

The 48th Annual



to benefit



Sunday August 16, 2020
Nantucket, Massachusetts USA

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority (OA):
Nantucket Community Sailing

Affiliated Organizations:
Nantucket Yacht Club (NYC)
Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC)
The Opera House Cup Committee
The Nantucket Race Week Committee
US Classic Yacht Owners Association (CYOA)

The Opera House Cup Regatta is part of the 2020 CLASSIC YACHTS CHALLENGE SERIES, organized by the CYOA. More information can be found at [Classic Yacht Challenge Series](#).

This event is 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 competitors' 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.

As of July 24, 2020



PREAMBLE

Vision Statement:

The Opera House Cup encourages the appreciation, understanding, restoration and use of classic wooden boats by amateur sailors.

Mission Statement:

The Opera House Cup was started in 1973 to celebrate the history, beauty and seaworthiness of wooden ocean-going cruising yachts. Developed for amateur sailing at the end of the Age of Sail, these boats have been sailed across all the oceans of the world by small crews and families on voyages of personal discovery.

Over time, ocean-going cruisers at the Opera House Cup have been joined by historic wooden day-racing boats. Recognizing that they complement the wooden cruising boat, we welcome them into our Day-Racer division.

Although the Opera House Cup takes the form of a race, we seek not a winner, but rather the spectacle of classic yachts sailing upon our sometimes placid, sometimes wild waters of Nantucket Sound.

The Opera House Cup Committee

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The regatta will comply with all regulations of the Massachusetts Reopening Standards for Youth and Adult Amateur Sports at the time of the regatta.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the RRS and the Massachusetts Reopening Standards, the Massachusetts regulations will prevail.
- 1.4 Foreign competitors may bring flotation devices acceptable in their home country.
- 1.5 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violation of the class rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and Part 2. This changes RRS 64.1 (a).
- 1.6 The rules of the 2020 CYOA Classic Yachts Challenge Series will apply for yachts participating in that Series. Rules may be found at [Classic Yachts Challenge Series](#).

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by CYOA and/or the OA. [DP]
- 2.2 While racing, all yachts shall display their starting class streamer (if provided by the OA), on the backstay approximately six feet above the deck or in a similarly appropriate manner if they have no backstay. [DP]

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to yachts with wood or wood-based cold molded hulls with a minimum LOA of 24 feet. Yachts with a minimum LOA of 40 feet having hull material other than wood will be considered for the Invitational Division. Exceptions may be granted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority (OA).
- 3.2 A **current, valid CRF 2020 rating is required for all yachts**. A CRF application is available at <http://www.classicyachts.org/ratings/certificates/>
- 3.3 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entry form available at www.operahousecup.org along with the applicable fee no later than August 15, 2020.
- 3.4 Entry closes at 1200 Saturday August 15, 2020.
- 3.5 All entries will be reviewed by the OA in a timely fashion using all available information to assess eligibility and confirm proper division. Applications deemed unacceptable will be rejected and fees returned.
- 3.6 The OA may, in its sole discretion, accept any late entry.

4 DIVISION DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 Cruising Division
The Cruising Division is made up moderate to heavy displacement cruising, ocean-going boats typically designed before 1965.
- 4.2 Day Racing Division
The Day Racing Division is made of pre-planing dinghy style boats that

were historically raced in fleets and designed and tested against a recognized rating rule (Universal Rule, International Rule, Sonderboat Rule, etc.).

4.3 Invitational Division

The Invitational Division Larger is made up of larger historic boats, classic designs and replicas with hulls other than wood, and craft with wood hulls not able to be handicapped to Cruising or Day Racing Divisions (e.g., low displacement-length ratios, high ballast ratios, extreme fins or lack of a recognized design rule).

4.4 The divisions may be divided into sub-divisions.

4.5 Entries may be divided into starting classes by the OA.

5 SAILS AND EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

5.1 All headsails shall be tacked on the centerline of the yacht. This changes RRS 54.

5.2 All sails set in the fore-triangle shall be attached to a midline stay in at least four distinct places.

5.3 No spinnakers are allowed. No modern square-top mainsails are allowed.

5.4 Whisker or spinnaker poles shall not be a variable length type and shall not exceed 110% of the yacht's J-measurement.

5.5 A yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the notice of race and the sailing instructions.

5.6 Sail Materials

a) Woven fabric (Canvas, Nylon, Dacron as well as more contemporary woven fabrics such as Vectran and Hydranet) are encouraged for all participating yachts.

b) Yachts using sails made with advanced shaping technologies (3DL or similar), laminate or composite construction, or materials such as, but not limited to, Mylar, Kevlar, Spectra, Carbon Fiber, etc., will be placed in the Day Racing Division.

6 FEES

6.1 Registration is online only at www.operahousecup.org.

6.2 **Entry Fee:** The entry fee is \$100 if received by August 12, 2020. The entry fee includes a 48th Opera House Cup t-shirt with the names of all registered boats as of July 31, 2020. Additional t-shirts may be purchased.

6.3 **Late Fee:** Registrations received after August 12, 2020 will be assessed an additional late fee of \$25. This fee is a tax-deductible contribution to Nantucket Community Sailing.

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1 There are no social events or awards ceremonies. There is no skippers check in or activity at either the Nantucket Yacht Club or the Great Harbor Yacht Club. Both clubs are restricted to members only.

7.2 Competitors are reminded that the launch capacity in Nantucket Harbor is limited and transport time from shore to moorings may be significantly prolonged.

Saturday, August 15	1200	Entry Closes
	1800	OHC Scratch Sheets showing sub-divisions and start assignments and SI and course charts available on line at www.operahousecup.org .
Sunday, August 16	0940	Rainbow Parade start (please be aware of the smaller boats around Brant Point Lighthouse)
	1045	OHC First warning signal

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at www.operahousecup.org by August 10, 2020.

9 VENUE

The Opera House Cup race will be held on Nantucket Sound. The starting area is approximately 0.9 nautical miles ENE of the Mo (A) sea buoy at the end of the Jetties.

10 COURSE

- 10.1 A Pursuit Start is planned. This may result in starting sequence of up to 2 hours.
- 10.2 All boats will sail the same course. The possible courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. The OA intends to maintain the long tradition of the OHC cruising course around Nantucket Sound, which may not adhere to the 1/3 VMG upwind, 1/3 reaching and 1/3 VMG downwind design of the CRF 2020 rating rule.

11 WIND LIMIT

The race will not be started unless winds are consistently above five (5) knots at the time of the start.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. RRS 44.3(c) is changed by replacing 20% with 30%.

13 PROTESTS

The protest committee will hear arbitration and or protests, if any, immediately following the completion of racing.

14 SCORING

Each division will be scored using the CRF 2020 Handicap system, best corrected time, using the time-on-distance method. One race is scheduled.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Opera House Cup Prizes

- a) The Opera House Cup is a perpetual Trophy on which will be inscribed the name of the yacht with the best-corrected time for both the Cruising Division and the Day Racing Division.
- b) Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers based on corrected time in the Cruising and Day Racing Divisions.
- c) The First to Finish Trophy will be awarded to the yacht that finishes with the shortest elapsed time.
- d) The Gwen Gaillard Spirit of the Race trophy may be awarded to the person or vessel that best exemplifies the spirit of the Opera House Cup.

15.2 Additional trophies may be awarded to yachts at the discretion of the OA.

16 CLEAN REGATTA

Nantucket Race Week and the Opera House Cup Regatta are committed to maintaining Nantucket's clean waters and shores. All NRW and OHC participants are encouraged to follow the goals and requirements of Sailors for the Seas Clean Regattas program.

17 INSURANCE

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

18 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 Community Sailing, Opera House Cup Committee, Nantucket Race Week Committee, Nantucket Race Week LLC, Nantucket Yacht Club, Great Harbor Yacht Club, 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 yacht 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.

19 MOORINGS, DOCK SPACE, AND ANCHORAGE

19.1 For moorings contact Nantucket Moorings at 508-228-4472, VHF 68.

19.2 For dock space, contact the Nantucket Boat Basin at 508-228-1333, VHF 9 and 11.

19.3 Anchorage inside the harbor is limited to the designated area near First Point well clear of the channel. To protect the sensitive eel grass beds and shellfish habitat, use only Danforth anchors with ample scope. Please avoid using plow anchors since they do not hold in that area.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact

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