1730	'RTI Deadline for submission of Liability Waivers	Online

**Saturday, June 17, 2023**

0800	First 'RTI Warning Signal	Starting Line
2400	'RTI Time limit expires	Finish Line

**Sunday, June 18, 2022**

0900	Combined 'RTI/'RTS Awards Ceremony*	Clubhouse
1200	Deadline for return of YB Trackers	Race Office

**\* It is the intention of the Organizing Authority to hold the Awards Ceremony on schedule based upon the best available information at the time. Final results may vary if there are still protest hearings in progress or waiting to be heard.**

**6 MEASUREMENTS**

- 6.1 Each boat participating in PHRF-NE, or Multi-Hull shall produce a valid PHRF-NE or New England Multi-Hull Association (NEMA) certificate on or before 1730, Wednesday, June 7, 2023. All certificates must be valid for the current year.
- 6.2 Unmodified boats that are not racing in both 'RTS and 'RTI have the option of using their design's PHRF-NE standard rating for 'RTS.

**7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**'ROUND-THE-SOUND**

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board no later than 1600, Wednesday June 14, 2023.

**'ROUND-THE-ISLAND**

- 7.2 Sailing Instruction will be available on the Official Notice Board no later than 1600, Friday, June 16, 2023.

**8 VENUES**

**'ROUND-THE-SOUND**

- 8.1 Races will be sailed in Edgartown Outer Harbor, Vineyard Sound, and Nantucket Sound.

**'ROUND-THE-ISLAND**

- 8.2 The 'Round-the-Island Race will be sailed around the Island of Martha's Vineyard, in Nantucket Sound, the Atlantic Ocean and Vineyard Sound.

## **9 COURSES**

### **'ROUND-THE-SOUND**

- 9.1 Courses will be a combination of government, and inflated marks at the discretion of the Race Committee. They will be further described in the Sailing Instructions.

### **'ROUND-THE-ISLAND**

- 9.2 The course will be a clockwise circumnavigation of Martha's Vineyard from Edgartown. The distance is approximately 55.0 miles. The approximate course, with virtual gates, will be depicted in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions. This course is a test of seamanship and navigation skills. Competitors are reminded that the course passes adjacent to several shoals and reefs. Caution should be exercised throughout the Race with special attention given in the area east and south of Wasque Point on the southeast corner of Chappaquiddick Island where strong currents have occasionally forced boats to anchor while awaiting favorable conditions. Use of engines to safely navigate any part of this course will be a RRS 42 infraction and boats that engage their engines are expected to retire.

## **10 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

### **'ROUND-THE-SOUND**

- 10.1 The scoring penalty, RRS 44.1 will apply.  
10.2 Additional alternative scoring penalties may be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

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## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 The scoring will Time-on-Time (ToT) using the PHRF-NE and NEMA rating conventions. Within PHRF-NE, there will be three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Double-Handed with Spinnaker. The organizing authority may combine or subdivide each of the classes or divisions at its discretion.  
11.2 RRS 90.3(e) will apply, with the exception that the "24 hours" limit is replaced with "48 hours."

## **12 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 12.1 Except in an emergency, and except for intra boat communications within boats sailed double-handed, 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, PDAs and other electronic devices capable of receiving transmissions originating off the boat.  
12.2 Radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee will be on VHF Channel 72, with the exception of check-in for 'Round-the-Island on VHF Channel 73.

## **13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 Edgartown Race Weekend Award(s) will be given to the boat(s) with the best combined performance in the 'Round-the-Sound and 'Round-the-Island Races. The criteria for determining best combined performance will be subject to the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

### **'ROUND-THE-SOUND**

- 13.2 Prizes will be given for all qualifying classes. Additional Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

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13.3 First, Second and Third place Prizes will be awarded in each class.

13.4 Special awards

- The VENONA Trophy for the overall winner (the single best corrected PHRF-NE time) for boats with fully-crewed PHRF-NE spinnaker ratings. In the event of shortened courses where all classes are not finished at the same gate, only boats that complete the longest course are eligible for this award.
- The CONCORD Cup for the monohull finisher with the lowest elapsed time.
- RALPH D. OSBORNE Trophy for the innovative design finisher with the lowest elapsed time.
- The UPBEAT Cup for the overall winner of the fully-crewed non-spinnaker classes.\*\*
- The EOLIS Bowl for the overall winner of the Double-Handed with Spinnaker classes.\*\*
- ALEXANDER N. ORR Trophy for the best corrected time among boats racing double-handed without spinnaker.\*\*
- The HOBART A.H. COOK Award for the best corrected time among Service Academy entries.\*\*
- The OCEAN RACE Trophy for the best corrected time among entries by EYC members.\*\*
- A TEAM AWARD for the best corrected time of a 3-boat team from a given yacht club or Service Academy. Teams will be automatically comprised of the top three finishers from any club or Service Academy.\*\*
- The INCOGNITO Award is awarded to the crew that exhibits passion, perseverance and commitment to the sport of sailing during the course of Edgartown Race Weekend. The INCOGNITO Award is the generous donation of one of Edgartown Race Weekend's most ardent supporters, and is awarded at the discretion of the ERW Organizing Authority.
- Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

**\*\* Criteria for determining corrected time for boats racing under different rating systems and/or different length courses will be subject to the discretion of the Organizing Authority.**

## **14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online liability waiver release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Forms shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link can be found on the regatta website at [www.Yachtscoring.com](http://www.Yachtscoring.com). Boats shall not be scored unless the required forms have been submitted.

14.2 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** 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.

## **15 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

**16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club Race Committee

Office: (508) 627-4364 [raceadministrator@edgartownyc.org](mailto:raceadministrator@edgartownyc.org)

For questions regarding moorings: Alex Nugent (508) 939-1813 [alexnugent@gmail.com](mailto:alexnugent@gmail.com)

Edgartown Harbormaster: (508) 627-4746 [www.edgartownharbor.com](http://www.edgartownharbor.com)