



## Positive Changes for Edgartown Race Weekend

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASS. (January 6, 2022) – Edgartown Yacht Club has scheduled its 2022 [Edgartown Race Weekend](#) for June 23-25, shifting the popular three-day event from its typical July time slot to “shoulder season” on Martha’s Vineyard, the popular island retreat where it is held. In addition, the Club has announced that the event will lead with two days of ‘Round-the-Sound (‘RTS) Races on Thursday and Friday before culminating with the marquee ‘Round-the-Island (‘RTI) Race on Saturday.



Last year’s ‘Round-the-Island Race at Edgartown Race Weekend hosted 78 boats. This year’s event has been moved to June 23-25. (Photo by Daniel Forster)

“The date change makes it logistically easier and less expensive for competitors to find dockage and moorings for their boats as well as housing for their crews during a time when

the Island is not yet full of summer visitors,” said Event Co-Chair Alex Nugent, adding that the breeze for racing should be better in June as well. “As for the ‘Round-the-Sound Races, they will enable us to keep the coastal racing theme across the entire event.” (For the past few years, ‘Round-the-Buoy races have been offered on Thursday and Friday.)

The 56-nautical-mile ‘RTI Race, configured to start and finish off Edgartown, has been an annual tradition on Martha’s Vineyard for 84 years, making it one of America’s oldest distance races. Last year, 78 boats took part in the race, and it is expected that many of those competing in the ‘RTI this year will use the ‘RTS as a warm-up. The ‘RTS Races will be between 20 and 25 nautical miles, around government marks on Vineyard Sound and Nantucket Sound (one race per day) and will be scored separately from the ‘RTI with separate prizes given.

Classes include ORC, PHRF-NE (including Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Doublehanded Divisions), and Multi-Hulls. Participating vessels must meet the Safety & Equipment Requirements outlined on the regatta website.

The first 50 paid registrants for ‘RTI will be provided two nights of free moorings. Entry fees for ‘RTS include a night of moorage for each day that participants register for ‘RTS. Later registrants will be provided moorage on a space-available basis.

Current sponsors of Edgartown Race Weekend are [Mount Gay Rum](#), [North Sails](#), [Regatta Craft Mixers](#), [Hinckley Yachts](#), [Storm Trysail Club](#), and [Team One Newport](#).

For more information on Edgartown Race Weekend, including the NOR, go to [www.rtirace.org](http://www.rtirace.org) or contact Margaret Passafiume, [raceadministrator@edgartownyc.org](mailto:raceadministrator@edgartownyc.org), (508) 627-4364 x18.

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