



EDGARTOWN RACE WEEKEND

'ROUND-THE-ISLAND RACE'

July 25, 2026

*The Edgartown Yacht Club
Edgartown, Massachusetts*

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, including US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS)*, and the *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)*.
- 1.2 RRS Part 2 will be replaced by COLREGS Part B from sunset to sunrise.
- 1.3 The Race Committee will publish a scratch sheet listing the class breakdowns, the yachts assigned to each class, and the class flags. The order of starts will be published as an addendum to the Sailing Instructions. These will be posted on the online Official Notice Board by 1600 on Friday, July 24, 2026. The responsibility of the assignment of a yacht to a class resides solely with the Race Committee.
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will be the authoritative document.
- 1.5 RRS 60.4 (a) (2) is changed as follows: "if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Part 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or"

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any Changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 0600 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the race will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

- 2.2 In the event of a Shore AP, changes to the Sailing Instructions can be made up until 15 minutes before AP is hauled down.
- 2.3 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water on VHF Channel 72 per RRS 90.2(c).

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on Yacht Scoring at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50506.
- 3.2 Radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee will be on VHF Channel 72, with the exception of check-in, as described in SI 18.2, on VHF Channel 73.
- 3.3 Yachts being raced double-handed may make intra-yacht radio communications while racing.
- 3.4 Except in an emergency or to communicate with the Race Committee, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials, and Edgartown Yacht Club officers and staff.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club station mast.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP. When a class flag is displayed with the AP, it applies to that class only.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The warning signal for the first start will be on Saturday, July 25, 2026 at 0800. All other warning signals will be made a minimum of one minute after the starting signal for the previous class.
- 6.2 The order of starts is provided in SI Addendum #2.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 [NP][DP] Each yacht shall fly from her stern, at least five feet above the deck, an international code flag numeral pennant corresponding to the number of the class to which she has been assigned. Yachts lacking a backstay will do their best to comply with the spirit of the rule. Multi-hulls are exempt from this requirement. The pennant will be flown from the time the yacht checks in per SI 18.2 until the yacht has finished and cleared the finishing area.
- 7.2 [NP][DP] Racing yachts shall not fly an ensign.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area is depicted on the chartlet in Addendum #1.

9 THE COURSE

The course will be a clockwise circumnavigation of Martha’s Vineyard from Edgartown, and will be sailed in Nantucket Sound, the Atlantic Ocean, and Vineyard Sound. The

distance is approximately 55 nautical miles. The approximate course, with virtual shortened course finish lines, is depicted in Addendum #1 to these 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 racing yachts to anchor while awaiting favorable conditions. Use of engine propulsion to safely navigate any part of this course violates RRS 42 and yachts that engage their engines are expected to retire or face protest and potential disqualification.

10 MARKS

After the start, the following are the marks of the course in sequence. All marks will be left to Starboard with the exception of the finish mark as described in SI 13.

- Start – Between the Signal Boat and Edgartown C “3”
- Inflatable Yellow Mark (Will be set approximately 1.3 NM NNE of Cape Pogue in position: 41 26.4N, 070 26.2 W).
- Mutton Shoal G C “3”
- Muskeget Channel RW “MC”, Mo(A)
- Squibnocket Point N “2”
- Devil’s Bridge G “31”
- West Chop C “25”
- East Chop G “23”
- Finish – Between the Signal Boat and Edgartown R “2”

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange-colored flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the port end and C “3” at the starboard end of the line.
- 11.2 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area while other classes are in start sequence.
- 11.3 A yacht starting later than ten minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 11.4 If any part of the yacht’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast its sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 11.5 The starting signal boat may use a “stand-off” buoy at the starting line. The “stand-off” buoy is considered part of the committee boat.
- 11.6 When at a yacht’s starting signal she is subject to RRS 29.1 *Individual Recall* and she fails to comply with RRS 29.1 to start correctly, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a corrected time penalty of 20 minutes and she shall be deemed to have started correctly. Should the Race Committee consider this penalty to be inappropriate, it shall protest the yacht. This changes RRS 28.1, 63, and A5.

12 SHORTENED COURSE PROCEDURES

- 12.1 The Race Committee may shorten the course at any of the shortened course finish lines described in SI Addendum #1. Shortened course decisions will be made for each individual class.
- 12.2 In the event of a shortened course, the Race Committee shall announce on VHF channel 72 and will post on the Official Notice Board which classes are having their

courses shortened, and at which shortened course finish line(s) each class will finish. This changes RRS 32.

- 12.3 The Race Committee may make a shortened course announcement at any time before or after the first yacht of a class has passed through the shortened course finish line for that class. This changes RRS 32.
- 12.4 Yachts that fail to finish before time expires, or retire prior to reaching the finish line or the shortened course finish line for their class, will be scored based upon their reported time at the last shortened course finish line through which they successfully passed before they retired or time expired.
- 12.5 Yachts scored per SI 12.4 will have their corrected times artificially adjusted to reflect them finishing behind the last yacht that successfully finished at the next shortened course finish line.
- 12.6 Shortened course finish line crossing times will be recorded automatically using the YB Trackers.
- 12.7 **Special instructions for yachts that are not issued trackers or whose trackers fail to transmit properly.**
 - a. Yachts that are not issued trackers shall record and submit their shortened course finish line times using SI Addendum 1 (time sheet).
 - b. Yachts whose trackers fail to transmit properly will be notified by the race committee office or race committee communications boat. Those yachts shall record and submit their shortened course finish line times using SI Addendum 1.
 - c. Yachts shall record on their time sheet their time to the nearest second per their GPS when they pass through the finish line and each shortened course finish line. Yachts should attempt to note on the time sheet the sail numbers of the yachts immediately ahead and astern of them as they pass through the shortened course finish lines.
 - d. Yachts shall submit their time sheets as soon as reasonably possible after finishing or retiring, but not later than 2400 on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Time sheets can be submitted in person to the Race Office, or by texting a photo of the time sheet to **(612) 708-6078**.
- 12.8 **Special instructions for all yachts in the event of a system wide failure of the tracking system.**
 - a. The Race Committee shall make a general announcement of the system wide failure to all yachts on VHF Channel 72 and post on the Official Notice Board.
 - b. All yachts shall follow the procedures prescribed in SI 12.7 c and d.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 Yachts finishing shall hail the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 five minutes before their estimated finishing time stating their yacht name and sail number.
- 13.2 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line and Edgartown Buoy R "2" at the port end.
- 13.3 Deep keeled yachts with safety concerns about leaving R "2" to port at the finish may declare their intent to leave R "2" to starboard and finish within a 100 yard extension of the finish line. They must make this declaration when checking in per SI 13.1.
- 13.4 Yachts shall record their own finishing time to the nearest second per their GPS, and provide that information to the Race Committee upon request.
- 13.5 After sunset the Race Committee boat at the finish line will display an anchor light and the Club's night signal, red over green over red. Yachts finishing after sunset will illuminate their sail numbers on the side closest to the Race Committee boat while crossing the finishing line and for at least 30 seconds following the finishing signal from

- the Race Committee boat. Failure of the Race Committee boat to display the club's night signal will not be grounds for redress under RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 13.6 If there is low visibility at the finish, the Race Committee boat may ring a bell rapidly for approximately five seconds at intervals of not more than one minute.
- 13.7 In the event that there is no Race Committee boat on station at the finishing line, a yacht shall finish and take its own time in accordance with the US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34, *Mark Missing*. A yacht shall finish within 100 yards of R "2" with the mark bearing 050M or 230M from the racing yacht, and report its finishing time and finishing position in relation to any nearby yachts and report them to the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than 2400 on Saturday, July 25, 2026.
- 14 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1 RRS 44.3, *Scoring Penalty*, will be in effect. A yacht taking a scoring penalty shall notify the Race Committee within 10 minutes of finishing. The Scoring Penalty shall be a 2 percent addition to its corrected time. This changes RRS 44.3(c).
- 14.2 RRS Appendix V2 *Post-Race Penalties*, will be in effect. A Post-Race Penalty shall be a 4 percent addition to its corrected time. This changes RRS V2(b).
- 14.3 The protest committee may impose penalties other than disqualification, including time penalties, for breaches of a rule other than RRS 1.1, 2, 31, 42, or rules of RRS Part 2.
- 15 TIME LIMIT**
- 15.1 Yachts failing to finish by 2400 on Saturday, July 25, 2026 will be scored for finishing at the last shortened course finish line through which they successfully passed before time expired. This changes RRS 35.
- 15.2 Yachts failing to successfully pass shortened course finish line 1 before time expires will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.
- 16 HEARING REQUESTS**
- 16.1 Protests and requests for redress must be delivered electronically via YachtScoring or in person to the EYC Race Office before 0730 on Sunday, July 26, 2026. The same time limit applies to protests and requests for redress by the Race Committee and the Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area.
- 16.2 Requests for scoring reviews must be submitted electronically, in person, or by calling the EYC Race Office prior to 0730 on Sunday, July 26, 2026. This deadline may be extended on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Race Committee or Protest Committee.
- 16.3 Electronic protest forms are available on the Official Notice Board. Paper protest forms are available at the Race Committee office.
- 16.4 A yacht intending to protest is requested to report its intent to protest to the Race Committee signal boat within 10 minutes following its finish. Such notification will include the sail number of the yacht being protested.
- 16.5 Notices will be posted electronically on the Official Notice Board as soon as practicable, but no later than 0800 Sunday, July 26, 2026 to inform competitors of redress requests and/or hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held remotely by telephone conference call, or in person in the EYC Wardroom (as posted on the Official Notice Board.)
- 16.6 Protests and requests for redress will be heard in approximately the order in which they are received beginning at 0830 on Sunday, July 26, 2026 unless the parties and the Protest Committee agree to hear the case earlier.

- 16.7 The US Prescription to RRS 63.1 will be met by posting any requests for redress on the Official Notice Board.

17 SCORING

The decision on the scoring method and scoring parameters used will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and together with length of course, directions of leg and the wind speed will not be grounds for request for redress by the yacht. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Refer to the Safety and Emergency Protocol information provided on the Official Notice Board.
- 18.2 Prior to the first warning signal each yacht shall contact the Race Committee as they pass Edgartown R "6" on VHF Channel 73, and check in by announcing to the Race Committee its name, class, sail number, and number of souls on board. The Race Committee will respond with the sail number heard. Upon completion of check-in, yachts shall shift their radios back to VHF Channel 72 for the duration of the race.
- 18.3 The Chappaquiddick Ferry shall be considered "Restricted in her ability to maneuver," as defined in COLREGS Rule 18, and as such has the right-of-way over power driven and sailing vessels underway.
- 18.4 Any yacht withdrawing before the start or retiring during the Race for any reason SHALL NOTIFY THE RACE COMMITTEE on VHF Channel 72 AND the Race Committee Office by telephone **(508) 627-4364**.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 19.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race at 0900 on Sunday, July 26, 2026. Authority may choose to hold the Awards Ceremony on schedule despite protests, redress requests, and scoring inquiries that may remain unresolved.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club Race Committee Office, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309 Edgartown, Massachusetts 02539, Telephone (508) 627-4364, www.edgartownyc.org