EDGARTOWN RACE WEEKEND

'ROUND-THE-ISLAND RACE

July 31, 2027

The Edgartown Yacht Club

Edgartown, Massachusetts

The Officers and Members of the Edgartown Yacht Club invite you to participate in the Edgartown Race Weekend 'Round-the-Island Race. This race will be open to PHRF-NE and Multi-Hull yachts. 'Round-the-Island is a qualifier for the New England Lighthouse Series (PHRF)

NOTICE OF RACE

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 The Organizing Authority (OA) is Edgartown Yacht Club (EYC).

1.2 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, including US Sailing Prescriptions* (RRS), the *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea* (COLREGS), and the rules of the rating convention in which they are competing.

1.3 RRS Part 2 will be replaced by COLREGS Part B Section II from sunset to sunrise.

1.4 Powered winches and powered winch handles are allowed in all PHRF classes. Boats racing double-handed are allowed to use autopilots. This changes RRS 52.

1.5 [NP] [DP] Each boat shall fly from its back stay at least five feet above the deck an international code flag numeral pennant corresponding to the number of the class to which it has been assigned. This pennant shall be flown from the time the boat checks in until the boat has finished and cleared the finishing area. Boats lacking a back stay shall do their best to comply.

1.6 Boats shall meet the *US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Coastal Racing*, dated January 1, 2027 found at https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SER-2027.0-Mo-Coastal.pdf and https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SER-2027.0-Mu-Coastal.pdf .

1.7 The following requirements of the SER are deleted: 3.6.4, 3.9 AIS, and 3.16.2. Boats shall meet either SER requirement 3.7.1 or 3.7.2. SER 2.4.4 is modified to allow coated lifelines or synthetic materials designed to serve as lifelines.

1.8 The Organizing Authority requires that all boats meet SER 4.3.2 *Safety at Sea Training* for a minimum of two crewmembers, or 30 percent of its crew, whichever is greater.

1.9 Boats may submit SER waiver requests along with their risk mitigation proposals via email to the event organizer at racer@edgartownyc.org.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCRATCH SHEETS

2.1 Sailing Instruction will be available on the Official Notice Board no later than 1600, Wednesday, July 28,2027.

2.2 Final scratch sheets will be available on the Official Notice Board no later than 1600, Friday, July 30,2027.

2.3 The OA intends to minimize use of paper. Paper copies of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and scratch sheets **will not** be distributed at check-in.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 The Official Notice Board and regatta website shall be located on Yacht Scoring at https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50996.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on all standard US VHF channels.

3.3 [DP] Except in an emergency, and except for intra-boat communications, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to race related communications on mobile telephones, PDAs and other electronic devices capable of receiving transmissions originating off the boat.

3.4 Radio communications between competitors and the Race Committee will be on VHF Channel 72, with the exception of check-in for 'Round-the-Island on VHF Channel 73.

3.5 The Race Committee will use trackers to monitor competitors for the purposes of safety and race management. Boats shall carry a tracking transponder loaned by the race organizers.

3.6 Trackers and sponsor provided race memorabilia will be available for pick up at the Race Office after 1200, Friday July 30, 2027.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

4.1 Boats entered must be owned by, or under charter to, members of US Sailing or of yacht clubs affiliated with US SAILING.

4.2 Boats must be a minimum of 28 feet LOA.

4.3 Class sizes will be limited to not fewer than three boats, subject to exceptions made by the Race Committee. Additional PHRF-NE classes of three or more boats (or fewer, at the discretion of the Race Committee) will be eligible in Non-Spinnaker and Double-Handed with Spinnaker classes.

4.4 Boats racing with PHRF-NE Double-Handed with Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Cruising ratings may also register with a secondary PHRF-NE Fully Crewed rating to be eligible for the Venona Trophy (overall winner) further described in NOR 15 *Prizes.*

4.5 Class and/or division changes may not be requested after 1730, Friday, July 23, 2027.

4.6 Eligible boats may be entered by completing the registration form found on the regatta website and by paying the required fee online per the deadlines posted in NOR 7 *Schedule of Events*.

4.7 [DP] A representative from each boat must check-in at the Race Office in person per the deadlines posted in NOR 7 *Schedule of Events*.

4.8 As a condition of entry, each participating owner, skipper, and individual crew member shall submit an online liability waiver release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Forms shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link can be found on the regatta website by logging on to your "Owner's Corner" to acknowledge your boat liability and/or crew waivers. Paper copies of the waiver forms will be available at check-in. Boats shall not be scored unless the required forms have been submitted.

5 FEES

5.1 All registration fees must be paid before the relevant registration deadlines. No registration is considered complete until the required fees have been paid.

5.2 The Registration fee for all classes is $500 for Early Registration, $600 for Regular Registration, and $700 for Late registrations.

5.3 Registration fees are $250 for Edgartown Yacht Club members.

5.4 Two nights of free moorage will be provided for the first 50 Early and Regular paid registrants. **A separate request for the free moorings must be submitted using the instructions provided on the regatta website.** The additional registrants will receive moorings on a space available basis. The free moorage offer for vessels greater than 50 feet in length might be cut off before 50 boats have registered, due to limitations of dockage and large vessel moorings in Edgartown Harbor,

5.5 A refundable damage/loss deposit will be required for all boats for the tracker devices provided by the race organizer. A link to the damage/loss deposit form will be provided on the regatta website. Forms will also be available in the Race Committee office on the day of tracker pick-up.

5.6 Trackers must be returned to the Race Office upon completion of racing, but no later than 1200, Sunday, August 1, 2027. Failure to return the device shall result in the specified monetary charge for loss or non-return.

5.7 Special arrangements for individual boats to pick up and/or return trackers at an alternate time or place must be coordinated with the Race Office when picking up their tracker during check-in.

5.8 Trackers returned late will be charged for hazardous material overseas shipping and any late return penalties imposed by the provider.

5.9 Refund policy: Full refunds, minus PayPal processing fees, will be given through July 23, 2027. Refund requests submitted after July 23 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

6 ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

6.1 [NP] [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

6.2 By participating in this regatta, each competitor grants to the organizing authority and its members, the regatta sponsors, and each class association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, and to license any other person to so make, show and use, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, sound recordings, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of them or their property made during the period of the regatta without compensation to any such competitor.

7 SCHEDULE

Friday, June 18, 2027		
1730	Deadline for early registration and payment	Online
Friday, July 9, 2027		
1730	Deadline for regular registration and payment	Online
Friday, July 23, 2027		
1730	Deadline for late registration and payment	Online

1730	Deadline for rating certificates	PHRF-NE/NEMA Online
1730	Deadline for requesting refunds	Telephone or email
1730	Deadline for changing classes or divisions	Telephone or Race Office

Friday, July 30, 2027

1200-1700	Check-in, tracker and memorabilia pick up	Race Office
1700	Skippers' Meeting	Main Clubhouse
1730	Welcome Party and Buffet Dinner	Main Clubhouse
1730	Deadline for submission of Liability Waivers	Online or Race Office

Saturday, July 31, 2027

0900	First Warning Signal	Starting Line
2400	Time limit expires	Finish Line

Sunday, August 1, 2027

0900	Awards Ceremony*	Main Clubhouse
1200	Deadline to return trackers	Race Office

*** It is the intention of the Organizing Authority to hold the Awards Ceremony on schedule based upon the best available information at the time. Final results may vary if there are still protest or redress hearings in progress, or waiting to be heard.**

8 MEASUREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Each boat participating in PHRF-NE, or Multi-Hull shall hold a valid PHRF-NE or New England Multi-Hull Association (NEMA) certificate. All certificates must be valid for the current year and issued no later than 1730, Friday, July 23, 2027. The OA will use the online PHRF NE and NEMA databases to enter each yacht's rating on the scratch sheets. It is the responsibility of each yacht owner to check the scratch sheet for accuracy of its rating, and immediately notify the OA of any changes or discrepancies.

8.2 Boats may be inspected by the Race Committee at any time

9 VENUE

The 'Round-the-Island Race will be sailed around the Island of Martha's Vineyard, in Nantucket Sound, the Atlantic Ocean and Vineyard Sound.

10 COURSE

The course will be a clockwise circumnavigation of Martha's Vineyard from Edgartown. The distance is approximately 55.0 miles. The approximate course, with virtual shortened course finish lines, will be depicted in an addendum to the 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 boats to anchor while awaiting favorable conditions. Use of engines to safely navigate any part of this course will be a RRS 42 infraction, and boats that engage their engines are expected to retire.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Failure of a boat to pick up a tracker will result in a 30 minute corrected time penalty.

11.2 Failure of a boat equipped with a tracker to continuously transmit on their tracker will result in a 30 minute corrected time penalty. This is a change to RRS 56.3.

11.3 Alternative scoring penalties may be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

12 SCORING

12.1 The scoring will be Time-on-Time (ToT) using the PHRF-NE and NEMA rating conventions.

12.2 RRS 90.3(e) will apply, with the exception that the “24 hours” limit is replaced with “48 hours.”

13 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes. 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.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate considering the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

15 PRIZES

15.1 First, Second and Third place Prizes will be awarded in each class.

15.2 Special awards

- The **VENONA Trophy** for the overall winner (the single best corrected PHRF-NE time) for boats with fully-crewed PHRF-NE spinnaker ratings. In the event of shortened courses where all classes are not finished at the shortened course finish line, only boats that complete the longest course are eligible for this award.
- The **CONCORD Cup** for the non-foiling monohull finisher with the lowest elapsed time.
- The **RALPH D. OSBORNE Trophy** for the innovative design finisher with the lowest elapsed time.
- The **UPBEAT Cup** for the overall winner of the non-spinnaker classes.**
- The **EOLIS Bowl** for the overall winner of the Double-Handed with Spinnaker classes.**
- The **ALEXANDER N. ORR Trophy** for the best corrected time among boats racing double-handed without a spinnaker.**
- The **HOBART A.H. COOK Award** for the best corrected time among Service Academy entries.**
- The **OCEAN RACE Trophy** for the best corrected time among entries by EYC members.**
- The **TEAM Award** for the best corrected time of a 3-boat team from a given yacht club or Service Academy. Teams will be automatically comprised of the top three finishers from any club or Service Academy. Criteria for defining a club eligible for the Team Award will be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.**
- The **INCOGNITO Award** is awarded to the crew that exhibits passion, perseverance, and commitment to the sport of sailing during the course of Edgartown Race Weekend. The INCOGNITO Award is the generous donation of one of Edgartown Race Weekend’s most ardent supporters, and is awarded at the discretion of the ERW Organizing Authority.
- Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

**** Criteria for determining corrected time for boats racing under different rating systems and/or different length courses will be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.**

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club Race Committee Office: (508) 627-4364; racer@edgartownyc.org