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The Vineyard Cup Regatta will be held on the waters of Nantucket Sound and Vineyard Sound off of the Island of Martha's Vineyard on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 17th, 18th and 19th, 2009. Sail Martha's Vineyard ("SMV") is the Organizing Authority www.sailmv.com and invites vessels 22 feet in length and greater to come and enjoy a fun and affordable event.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 ("RRS"), the prescriptions of US SAILING, any modifications thereto, Class Rules for those one design classes competing and the Sailing Instructions.

2. OTHER RULES and REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. All boats must be sailed by a minimum of two sailors.
- 2.2. There are no weight limitations

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. The Cup will be sailed in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 3.2. Vessels may be asked to display a sponsors' flag provided by the Organizing Authority as permitted by ISAF regulation 20.4.1.1(c)

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to boats at least 22 feet LOA who carry a PHRF, IRC rating, to boats entering a One-Design Division (requires a minimum of 6 boats for separate starting line) or to gaff rigged boats with an LOA of at least 18 feet. If entries in any Division warrant, a Division will be divided into Classes to be established at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority and designated based on Class, rating and/or hull material or configuration or any combination thereof.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached forms and sending them, together **with the appropriate rating certificate** *[NO EXCEPTIONS THIS YEAR]* and the required entry fee to Vineyard Cup Entries, c/o Sail Martha's Vineyard, P.O. Box 1998, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts 02568 . The entry deadline is 1800 hrs. July 9, 2009.
- 4.3. 2009 PHRF CERTIFICATES CAN BE APPLIED FOR THROUGH THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD FLEET FOR \$20 (Application available at www.phrfne.org)**
- 4.4. Entry acknowledgements will be reflected on www.vineyardcup.com

5. CLASSIFICATION

- 5.1. The Gaff Rig Division is for boats with gaff rigs who are not rated under PHRF or who are not sailing in a One Design Division: No Group 3 competitors as set forth in the ISAF Classification Code (except for an Owner) are permitted on any vessel racing in this Division.
- 5.2. The PHRF Non-Spinnaker Division: No Group 3 competitors as set forth in the ISAF Classification Code (except for an Owner) are permitted on any vessel racing in this Division.
- 5.3. The PHRF Spinnaker Division: There are no limits for any category of competitor in this Division.
- 5.4. The IRC Division: There are no limits for any category of competitor in this Division.
- 5.5. Any One Design Division: Limitations on crew classification as set forth in the Class Rules will be followed.
- 5.6. Owners: For the purpose of determining eligibility in the Gaff Rigg or PHRF non-spinnaker Divisions, an Owner is defined as one who, to the satisfaction of the Race Committee, demonstrates at least a one-third partner interest in the ownership of the vessel on which the person competes or in the event of a charter is the sole charterer of the vessel.

6. FEES

- 6.1. The applicable entry fee (if received by Sail Martha's Vineyard by April 30, 2009 is:

Less than 30 feet LOA	\$ 40.00
30 feet LOA to 40 feet LOA	\$ 90.00
40 feet LOA to 50 feet LOA	\$ 175.00
50 feet LOA to 70 feet LOA	\$ 250.00
Greater than 70 feet LOA	\$ 300.00
- 6.2. The applicable entry fee (if received by Sail Martha's Vineyard after April 30, 2009 is:

Less than 30 feet LOA	\$ 50.00
30 feet LOA to 40 feet LOA	\$ 125.00
40 feet LOA to 50 feet LOA	\$ 225.00
50 feet LOA to 70 feet LOA	\$ 300.00
Greater than 70 feet LOA	\$ 350.00

NOTE: Sail Martha's Vineyard may in its sole discretion accept any late entry at any time. A late entry fee will apply which will be equivalent to one half of the applicable entry fee.

7. PRELIMINARY RACING SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 17. 18 and 19, 2009

The Gaff Rig and PHRF Non-Spinnaker Divisions

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2009 ... One Race around Government Marks

First Warning Signal	1300 hrs	Yellow Shape
Preparatory Signal	1305 hrs	Blue Shape
Start	1310 hrs	Red Shape

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009 ... Distance Race Sound and Bay Short Course

First Warning Signal	0930 hrs	Yellow Shape
Preparatory Signal	0935 hrs	Blue Shape
Start	0940 hrs	Red Shape

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009 ... One Race (Pursuit Format) Around Government Marks

First Warning Signal	1000 hrs	Yellow Shape
Preparatory Signal	1005 hrs	Blue Shape
Pursuit Start Commences	1010 hrs	Red Shape

The IRC, One Design and PHRF Spinnaker Divisions

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2009 ... Two Races

First Warning Signal	1100 hrs	Division/Class Flag
Preparatory Signal	1105 hrs	Code Flag "P"
Start	1110 hrs	Division/Class Flag Removed

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009 ... Distance Race Sound and Bay Long Course

First Warning Signal	1000 hrs	Division/Class Flag
Preparatory Signal	1005 hrs	Code Flag "P"
Start	1010 hrs	Division/Class Flag Removed

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009 ... Two Races

First Warning Signal	1020 hrs	Division/Class Flag
Preparatory Signal	1025 hrs	Code Flag "P"
Start	1030 hrs	Division/Class Flag Removed

NOTE: The starting sequence for the second (pm Friday and Sunday) race on each day will commence approximately thirty minutes after the last boat in a Division to finish the prior race.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Vineyard Cup website, www.vineyardcup.com and be available at Race Headquarters beginning at 0900 hrs. July 13, 2006 and at the Competitors Meeting.

9. RACE HEADQUARTERS

- 9.1. Race Headquarters will be located at the Sail Martha's Vineyard's offices which are located at 110 Main Street in Vineyard Haven, up the hill and across Main Street from the Town Dock at Owen Park.

10. RACE COURSES

- 10.1. On Friday and Sunday the course to be sailed and the magnetic bearing to the first mark will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat Course Board and transmitted over VHF Channel 72 approximately two minutes before the starting sequence.
- 10.2. Gaff Rig and PHRF Non-Spinnaker Divisions:

COURSE "C1"	Cape Long Course
COURSE "C2"	Cape Short Course
COURSE "N1"	Nantucket Sound Long Course
COURSE "N2"	Nantucket Sound Short Course

10.3. One Design, IRC and PHRF Spinnaker Divisions:

COURSE "W2"

- **Windward/Leeward/Windward**

COURSE "W3"

- **Windward/Leeward/Windward/Leeward/Windward**

COURSE "L2"

- **Windward/Leeward/Windward/Leeward**

COURSE "L3"

- **Windward/Leeward/Windward/Leeward/Windward/Leeward**

COURSE "T2"

- **Windward/Reach/Reach/Windward**

COURSE "T3"

- **Windward/Reach/Reach/Windward/Reach/Reach/Windward**

10.4. On Saturday the course for the distance race to be sailed will be signaled as follows:

10.4.1. **Sound and Bay Short Course Code Flag "S"**

10.4.2. **Sound and Bay Long Course Code Flag "L"**

Note: The Sound and Bay Course will have one turning mark, which will be in Buzzards Bay. A vessel may approach it either up the Bay or up the Sound and through either Quicks or Robinson's Holes and may use either passage on its return. The direction you go is entirely up to you.

11. SCORING and ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 11.1. Time-over-distance ratings developed by the Race Committee to the best of its ability and in the recreational spirit of the Gaff Rig Division will be assigned to each boat entered in the Division.
- 11.2. A 2009 PHRF rating will be used for the PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions
- 11.3. The IRC Scoring System will be used for boats entered in that Division
- 11.4. One design racing classes will sail boat for boat
- 11.5. Rule A2 will be in effect for IRC and racing One-Design classes
- 11.6. No score will be excluded in the Gaff Rig or PHRF Non-Spinnaker Divisions. This changes Rule A2
- 11.7. RRS 44.3 (c), Scoring Penalty shall be 25% of the number of boats in a Class

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded in each Class in the following Divisions:
 - The Vineyard Cup Gaff Rig Division : First, second and third places
 - The Vineyard Cup PHRF Non-Spinnaker Division : First, second and third places
 - The Vineyard Cup PHRF Spinnaker Division: First, second and third places
 - The Vineyard Cup IRC Division: First, second and third places
 - Qualifying (six or more boats) One Design Classes with their own starts: First, second and third places

13. LIABILITY

- 13.1. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper/Owner who must ensure that the 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.
- 13.2. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Vineyard Cup Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat, both while on the water and ashore.

- 13.3. Sail Martha's Vineyard and the participating Sponsors and Industry Partners of 2008 Vineyard Cup do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants nor for the loss of nor damage to any vessel in any way from any cause during the Cup.

14. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

- 14.1. Sail Martha's Vineyard reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments of this notice will be posted on the Vineyard Cup and Sail Martha's Vineyard websites prior to June 30, 2008. All amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board and will be available in hard copy at Race Headquarters.