



Sail Martha's Vineyard Presents

Vineyard Haven Herreshoff 12.5 summer series

June 29th – August 31st 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- i. Sailing Instructions for the event will be posted on the Sail Martha's Vineyard website no later than 0900 hours June 28, 2024. There will be no paper copies. [PAGE LINK HERE](#)
- ii. The Sailing Instructions ("SIs") will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located online.

3. COMMUNICATION

- i. All communication from the fleet to Sail MV is to be done through Phil Hale. Communication from Sail MV to the fleet will be done via the Vineyard Haven H12.5 page on the Sail MV website.
- ii. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the relevant fleet channels.
- iii. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be 73.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- i. The event is open to Herreshoff 12.5 boats.

All proceeds help to support the charitable programs of Sail Martha's Vineyard.

5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

First signal no earlier than 14:00 each Saturday from the 29th June to the 31st of August.

6. VENUE

i. Herreshoff 12.5 Division, all races will start, and be sailed, in Vineyard Haven Harbor using existing buoys and/or dropped marks.

ii. Race Headquarters will be located at the Sail Martha's Vineyard office:

151 Beach Road, Unit 2C

Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

508-696-7644

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7. SCORING and ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

i. Summer series: four discards will be available if a competitor races in 8 races or over. One discard if 4 races completed.

ii: Competitors absent from a race will receive a score equal to the total of boats who raced plus two unless absence is due to attendance of a pre-approved regatta (H12.5 nationals 27th 28th July). In this case an average score for the July series will be applied to the absent competitor.

iii. Amendment to RRS 44.1: Any craft believing to have broken one or more rules may make a one turn penalty. At no point is a two-turn penalty required.

8. PRIZES

i. Trophies will be awarded on the following dates:

a: individual race trophies will be available on Monday mornings at MV shipyard.

9. LIABILITY

- i. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper/Owner who must ensure that his boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and crewed by an experienced and physically capable crew. The decision of whether or not to start or continue a race is solely that of the Skipper.
- ii. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the event shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat, both while on the water and ashore.
- iii. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 intense 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.
- iv. Sail Martha's Vineyard (including its officers, directors, and staff), the participating Sponsors and Industry Partners of the 2024 Vineyard Cup Regatta, the race committee, volunteers, officials and protest committee do not accept responsibility or liability for any damage, personal injury or death sustained in in any way in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Vineyard Cup Regatta.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

Sail Martha's Vineyard reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Any amendments of the NOR will be (i) posted on the [Vineyard Haven H12.5 webpage](#)

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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