



Edgartown Yacht Club
EST. 1905

***97th ANNUAL REGATTA
and Shields Class New England Championship***
Shields, J/70, Rhodes 19, Herreshoff 12 1/2
July 16-18, 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Boats will be subject to the Shields, J/70, Rhodes 19 (R19), and Herreshoff 12 ½ (H12) class rules.
- 1.3 The maximum crew size for all classes will be three, to be in compliance with the *Commonwealth of Massachusetts Phase III, Step 1 Reopening standards for businesses and other entities providing youth and adult amateur sports activities*, dated 6 July, 2020.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted electronically on the Official Notice Board located on the EYC Regatta website at:
https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view_document.asp?NS=PR&G RP=40009&DN=ANNUAL
- 2.2 A skippers' meeting will be held on Zoom at 1700, Wednesday, July 15, 2020. A link to the meeting will be provided to registrants and posted on the Official Notice Board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 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. When a class flag is displayed with the AP, it applies to that class only.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Friday, July 10, 2020

1600 Deadline for registration and payment Online

Wednesday, 15 July, 2020

0900-1600 Shields class check-in Race Office via telephone

1600	Shields deadline for late registration	Online
1700	Skippers' meeting for all adult classes	Online via Zoom

Thursday, 16 July, 2020

0900-1600	J/70, R19, H12 check-in	Race Office via telephone
1100	First Warning Signal - Shields only	Outer Harbor
1600	J/70, R19, H12 deadline for late registration	Online

Friday, July 17, 2020

1100	First Warning Signal – Shields and J/70	Outer Harbor
1300	First Warning Signal – R19 and H12	Outer Harbor

Saturday, July 18, 2020

1100	First Warning Signal – Shields and J/70	Outer Harbor
1300	First Warning Signal – R19 and H12	Outer Harbor
1700*	Awards Ceremony	Online via Zoom

*Approximate time

- 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 only.
- 5.3 There will be no Warning Signals after 1500 on the final day of sailing.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags used by the Race Committee will be a flag with an approximation of the sail insignia for each class.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The racing area on will be Edgartown Outer Harbor, to the north of the junior racing circles.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be Windward-Leeward with the number of legs posted on the Committee Boat no later than the class warning signal. A "4" would be sailed windward-leeward-windward-leeward.
- 8.2 If two windward marks are set, the further mark shall be rounded by the Shields, J/70 and R19 classes (except as noted in SI 8.3). The H12 class shall round the closer mark.
- 8.3 For the R19 class, in a course with four legs, for the first windward leg, the windward mark will be the farther windward mark. For the second windward leg, the windward mark will be the H12 windward mark. In a course with an odd number of legs, i.e. 3 or 5, the boats shall sail to their usual windward mark(s) but on the last windward leg of the race the finish will be at the farther windward mark.
- 8.4 For the H12 class, in a course with an odd number of legs, i.e. 3 or 5, the boats shall sail to their usual windward mark(s) but on the last windward leg of the race the finish will be at the farther windward mark.
- 8.5 No later than the warning signal the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 8.6 Marks, including the windward offset mark, if used, shall be rounded in order and, with the exception of a leeward gate, if used, left to port.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The windward, leeward, offset, and gate marks will be inflatable marks.

- 9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be inflatable marks.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 9.4 The Race Committee may set an offset mark to be honored after the windward mark. When a change is made to the windward mark a new offset mark may not be set.
- 9.5 A standoff buoy may be set off the stern of the Race Committee signal boat. This standoff 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 an inflatable buoy.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area while other classes are in start sequence.
- 10.3 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4 If any part of the 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 their sail number on VHF channel 73. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.3 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 staff displaying a blue flag flown on a Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark which may be a rounding mark and 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 that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31, 44.1, or 44.2 shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.
- 13.2 For the Shields, R19, and H12 classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish is 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest and requests for redress will be filed electronically by text to (978) 618-7385. The electronically filed protest or redress request must include the information required by RRS 61.2 and 62.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class the protest and request for redress time limit is 1 hour after the Race Committee signal boat arrives at its dock. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and the Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted electronically on the EYC Regatta Official Notice Board 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 remotely by telephone conference call, Zoom, or in person (as posted on the Official Notice Board,) beginning as soon as practicable after the posting of notices.
- 15.4 Breaches of SI 10.2, 13.1, 17, and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalty for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.6 Breaches of RRS 55 Trash Disposal will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.7 The US Prescription to RRS 63.2 is not in effect.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of its race scores. This changes RRS A2.
(b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of its race scores, excluding her worst excludable score.
- 16.3 Boats that are still racing and failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expires (TLE) without a hearing and will be scored for the finishing place two points more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.
- 16.4 A boat that competes in any single day of Regatta shall be scored for the entire Regatta and scored Did Not Compete (DNC) for the races it missed.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Every boat shall check in with the Race Committee signal boat at the starting area by passing astern of the signal boat on starboard tack. Each boat shall state its class and sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the sail number recorded.
- 17.2 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 it has retired or finished the race. PFDs shall be worn outside of all clothing. This changes RRS 40.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

- 17.4 Any boat intending to leave the racing area prior to finishing the last race of the day shall communicate its intention to the Race Committee prior to leaving the racing area.
- 17.5 All boats must carry a VHF-FM radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16 and 73.
- 17.6 For Shields, R19, and H12 classes only: When sustained winds are above 14 knots, the Race Committee signal boat may fly code flag 8 (a white pennant with a red cross) prior to the start to indicate that spinnakers are not to be flown for the duration of that race. The penalty for violating this SI may be less than disqualification.

18 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1 Radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee will be on VHF Channel 73.
- 20.2 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. VHF Channel 73 may be monitored for instructions/directions from the Race Committee.
- 20.3 The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules, except as allowed by SI 20.1

21 PRIZES

Prizes in each class will be awarded for first place if two boats qualify; first and second places if four boats qualify; and first, second and third place awards if five or more boats qualify. Additional prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.
- 22.2 All competitors, including skippers and crews, must submit the electronic waiver found online at:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/EdgartownYachtClub/AssumptionOfRiskAndWaiverOfLiabilityRelatingToCoronavirusCOVID19> .

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309, Edgartown, Massachusetts, 02539.
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