

48th Annual



to benefit



Sunday August 16, 2020
Nantucket, Massachusetts

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 Classic Yacht Owner's Association. More information can be found at [Classic Yacht Challenge Series](#)

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The 48th Opera House Cup Regatta, August 16, 2020, is organized in compliance with the Massachusetts and Town of Nantucket Covid Guidelines including the MA Phase III reopening guidelines as of July 24th, and any subsequent revisions. This includes the Massachusetts travel restrictions.

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 or negative COVID PCR test for all visitors to the state, EXCEPT those from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

There is no Opera House Awards Party. Results will be posted on the OHC website as soon as they are available and winners may pick up their trophies at the Nantucket Community Sailing office at 4 Winter Street.

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The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI 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 In accordance with the RRS definition of *Rule* (c) the US Sailing Prescriptions are listed here: [US Sailing Prescriptions](#).
- 1.3 The regatta will comply with Massachusetts Covid regulations including the Reopening Standards for Youth and Adult Amateur Sports at the time of the regatta.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the RRS and the Massachusetts Reopening Standards, the Massachusetts regulations will prevail.
- 1.5 All competitors, skippers and crew, will be required to sign a Waiver prior to the regatta.
- 1.6 Foreign competitors may bring personal flotation devices acceptable in their home country.
- 1.7 The rules of the 2020 Classic Yachts Challenge Series will apply to boats participating in that Series. These rules may be found at [2020 Classic Yachts Challenge Series](#).
- 1.8 Refer to Section 5 in the Notice of Race for sails and equipment limitations.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by CYOA and/or OA. [DP]

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The official notice board will be online at <http://www.operahousecup.org>. The race committee will announce any notices as well as courtesy information on VHF Channel 73 at 0930 on race day.
- 3.2 The race committee will use VHF Channel 73 to communicate with competitors.
- 3.3 All participants in the race shall have an operable VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF Channel 16 and 73. [DP]

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change will be posted by 0730 on August 16, 2020 and will also be announced on VHF 73 at 0930.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Competitors are reminded that the launch capacity in Nantucket Harbor is limited and transport time from shore to moorings may be significantly prolonged.
- 5.2 There will be no competitors meeting.
- 5.3 One race will be sailed on Sunday, August 16, 2020.
- 5.4 The first warning signal is at 1050. This changes NoR 7.1.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 There will be no signals ashore.
- 6.2 Boats shall monitor Channel 73 for all announcements.

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7 CLASSES

- 7.1 There will be a Pursuit Start. Each boat will have an assigned starting time.
- 7.2 Provisional list of entries including starting times will be available August 13 by 1400 on the Notice Board at www.operahousecup.org.
- 7.3 The final starting sequence will be posted by August 15 at 1800 on the OHC Notice Board.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area is described in Addendum A.

9 CHECK-IN

At least 30 minutes prior to its assigned starting time each boat shall check in by sailing by the stern of the signal vessel and hailing **her name, sail number and the number of people on board**. The race committee will acknowledge each boat. [DP]

10 COURSES

- 10.1 The course flag will be displayed on the signal vessel and announced on VHF 73 approximately 15 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- 10.2 The possible courses are described in Addendum B. Course lengths listed are approximate.
- 10.3 All boats shall sail the same course.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 **A** - Tuckernuck shoal #1 buoy.
- 11.2 **Z** – OHC Mark, 8 ft. orange inflatable tetrahedron.
- 11.3 The Starting and Finishing Marks will be 8 ft. orange inflatable tetrahedrons and RC vessels.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting area will be approximately 0.6 NM @ 068° from the Mo (A) RW-NB buoy at the end of the Jetties.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 12.3 A Pursuit Starting Sequence utilizing GPS time will be used. Each boat will have an assigned starting time calculated using her CRF 2020 Non-Spinnaker rating. This changes RRS 26.
- 12.4 The final starting sequence will be available on August 15, 2020 at 1800 on the Opera House Cup [Notice Board](#).
- 12.5 Boats shall not start more than 10 minutes after their assigned starting time.
- 12.6 If postponement has been signaled, the Race Committee will announce a new base starting time, and display the warning signal 10 minutes prior to that time. All boats shall calculate their new starting time based on their handicap allowance listed in Addendum C. This also applies if the race is abandoned and re-started.
- 12.7 A boat that crosses the starting line from the pre-start side within one minute before her starting time and who does not return and start correctly will have 10 minutes added to her elapsed time. This does not apply to boats over 60 feet LoA. This changes RRS 28.

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13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing area will be approximately 0.6 NM @ 068° from the Mo (A) RW-NB buoy at the end of the Jetties.
- 13.2 The finishing line will be between the course side of the finishing mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing vessel.
- 13.3 A boat still racing at 1700 shall record her own finishing time as prescribed by the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34 and report it to Diana Brown at 917-743-5574.
- 13.4 Any boat still racing at 1800 will be given a finish time of 1800. This changes RRS 35.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Starting times will be calculated for each boat using her CRF 2020 Non-Spinnaker rating. Boats will be scored in their order of finishing.
- 14.2 If the course is shortened, each boat's corrected time will be calculated from her assigned starting time and the actual course length.
- 14.3 Results will be posted on the OHC Notice Board as soon as possible following the race.

15 RETIRING FROM A RACE

If a boat retires, she shall notify the race committee on VHF 73. If the race committee does not acknowledge the call, they should attempt to call any auxiliary race committee vessel and request that they pass along the hail or call the RC PRO on cell phone. [DP]

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 Penalties while racing: The scoring penalty of RRS 44.3 will be in effect. The penalty will be 30%. This changes RRS 44.3(c).
- 16.2 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).

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Competitors are expected to sail by the RRS and exonerate themselves when they have broken a rule.
- 17.2 No red flag is necessary. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 17.3 The protesting boat shall notify the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.4 No written form is required. This changes RRS 61.2.
- 17.5 The protesting boat will notify the race committee by the end of the race.
 - (a) The protests will be heard immediately following racing.
 - (b) Each Skipper finds a member of the fleet who is not a party to the incident to act as a juror.
 - (c) The Protestor has one minute to present the case. The Protestee has one minute to present.
 - (d) Jurors have one minute to decide the case and present the findings to the race committee.
- 17.6 In the event of injury or serious damage written protests must be filed by 1800 on the day of the race. A formal hearing will be arranged within 24 hours by video conference. The Protest Form is available [here](#).

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 If there are no protests, prizes will be available at the Nantucket Community Sailing

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office, 4 Winter Street, from 1700-1900 immediately following the race or at the NCS office Monday, August 17 from 0800-1600.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make nor receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. [DP]

20 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Vessels displaying a red OHC flag or a black Nantucket Race Week flag are course and safety vessels. They will be monitoring Channel 73.

21 INSURANCE

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

22 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 Opera House Cup participants are encouraged to follow the goals and requirements of the Clean Regatta program.

23 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 Community Sailing, Opera House Cup Committee, Nantucket Race Week Committee, Nantucket Race Week LLC, the 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 vessel 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.

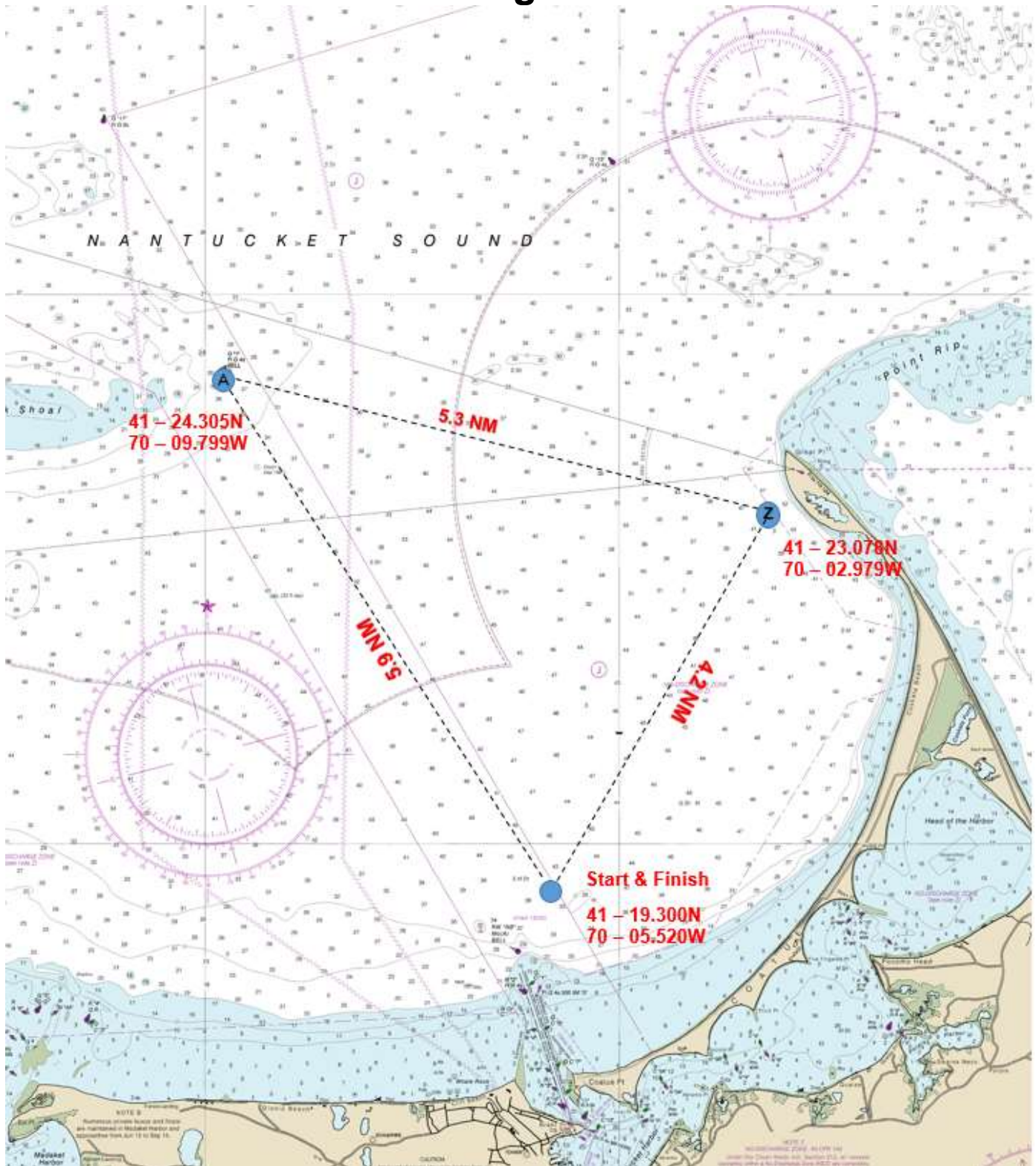
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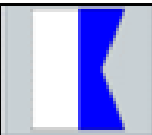
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Addendum A
Racing Area



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Addendum B Courses

	COURSE A SW		
		~	15.4
ST - A	327	6.0	S
A-Z	106	5.3	S
Z-FIN	206	4.2	

	COURSE B NE		
		~	15.4
ST - Z	26	4.2	P
Z-A	286	5.3	P
A - FIN	147	6.0	

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Additional Information

ANCHORAGE

The Nantucket Harbor Master has asked that any of the OHC fleet anchoring in the harbor anchor within the designated anchoring areas near First Point well clear of the channel. Anchoring beyond First Point is not permitted. To protect the sensitive eel grass beds and shellfish habitat, use only Danforth anchors with amplescope. Please avoid using plow anchors since they do not hold in that area. **NANTUCKET MOORINGS** and the **NANTUCKET HARBOR LAUNCH** can be hailed on VHF channel 68. The **NANTUCKET BOAT BASIN** has asked that all vessels hail them on VHF channel 11 when they are departing their slip and returning to their slip, in an effort to control traffic and avoid the possibility of collisions and accidents.

OHC Committee Boat

Maushope is Nantucket Yacht Club's faithful Race Committee vessel. She is a Downeast style 35' Bruno Stillman with a navy blue hull with a beige house. We are pleased to welcome Maushope to the Opera House Cup.

ATTENTION SAILORS

A REMINDER TO COMPETITORS THAT THE CHANNEL LEADING INTO NANTUCKET HARBOR AND AREAS OF NANTUCKET HARBOR ARE RESTRICTED AND SAILING VESSELS DO NOT HAVE RIGHT OF WAY OVER A VESSEL UNDER POWER WHICH MAY BE RESTRICTED IN HER ABILITY TO MANEUVER.



EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

CHECK-IN

When heading toward the race area, sail by the Race Committee check-in vessel and hail your boat name, sail number, and the number of persons on board. See SI 9 for information.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR INJURY

HAIL YOUR RC on the Course Channel 73

If no RC available, hail **VHF 16** or call **911**

PROVIDE DETAILS – “THE 4 P’S”

Position – Give Location – Coordinates – Boat Name

People – How many injured? On board boat?

Problem – Identify – Injury - Severity

PFD’S – Any being worn?

DROP SAILS

Tend to Emergency – Await Instructions from PRO or First Responder

Do not move injured – Give no pills or fluids

USCG will direct if and where to go ashore

Waterfront AED locations: US Coast Guard Brant Point, NYC, GHYC, Boat Basin, Town Pier.

Once on shore, complete an accident report form.