



## NOTICE OF RACE

### NRW HOBIE 16 REGATTA

August 9, 2020

#### Preamble

We are pleased to announce the 17th annual Nantucket Race Week and the 48th Opera House Cup Regatta, August 8 – 16, 2020. The events are organized in compliance with all the Massachusetts and Town of Nantucket Covid Guidelines including the MA Phase III reopening guidelines as of July 24th, and any subsequent revisions.

There are significant changes in the regatta to comply with the Phase III guidelines to ensure all competitor's safety. We encourage everyone's understanding of the changes and cooperation to make this a safe and fun event. Key requirements for all competitors include:

- All participants must wear face coverings
- Social distancing is required
- We encourage frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing
- Massachusetts requires a 14 day quarantine for all visitors to the state, EXCEPT those from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

#### **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.

Regatta website [www.nantucketraceweek.org](http://www.nantucketraceweek.org)

#### **HOSTS**

The Nantucket Yacht (NYC), Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC), Nantucket Community Sailing (NCS) and the Nantucket Race Week Committee (NRW).

Nantucket Race Week merchandise and gear is available for order online at the [NCS Store](#) and can be picked up daily during Nantucket Race Week, or prior by arrangement, at the Nantucket Community Sailing office at 4 Winter Street.



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**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix V2 (Penalty Taken After a Race), and the Class Rules of the International Hobie Class Association (Hobie Class Rules 2017-2020), including changes to RRS 42.2 and 42.3.
- 1.2. The minimum combined crew weight as defined by Hobie Class rule 17.5 shall be 285 lbs.
- 1.3. All regulations of the Massachusetts Reopening Standards for Youth and Adult Amateur Sports at the time of the regatta.
- 1.4. All competitors, skippers and crew, will be required to sign a Waiver prior to the regatta

**2. ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form online (click on Sailing tab) and completing the entry form and the waiver, together with the required fee, by no later than Saturday, **August 8 at 1800.**
- 3.2. The Organizing Authority, may, in its sole discretion, accept any late entry.
- 3.3. All skippers are encouraged to be members of US Sailing.
- 3.4. Hobie class membership is not required.

**4. FEES**

The Entry Fee is \$20. No lunch is provided.

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions, including the courses will be available on the regatta website three days prior to the regatta.

**6. SCHEDULE**

- 6.1. The number of races will be in accordance with the MA Phase III guidelines.
- 6.2. There will be no Competitors Meeting.
- 6.3. The first warning signal will be 1100.

**7. VENUE**

The available racing areas in Nantucket Harbor will be shown in the sailing instructions.

**8. SCORING**

- 8.1. Races will be run in accordance with the MA Phase III guidelines.
- 8.2. One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 8.3. When five or more races are completed, one worst score will be excluded, as permitted in RRS 90.3(b), from that boat's series score.

**9. SAFETY**

- 9.1. Pursuant to Massachusetts YOUTH and ADULT AMATEUR SPORTS ACTIVITIES – Phase III, Step 1



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rules, **all participants must wear a face covering.**

- 9.2. All competitors shall wear, while on the water, US Coast Guard approved PFD, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40. The penalty for breach of this rule is DSO, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

**10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 41.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.


**11. PRIZES**

- 11.1. There will be no Awards Ceremony.  
11.2. Results will be posted on the [NRW Website](#) following the regatta.  
11.3. The top-performing skipper in a one- design fleet during the entire week will also receive a special NRW prize.  
11.4. Awards may be picked up at the NCS office at 4 Winter Street at 4PM the day following the regatta.

**12. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate and valid third party liability insurance.

**13. CLEAN REGATTA**

 Nantucket Race Week is committed to maintaining Nantucket's clean waters and shores, and is certified by Sailors for the Sea as a gold-level Clean Regatta. All NRW participants are encouraged to follow the goals and requirements of the Clean Regattas program.

**14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, Nantucket Race Week LLC, the Nantucket Yacht Club, Great Harbor Yacht Club, Nantucket Community Sailing, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Technical Committee, volunteers, sponsors, agents, employees, or any other organization or official providing services at the request of any of the foregoing in connection with the events will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury, disease, or illness to any person sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, crews, and support persons) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 15.1. [Massachusetts Boating Regulations](#)  
15.2. Nantucket Community Sailing  
508-228-6600  
Website [Nantucket Race Week](#)