

Edgartown Race Weekend

Team Spotlight & Race Insights

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Raptor's History at ERW

Since 2005, Raptor has been a regular participant in the Edgartown 'Round-the-Island Race. It is one of the highpoints of summer with a relaxed sail over to Edgartown from Marion on Friday with dinner in town, demanding racing on Saturday, and a fun evening before our sail back through Woods Hole. And, of course, we are always delighted to greet old friends and competitors in Edgartown.

Race Preparation

Most of the men and women on our team have been friends and crewmates for years. 'Round-the-Island is about two thirds of the way through our summer racing season, so our crew is well practiced when we reach Edgartown. We time our passage through Woods Hole to current there and in the sound. And prior to race day, we enter all marks of the racecourse into our plotter. Happily, our plotter also provides us with significant information on current speed and direction, critical variables when racing around the island. We pay particular attention to the wind, current, and depth on the leg down Muskeget Channel and as we close in on West Chop on the other side. And for each leg of the course, we are ready to change Headsails to match changing wind, always a big factor in this race.

Race Insights

We love to sail, and we love to race; so, we come to Edgartown to compete at high level. Raptor is ready to race with safety gear checked and in place, lots of sunscreen and water, great lunches and cookies, and conversation and laughter we treasure. At the end of the race, Springsteen is on the speakers, and beer is ready for the leg back into town.

