



Men's Journal



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 2009 - 2012 ("RRS")
- 1.1.2. The PHRF NE Rules
- 1.1.3. Any modifications thereto by these Sailing Instructions
- 1.1.4. These Sailing Instructions

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

2.1. All notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Committee Bulletin Board located at Race Headquarters at 110 Main Street, Vineyard Haven.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

3.1. Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted 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 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Coastwise Packet flag pole. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP is lowered.

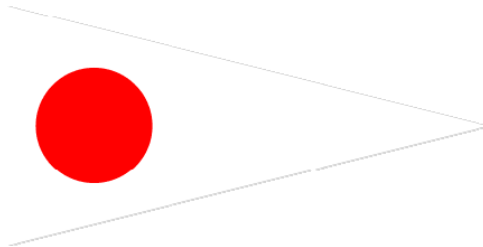
5. SCHEDULE:

- 5.1. Competitors Meeting offices at 110 Main Street Friday, July 15, 2011 at 1100 hrs at Sail MV
- 5.2. Friday, July 15, 2011 First warning signal at 1300 hrs.
- 5.3. Saturday, July 16, 2011 First warning signal at 1000 hrs.
- 5.4. Sunday, July 17, 2011 ***Pursuit Format:*** Warning signal for first boat at 1030 hrs.

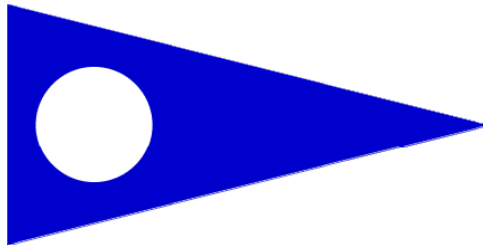
6. CLASSES:

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

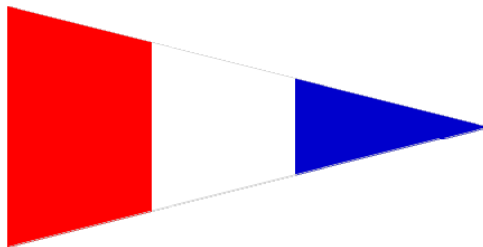
6.1.1. CLASS 1



6.1.2. CLASS 2



6.1.3. CLASS 3



6.1.4 CLASS 4

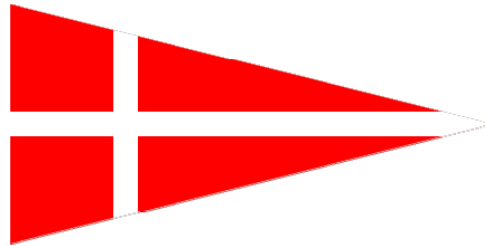


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6.1.5 CLASS 5



6.1.6 CLASS 6



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

7. **STARTING AREA:**

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**

The racing area will be in Vineyard Sound and Nantucket Sound

9. **MARKS:**

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

- The Committee Boat
- The pin end of the starting and finishing lines which will be large inflatable marks
- The Lackey's Bay turning mark for the Catboat Division on Saturday which will be a large inflatable mark

10. **COURSES:**

COURSE "1" (approximately 12.6 nm)

Start to G"23A" (leave to starboard) to G"23" (leave to port) to GR Bell at easterly end of Squash Meadow (leave to starboard) to Skiff #1 at approximate position of $41^\circ 24' 37''$ N by $70^\circ 31' 08''$ W (leave to starboard) to Skiff #2 approximate position of $41^\circ 25' 35''$ N by $70^\circ 32' 30''$ W (leave to starboard) to C"1" Lone Rock (leave to port) to G"23" (leave to starboard) to G"23A" (leave to port) to Finish.

COURSE "2" (approximately 17.7 nm)

Start to G "23A" (leave to starboard) to G"23" (leave to port) to R"22" (leave to port) to C"11" (leave to starboard) to R"2" (leave to starboard) to G"23" (leave to starboard) to G "23A" (leave to port) to Finish

COURSE "3" (approximately 19.6 nm)

Start to N"14" (leave to starboard) to C"11" (leave to starboard) to R"2" (leave to starboard) to G"23" (leave to starboard) to G"23A" (leave to port) to Finish

COURSE "4" (approximately 21.9 nm)

Start to G"23A" (leave to starboard) to G"23" (leave to port), to RW"NS" (leave to starboard) to R"2" (leave to port) to Skiff #2 approximate position of 41° 25' 35" N by 70° 32' 30" W (leave to starboard) to C"1" Lone Rock (leave to port) to G"23" (leave to starboard) to RW"NW" (leave to port) to Finish passing between R"4" and G"23A"

COURSE "5" (approximately 14.7 nm)

Start to G"23A" (leave to starboard) to G"23" (leave to port) to R"22" (leave to starboard) to Skiff #1 at approximate position of 41° 24' 37" N by 70° 31' 08" W (leave to starboard) to Skiff #2 approximate position of 41° 25' 35" N by 70° 32' 30" W (leave to starboard) to C"1" Lone Rock (leave to port) to G"23" (leave to starboard) to G"23A" (leave to port) to Finish

COURSE "6" (approximately 9.6 nm)

Start to G"23A" (leave to port) to N"4" (leave to starboard) to RW "NW" (leave to starboard) to pin end (ORANGE BALL) of Start/Finish line (leave to starboard to G"23A" (leave to port) to N"4" (leave to starboard) to RW "NW" (leave to starboard) to FINISH.

Note:All vessels in Classes #1 through #6 shall honor N "4" and C "23A" at the entrance to Vineyard Haven Harbor.

NOTE #1: 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 shown above and marks are to be left on the opposite side.

11. THE START:

- 11.1. Races 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 five minutes before the start.
- 11.2. The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line and an orange flag on a RIB at the port end of the starting line.
- 11.3. On Friday and Saturday, July 15th and July 16th starts will be rolling, meaning the start for a preceding Class is the warning signal for the next Class. On Sunday, July 17th a Pursuit format will be used with each boat being assigned a specific starting time.
- 11.4. The sequence of start will be: Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, Class 5, Class 6 and on Saturday, July 16th the Catboat Division will start using its own sequence commencing at 1230 hours
- 11.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall remain well clear of the

starting area.

- 11.6. 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 and or Pin Boat(s), the purpose of which will be to keep starting boats well clear of the Committee and or Pin Boat(s). Such buoy and its painter, if deployed, will be deemed to be an extension of the Race Committee and Pin Boat(s).

12. CHANGING THE COURSE AFTER THE START:

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the new leg.

13. THE FINISH:

The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and an orange flag on a RIB at the port end of the starting line.

14. TIME LIMIT:

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish in each Class on Friday, July 15th will be three hours
- 14.2. A boat must complete the course by 1800 hrs on Saturday, July 16th in order to finish.
- 14.3. The time limit for the first boat to finish on Sunday, July 17th will be four hours.

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 the last race of the day in her Class, such time to be posted on the Race Committee Bulletin Board at Race Headquarters.
- 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:

Rule 44.3(c) will apply. The scoring penalty will be 25% of the number of boats 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 using PHRF-NE ratings or in the case of the Gaff Rig Division using a locally assigned PHRF ToD based system. The Cat Boat Division will be scored according to its tradition with wooden boats competing against wooden boats and fiberglass boats competing against fiberglass boats.
- 17.3. There will be no throw-outs

18. SAFETY:

- 18.1. Every yacht **SHALL VERBALLY 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.
- 18.2. Any yacht withdrawing from a race **SHALL** report her withdrawal to the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 and by calling 508.627.0509 as soon as practicable after her decision to abandon the race.
- 18.3. Sail Martha's Vineyard **strongly advises** all crews to wear PFD's at all times

while racing.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember agrees to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Furthermore, each 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 Owner/Charterer/Skipper represents that he/she is acquainted with ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4 which states, "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."

Each participant also agrees to relieve from any responsibility or liability the Organizing Authority, 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.

20. 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 (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purpose of advertising, promoting and disseminating information regarding the Vineyard Cup.