



2021 VINEYARD CUP REGATTA

HOSTED BY MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHIPYARD

To Benefit Sail Martha's Vineyard

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The Vineyard Cup will be under the jurisdiction of Sail Martha's Vineyard and shall be governed by:
 - 1.1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 (the "Rules");
 - 1.1.2. Any modifications thereto by these Sailing Instructions; and
 - 1.1.3. These Sailing Instructions
- 1.2 Rule 52 shall apply to all competitors; *provided, however*, boats with electric winches that are not capable of (or elect not to) manually override such electronic winches may elect to satisfy Rule 52 by accepting a scoring penalty of 3 seconds per mile. Any boat electing to satisfy Rule 52 by accepting the scoring penalty must notify the Race Committee no later than the Competitors Meeting at 1800 hrs. on Friday, July 9th.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1. All notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which will be on the Vineyard Cup website (www.vineyardcup.com).
- 2.2. The Race Committee VHF Channel will be VHF Channel 73.
- 2.3. Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the Race Committee on VHF Channel 73.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1. Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board not less than two hours prior to a Division's first warning signal on the day the change is to take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Tisbury Wharf flagpole. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP is lowered.

5. **SCHEDULE:**

- 5.1. Friday, July 9, 2021
- 5.2. Saturday, July 10, 2021
- 5.3. Saturday, July 10, 2021
- 5.4. Sunday, July 11, 2021
- 5.5. Sunday, July 11, 2021

[Virtual Competitors Meeting via Zoom](#)

The starting sequence for Classes 4, 1, 2, and 3 will begin at 1000 hrs.

The starting sequence for the Catboat/Herreshoff 12.5 Class will begin at 1200 hrs.

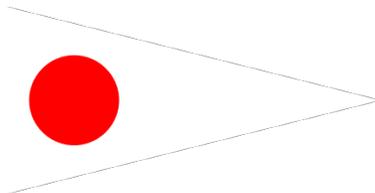
The starting sequence for the Catboat/Herreshoff 12.5 Class will begin at 1000 hrs.

Pursuit Format: Warning signal for first boat in the Classes 1, 2, 3 & 4 to start will be at 1030 hrs.

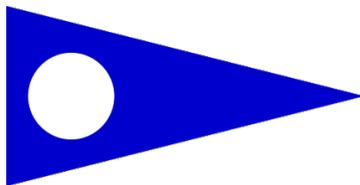
6. **CLASSES:**

6.1. Boats will be divided into the following Classes and designated by the numeral pennant indicated:

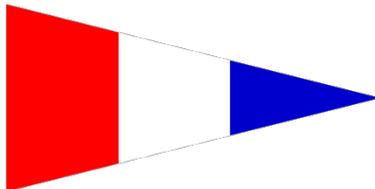
6.1.1. CLASS 1 – PHRF Non-Spinnaker



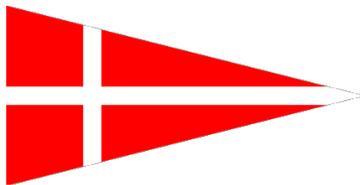
6.1.2. CLASS 2 – PHRF Non-Spinnaker



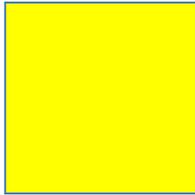
6.1.3. CLASS 3 – PHRF Spinnaker



6.1.4 CLASS 4 – Classic



6.1.5 Class 5 – Catboat/Herreshoff 12.5



6.2. The decision as to what Class a boat races under rests solely with the Race Committee.

7. STARTING AREA:

7.1. The starting and finishing lines will be positioned approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ nm (at a bearing of 65° M) from FI G "7" at the end of the Eastville jetty.

8. RACING AREA:

8.1. The racing area will be in Vineyard Sound, Buzzards Bay and Nantucket Sound and/or Vineyard Haven Harbor for the Catboats and Herreshoff 12.5s.

9. MARKS:

9.1. All marks shall be government marks with the following exceptions:

- The Committee Boat; and
- The pin end of the starting and finishing lines which will be a large yellow and black inflatable sphere

10. COURSES:

COURSE #1 THE DASH

(approximately 5.7 nm)

Start, then through the N"4" - C"23A" gate to G"23" (leave to port) to RG N (leave to port) through N"4" - C"23A" gate to Finish.

COURSE # 2 THE DASH PLUS

(approximately 8.2 nm)

Start, then through the N"4" - C"23A" gate to G"23" (leave to port) to G"15" (leave to port) through the N"4" - C"23A" gate to Finish.

COURSE #3 HEDGE FENCE COURSE

(approximately 10.5 nm)

Start, then through the N"4" - C"23A" gate to G"23" (leave to starboard) to R"22" (leave to starboard) to GR Bell (leave to starboard) to G"23" (leave to port) through the N"4" - C"23A" gate to Finish.

COURSE #4 L'HOMMEDIU SHOAL COURSE

(approximately 11.3 nm)

Start, then through the N"4" - C"23A" gate to G"25" (leave to port) to R"26" (leave to starboard) to G"15" at the western end of L'Hommedieu Shoal (leave to starboard) to RG N at the west end of Hedge Fence (leave to starboard) through the N"4" - C"23A" gate to Finish.

COURSE # 5 NORTH CHANNEL COURSE

(approximately 11.2 nm)

Start, then through the N"4" – C"23A gate to N"14" (leave to starboard) to G"23" (leave to starboard) to R"2" (leave to port) through the N"4" – C"23A" gate to Finish.

COURSE # 6 VINEYARD SOUND COURSE SHORT
(approximately 12.6 nm)

Start, then through the N"4" – C"23A gate to G"25" (leave to port) to R"26" (leave to port) to G"27" (leave to port) to G"25" (leave to starboard) through the N"4" – C"23A gate to Finish.

COURSE #7 AROUND HEDGE FENCE COURSE
(approximately 15.1 nm)

Start, then through the N"4" – C"23A gate to RG N (leave to starboard) to G"11" (leave to starboard) to R"22" (leave to starboard) to GR Bell (leave to starboard) to G"23" (leave to port) through the N"4" – C"23A" gate to Finish.

COURSE # 8 LUCAS SHOAL COURSE
(approximately 23.9 nm)

Start through the N"4" – C"23A" gate to R"2" (leave to port) to G"25" (leave to port) to G"27" (leave to port) to G"29" at west end of Lucas Shoal (leave to port) to G"25" (leave to starboard) to R"2" (leave to starboard) through the N"4" – C"23A" gate to Finish.

COURSE # 9 VINEYARD SOUND COURSE LONG
(approximately 21.0 nm)

Start, then through the N"4" – C"23A" gate to G"25" (leave to port) to R"26" (leave to port) to G"27" (leave to port) to G"25" (leave to port) to R"26" (leave to port) to G"27" (leave to port) to G"25" (leave to starboard) through the N"4" – C"23A" gate to Finish.

COURSE #10 RACE TO THE ROCK...AND BACK
(approximately 29.1 nm)

Start, then through the N"4" – C"23A" gate to G"25" (leave to port) to GR Lone Rock at the north entrance to Quicks Hole (leave to starboard) to G"25" (leave to starboard) through the N"4" – C"23A" gate to Finish. *Skippers may approach and return from Lone Rock by any course they choose. Passage through Wood's, Robinson's or Quick's Holes in either direction is permitted. Extreme caution, good seamanship and sound judgment are strongly recommended when determining a vessel's course and passage.*

NOTES:

- *The course for each Class will be designated by the appropriate number displayed on a white board on the starboard side of the Committee Boat. If a course designation is followed by "R", the course is to be sailed in the opposite order as described above and marks are to be left on the opposite side.*
- **ALL BOATS SHOULD TREAT N"4" AND C"23A" AS A GATE AND SHALL PASS BETWEEN THEM OUTBOUND FROM THE START LINE AND INBOUND TO THE FINISH LINE. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.**
- *The start and finish lines will be positioned approximately ¼ nm (at a bearing of 65° M) from FI G "7" at the end of the Eastville jetty.*

11. THE START:

- 11.1. All races (except the Pursuit Format Race) will be started by using the Rule 26 format with the warning signal given ***ten minutes*** before the starting signal and the preparatory signal given four minutes before the start.
- 11.2. The Pursuit Format Race will be started by using the Rule 26 format with the warning signal given ***ten minutes*** before the starting signal for the first boat to start and the preparatory signal given four minutes before the first boat to start the Pursuit Format Race. Each boat shall start the Pursuit Format Race at its designated time using GPS time. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will make an effort to announce the start for each boat on VHF Channel 73, however, GPS time shall be the control for each boat.
- 11.3. The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the starting line and large yellow and black inflatable sphere at the pin end of the line.
- 11.4. On Saturday, July 10th starts will be rolling for all Classes, meaning the start for a preceding Class is the warning signal for the next Class. On Sunday, July 11th a Pursuit format will be used with each boat being assigned a specific starting time. The starting times for possible courses to be determined by the Race Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 2100 hrs., Saturday, July 10th
- 11.5. The sequence of starts on Saturday, July 10th will be Class 4, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3. The starting sequence for the Catboat and Herreshoff 12.5 Classes will begin at 1200 hrs. on Saturday, July 10th.
- 11.6. Boats whose Class warning signal has not been made shall remain well clear of the starting area.
- 11.7. The Race Committee may deploy a small orange inflatable spherical buoy at a distance of eight to ten feet from the transom of the Committee Boat, the purpose of which will be to keep starting boats well clear of the Committee Boat. Such buoy and its painter, if deployed, will be deemed to be an extension of the Race Committee Boat.

12. CHANGING THE COURSE AFTER THE START:

- 12.1. A change of course after the start will be signaled at the rounding mark before the leading boat has begun the new leg.

13. THE FINISH:

- 13.1. The finishing line shall be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the port end of the finish line and a large yellow and black inflatable sphere at the starboard end of the line.
- 13.2. Upon finishing, boats in the Catboat Class and Herreshoff 12.5 Class shall pass astern of the Race Committee Boat on port tack stating the boat's name.

14. TIME LIMIT:

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish in each of Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 on Saturday, July 10th will be six hours.
- 14.2. The time limit for the first boat to finish in the Catboat Class and Herreshoff 12.5 Class on Saturday, July 10th and Sunday, July 11th will be three hours.
- 14.4. On Saturday, July 10th a boat failing to finish within two hours of the first boat to finish in its Class will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes Rule 35.
- 14.5. On Sunday, July 11th each boat in Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 must complete the course by 1600 hrs. or will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes Rule 35.

15. PROTESTS:

- 15.1. A boat intending to lodge a protest shall comply with all provisions of Rule 61 and shall notify the Race Committee immediately upon finishing of that intent, providing to the Race Committee the name, sail number (if shown on the sail) and Class of the boat being protested.
- 15.2. Protests shall be filed in writing with the Protest Committee at Race Headquarters on forms available from the Race Committee desk within one hour of the last boat to finish for the day, such time to be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3. The Jury will hear each protest in the order posted, beginning as soon as possible after the completion of the day's races.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM:

- 16.1 The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3 will apply. The scoring penalty will be 20% of the number of boats in the relevant Class that start the race.

17. SCORING:

- 17.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. Boats will be scored under Rules 90.3 (a) and Appendix A4.1 and A5 using PHRF-NE ratings in the case of the PHRF Divisions or CRF ratings in the case of the Classics Division. The Catboat and Herreshoff 12.5 Divisions will be scored under Appendix A without any handicap.
- 17.3. There will be no excluded scores, this changes Appendix A2.1

18. SAFETY:

- 18.1. Each day, every yacht shall check in with the Race Committee at the starting area by passing astern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack, stating the boat's name, class and sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge by responding with the boat's name. **Check-ins will not be accepted via VHF.**
- 18.2. Any yacht withdrawing from a race SHALL report her withdrawal to the Race Committee on VHF Channel 73 as soon as practicable after her decision to abandon the race AND by calling **312.524.7366** upon returning to shore.
- 18.3. Rule 40.1 shall apply. Rule 40.1 states, in part, "each competitor shall wear a personal floatation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment."

19. SUSTAINABILITY:

The Vineyard Cup Regatta is committed to maintaining and improving the water quality in Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds. PLEASE follow the guidelines below. We're counting on you!

ON BOARD

- 19.1 No discharge of treated or untreated sewage or black water
- 19.2 No overboard discharge of trash (e.g., rigging tape, cigarette butts, cans, bottles or compostables). That means nothing goes overboard during the Vineyard Cup
- 19.3 Separate compost, recycle, re-use and return materials
- 19.4 We expect that you will make every effort to eliminate the use of anything plastic. **Single serve plastic bottles are prohibited.**
- 19.5 Use green cleaning and maintenance products.
- 19.6 No bottom cleaning in the harbor

19.7 Reduce the impact of oil spills from motorized vessels by carrying at least one bilge sponge and fuel spill pad

20. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

Each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember (“Person”) agrees to be bound by the Rules. Furthermore, each Person agrees that the sole responsibility for the seaworthiness of the boat, her rigging, the safety equipment on board, the wearing of PFD’s and the competence and behavior of her crew is that of the Owner/Charterer/Skipper of the boat.

Each Person participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and represents that he/she is acquainted with Rule 3 which states, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.” Sail Martha’s Vineyard 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.

Each participant also agrees to relieve from any responsibility or liability Sail Martha’s Vineyard, its Directors, employees, volunteers, members, agents and sponsors and their representatives in respect of any claim arising from participation in the Vineyard Cup, to include loss of life, injury or loss of or damage to any vessel or property.

21. **MEDIA RELEASE:**

Competitors and crewmembers on competing boats grant, at no cost, Sail Martha’s Vineyard the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material; as well as representations of the boats in any media (including but not limited to television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purpose of advertising, promoting and disseminating information regarding the Vineyard Cup and Sail Martha’s Vineyard and its programs.