



## Calling All J/Boats

### ***Lots of Racing Choices and Trophies for Edgartown Race Weekend; Newcomers Welcome***

EDGARTOWN, MASS., (April 10, 2019) — J/Boat teams are always a big part of the action at Edgartown Yacht Club Race Weekend, and this year organizers are putting out an all-call to J Fest participants and others who own J/Boats, inviting them to join the fun on Martha's Vineyard over July 25-27. The three-day competition starts on Thursday with two days of 'Round-the-Buoys ('RTB) racing and finishes on Saturday with a choice of distance races: the traditional 56 nautical-mile 'Round-the-Island ('RTI) race and, introduced last year, the 20 nm 'Round-the-Sound ('RTS) race.

Sailors can choose to sail on all three days or just in one or the other of the distance races. Either way, there's something for everyone and something extra for J/Boat teams in the 'RTI race. A three-boat team, representing any given yacht club and with PHRF-NE rated entries in more than one division, qualifies for first-, second-, and third-place trophies based on best-corrected times. As well, there are top-three prizes for the best individual corrected time out of all J/Boats in the 'RTI.



The J/29 *Seefest*, J/46 *Wings* and J/109 *Raptor* will be back this year.  
(photo credit Stephen Cloutier)



“When you want a new boat it usually is bigger than the last one,” said Heun, “and this one (hull #85 at 40 feet) is fit for cruising, with cherry joinery below, a refrigerator, etc., so the first couple of nights we’ll stay on it on the mooring, and then I’ll move ashore when my wife and daughter come in on Friday.”



The J/122 *Moxiee* will be new to Edgartown Race Weekend this year.  
(left photo courtesy Daniel Heun, right photo credit Stephen Cloutier)

Heun, a veteran of the Chicago to Mackinac Race, Newport to Bermuda Race, Block Island Race Week and other “racer’s races”, says he and his crew try to choose at least one weekend regatta each season where the families can be part of the fun.

Edgartown Race Weekend is perfect, because it’s a long weekend instead of a week, and it’s in July, so it’s warm,” said Heun. “We’re planning on having good days of racing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday while our families enjoy the beaches and shopping, and then we’ll have good dinners ashore with them each evening. We debated doing the ’RTI, but with the ’RTS we’re assured of getting back by late afternoon, and we’ll still be able to enjoy Edgartown after racing.”

Edgartown Race Weekend divisions are for IRC, ORC, ORR, PHRF-NE (including Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker), Classic, One-Design, Multihull and Doublehanded boats. ’RTI/’RTS and ’RTB are scored separately, with top-three prizes awarded in each class.

Registration deadline for the ’Round-the-Island and ’Round-the Sound races is Wednesday, July 24, 2019. (Registration deadline for team sign-up is Monday, July 22.) The entry fee for ’RTS is \$125 (\$150 after July 6). The fee for the ’RTI is \$250.00 (\$325 after July 5, 2019).

Registration deadline for the ’Round-the-Buoy races is Tuesday, July 23, 2019. The entry fee for ’RTB is \$50 each day.

A Mount Gay-sponsored “Jump-Up” party on Friday night (July 26) and awards on both Friday afternoon and Sunday morning (July 28) round out the schedule.

For more information, visit <http://www.rtirace.org> or contact [racer@edgartownyc.org](mailto:racer@edgartownyc.org). To request a mooring, contact Clare Sullivan at [Clare Marie@hotmail.com](mailto:Clare_Marie@hotmail.com). On Facebook follow [Edgartown Yacht Club Racing](#).

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