



Edgartown Yacht Club
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29th ANNUAL TWELVE METRE REGATTA
AUGUST 11-13, 2023

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 on Yacht Scoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15673>.
- 2.2 A skippers' meeting will be held in the main clubhouse on Friday, August 11, 2023 at 0830.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The Race Committee may make oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water, in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes shall be broadcast by the race committee to competitors via VHF on channel 72 no later than the warning for any race for which such changes will apply.

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 Wednesday, August 9, 2023

1730	Registration deadline	Online or Race Office
1730	Deadline for measurement certificates	Online or Race Office
1600	Class breakdowns published	Online

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Optional	Informal practice day	At competitors' discretion
1600	Check-in deadline	Telephone or Race Office

Friday, August 11, 2023

0800	Race Office Open	Race Office
0830	Skippers' Meeting	Clubhouse
1100	First Warning Signal	Starting Line

Saturday, August 12, 2023

0800	Race Office Open	Race Office
1100	First Warning Signal	Starting Line

Sunday, August 13, 2023

0800	Race Office Open	Race Office
1100	First Warning Signal	Starting Line
1700**	Awards Ceremony	Clubhouse

**time approximate

There will be no warning signals after 1330 on Sunday.

- 5.2 The Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, move the warning signal to as early as 0900 on Sunday. Such change will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 1800 on the evening before the change takes effect.

6 RACING AREAS

The races will be sailed in the waters north of Edgartown Outer Harbor and in Nantucket Sound. 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 Course diagrams are provided in Appendix 1 at the end of these SIs.
- 7.2 All courses are windward/leeward.
- 7.3 The number displayed below the division will indicate the number of legs. For example, "4" would be sailed windward-leeward-windward-leeward.
- 7.4 Rounding marks, including the windward offset mark, if used, shall be rounded in order and, with the exception of a leeward gate, shall be left to port. In the absence of a leeward gate, the leeward mark shall be left to port.
- 7.5 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 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 need not be set.
- 8.4 The Race Committee may 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, with the exception that when finishing to windward on a Course 3 or 5, the inflatable finish mark will be the mark that was used as the windward mark. All inflatable windward, leeward, and gate marks will be large balls, a large teardrop, or tetrahedrons.

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 THE FINISH

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

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2 The post-race penalty option RRS V2 will be in effect. The Scoring Penalty shall be two places or 30 percent of the score for Did Not Finish, whichever is greater, but no worse than the score for Did Not Finish. This is a modification to RRS V2(b).

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish will be 90 minutes from their starting signal.
- 12.2 Yachts failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first yacht of their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protests can be filed using paper protest forms that are available at the Race Committee office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered in person to the Race Office within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 The time limit for protests and requests for redress 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.
- 13.3 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 Office, according to the posted schedule and at the discretion of the Chief Judge, as soon as is practicable after the posting of notices.
- 13.4 Breaches of SI 14 *Safety Regulations* 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.
- 13.5 Breaches of RRS 47 *Trash Disposal* will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 [DP] Boats shall check in on VHF channel 72 no later than 5 minutes before the first warning for each day’s racing. Each boat shall indicate its name, sail number, and number of souls aboard. Check in is complete when the recorder acknowledges the boat’s sail number.
- 14.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 14.4 In the event that a crew member falls overboard and is no longer connected to the yacht, it shall:
 - a) retire from the race
 - b) notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 that it has a person overboard
 - c) its 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.
- 14.5 This provision DOES NOT modify RRS 1.1 *Helping Those in Danger* in any way.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

[DP] Except in an emergency, and as noted in SI 14.2, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except as allowed in 14.2 and 14.3. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Competitors may monitor VHF channel 72 for instructions from the Race Committee.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

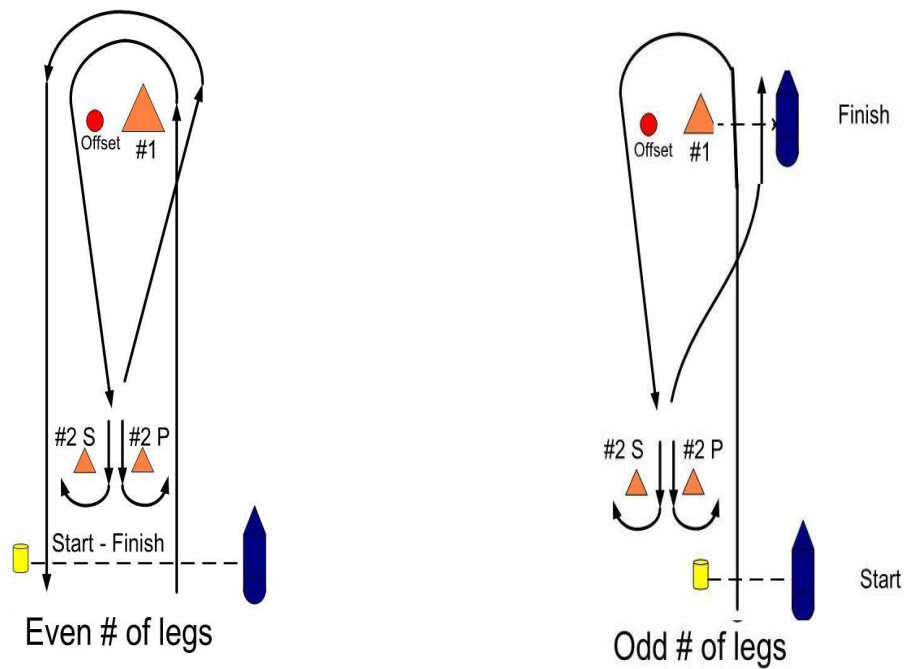
Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race, which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is 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.

17 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

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Appendix 1
Course Diagrams



THE WINDWARD OFFSET MARK MAY OR MAY NOT BE SET.

IN THE ABSENCE OF A GATE, THE LEEWARD MARK IS TO BE LEFT TO PORT.