



## NOTICE OF RACE

### NRW OPTI REGATTA

August 14, 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 6th, 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
- Boats are limited to a crew of no more than 3 people
- 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 V1 (Alternative Penalties).
- 1.2. All regulations of the Massachusetts Reopening Standards for Youth and Adult Amateur Sports at the time of the regatta will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the RRS and the Massachusetts Reopening Standards, the Massachusetts regulations will prevail.
- 1.4. All competitors 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. Prior to entering, local sailors from NCS, NYC, or GHYC should have approval from their Program Director to participate in the NRW Opti Regatta and to reserve a program boat for this event. Entrants who have not received this approval (it can be verbal) may not be eligible for participation and any fees will be refunded in full.
- 3.2. Opti sailors shall be juniors who have not reached their 16th birthday in 2020.
- 3.3. Nantucket applicants must be approved by their program head:
  - Nantucket Yacht Club [Justin@nantucketyachtclub.org](mailto:Justin@nantucketyachtclub.org)
  - Great Harbor Yacht Club [ehermanek@ghyc.com](mailto:ehermanek@ghyc.com)
  - Nantucket Community sailing [Emily@nantucketsailing.org](mailto:Emily@nantucketsailing.org)
- 3.4. All applicants must complete the entry form, including the waiver and medical form, online (click on the Sailing tab) by Thursday, **August 13 at 1800**.
- 3.5. Sailors will be placed in Green, Blue or Championship Fleets according to instructors' recommendation.

#### **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 one day 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. Check in will be on the water near Jetties Beach at 1300.
- 6.4. The first warning signal will be 1330.

#### **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.



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- 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 rules, **all participants must wear a face covering while on shore, and practice social distancing at all times.**
- 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. The changes RRS 40. The penalty for breach of this rule is DSQ, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

#### **10. PRIZES**

- 10.1. There will be no Awards Ceremony, although prizes will be awarded to the top three places in each division.
- 10.2. Results will be posted on the [NRW Website](#) following the regatta.
- 10.3. The top-performing skipper in a one-design fleet during the entire week will also receive a special NRW prize.
- 10.4. Awards may be picked up at the NCS office at 4 Winter Street at 4PM the day following the regatta.

#### **11. 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.

#### **12. 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.

#### **13. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 13.1. [Massachusetts Boating Regulations](#)
- 13.2. Emily Taylor, NCS Program Director  
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