



Edgartown Yacht Club
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ANNUAL TWELVE METRE REGATTA **AUGUST 12-15, 2021**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Edgartown Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 including US Sailing Prescriptions* (RRS).
- 1.3 Yachts will be subject to the International Twelve Metre Class By-Laws & Regulations as amended July 14, 2019, and any subsequent updates and amendments.
- 1.4 Yachts will be subject to the International Twelve Metre Class Rules, effective November 1, 2018, and any subsequent updates and amendments.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The Official Notice Board can be accessed via the EYC website 12 Metre Regatta page at https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view_document.asp?NS=CR&GI=D=40010&DN=TWELVE or Yacht Scoring at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=14284
- 2.2 A skippers' meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 1700.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on the day they will take effect, with the exception that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club station mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Friday July 30, 2021

1730 Registration deadline Online or Race Office

Monday, August 9, 2021

1730 Deadline for measurement certificates Online or Race Office

Thursday, August 12, 2021

All day Practice Day

1630-1700 Pick up race packets Clubhouse

1700 Skippers' Meeting Race Office

1830 A La Carte Dinner** Clubhouse

Friday, August 13, 2021

1100 First Warning Signal Starting Line

1830 A La Carte Dinner** Clubhouse

Saturday, August 14, 2021

1100 First Warning Signal Starting Line

1830 A La Carte Dinner** Clubhouse

2100 12 Metre Ball** Clubhouse

Sunday, August 15, 2021

1100 First Warning Signal Starting Line

TBD Awards Ceremony Clubhouse

There will be no warning signals after 1330 on Sunday.

** Reservations encouraged.

Dress code: Men: Collared shirts and slacks required. No shorts or blue jeans.

Women: Slacks, skirts, or dresses. No shorts or blue jeans.

5.2 The Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, schedule additional races on Sunday, and move the warning signal to as early as 0900. Such change will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1800 on Saturday, August 14, 2021.

6 RACING AREAS

The races will be sailed in the waters north of Edgartown Outer Harbor. The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Channel 72 the location of the starting area from the Committee Boat when it arrives on station.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 All courses are windward/leeward.

7.2 The number displayed below the division will indicate the number of legs. For example, "4" would be sailed windward-leeward-windward-leeward. Rounding marks, including the windward offset mark, if used, shall be rounded in order and, with the exception of a leeward gate, if used, will be left to port.

7.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 The windward, leeward, offset (if used), and gate marks (if used) will be inflatable buoys.
- 8.2 The marks of the starting line and of finishing line will be a Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy which may also be a turning mark.
- 8.3 The Race Committee may set an offset mark to be honored after the windward mark. When a change is made to a windward mark a new offset mark may not be set.
- 8.4 The Race Committee may also set a standoff buoy from the stern of its signal boat, which buoy shall be regarded as part of the signal boat.
- 8.5 All inflatable start and finish marks will be cylinders. All inflatable windward, leeward, and gate marks will be large balls or tetrahedrons. When finishing to windward on a course 3 or 5, the finish mark will be the large ball or tetrahedron that was used as the windward mark.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable buoy.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats over early by the sail number(s) of the yacht(s) on VHF Channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or failure of a yacht to hear the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 10.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark, which shall be an inflatable buoy.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44 shall report their action to the Race Committee immediately upon finishing or retiring.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 90 minutes from the starting signal for each division.

- 13.2 Yachts failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first yacht sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Committee office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 A yacht shall report her intent to protest to the Race Committee within 10 minutes following her finish.
- 14.3 The protest and request for redress time limit is 1 hour from the time the Race Committee signal boat arrives at its dock. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and the Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.4 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Ward Room, located next to the Race Committee office, as soon as practicable after the posting of notices.
- 14.6 Breaches of SI 16 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 14.7 Breaches of RRS 47 *Trash Disposal* will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The number of races completed shall constitute a series.
- 15.2 No race score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 The Chappaquiddick Ferry shall be considered "Restricted in her ability to maneuver," as defined in Rule 18 of the International and Inland Navigation Rules, and as such has the right-of-way over power driven and sailing vessels underway.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3 In the event that a crew member falls overboard and is no longer connected to the yacht, she shall:
- a) retire from the race
 - b) notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 that she has a man overboard
 - c) her score in this case shall be equal to the number of starters for that race without a hearing. The scoring abbreviation will be MOB This changes RRS 63.1, A4, A5 and A10.
- 16.4 This provision DOES NOT modify RRS 1.1 *Helping Those in Danger* in any way.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices that provide information from outside the boat.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given for the combined Friday, Saturday and Sunday series as follows:

12 Metre Traditional

12 Metre Spirit Class

18.2 The *Kay Hubner Memorial Trophy* for the best score between the Edgartown Yacht Club entries and the Nantucket Yacht Club entries.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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.

20 COMMUNICATIONS

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