



NOTICE OF RACE

IOD CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL REGATTA

August 19-20, 2021

Preamble

We are pleased to announce the 18th annual Nantucket Race Week and the 49th Opera House Cup Regatta, August 14 – 22, 2021. The events are organized in compliance with all governmental regulations in force at the time of the regatta.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.

Regatta website www.nantucketraceweek.org

HOSTS

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

MERCHANDISE



Nantucket Race Week merchandise and gear is available for customization and 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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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* including Appendix V1 (Alternative Penalties).
- 1.2. NYC Policies and Protocols as published on the official notice board will apply.
- 1.3. The rules and regulations of the NIODFA will apply.
- 1.4. The regatta will comply with all governmental regulations at the time of the regatta.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between the RRS and the governmental regulations, the governmental regulations will prevail.
- 1.6. When flag Y  is displayed, prior to the warning signal, from the race committee signal vessel:
 - 1.6.1. Spinnakers shall not be used in that race.
 - 1.6.2. PFDs (life jackets) shall be worn by all competitors.
 - 1.6.3. RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty will be in effect, instead of RRS V1 (turns).
 - 1.6.4. The provisions of this SI may be rescinded by display of flag O,  with sound signals at a mark of the course.
 - 1.6.5. RRS 62.1 is changed by adding:
Physical damage not falling within RRS 62.1(b) which was due to defective supplied equipment and which a reasonable competent crew would not have been able to repair.
- 1.7. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 1.8. [DP] After each day of the regatta, **each skipper shall** complete an accurate damage report even if there is no damage or contact. All contact, however minor, must be described. Damage Forms are available from the Protest Desk and should be submitted there prior to the end of the Protest Time Limit.
- 1.9. All competitors, skippers and crew, will be required to sign a Waiver prior to the regatta.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Notice Board three days prior to the regatta.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The official Notice Board is online at www.nantucketraceweek.org.
- 3.2. [DP] All competitors should bring their own VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 71-74.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Upon confirmation of invitation to the regatta, teams may enter by completing the entry form online (IOD CI Entry Form) and submitting the entry form, together with the required fee and deposit, no later than July 13.
- 4.2. Participation is limited to the number of available boats. If there are more entries than boats, the Organizing Authority will select the teams to participate.
- 4.3. Teams shall consist of five sailors, of whom one is the Celebrity Tactician. See Section 11.
- 4.4. The Organizing Authority may, at its sole discretion, accept any late entry.



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4.5. Skippers shall be members of US Sailing.

5. **FEES, DAMAGES AND DEPOSIT**

5.1. The entry fee is \$2,500, of which \$2,000 is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution to NCS. The entry fee includes:

5.1.1. Use of boats.

5.1.2. A distinguished "Celebrity Tactician" as part of your team.

5.1.3. For participants, four tickets to Wednesday evening's Opening Reception/Buffer Dinner at GHYC.

Additional tickets are available for purchase at \$85 each. The Organizing Authority will also provide a ticket for the Celebrity Tactician.

5.1.4. Lunches will be provided for all team members each race day.

5.1.5. Recognition for the skipper as a NRW Individual Sponsor at the Commodore level.

5.1.6. Subject to availability the Organizing Authority may be able to arrange housing accommodations with local hosts for three nights, Wednesday through Friday.

5.2. All teams will be required to provide a \$1,000 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by check (payable to NCS) or providing credit card information at registration. The deposit is a per-incident, per-boat maximum. If a team has more than one incident, or damages more than one boat, it is liable for up to \$1,000 for each boat damaged in each incident. While the designated Technical Committee will attempt to identify and attribute all damages to the teams responsible, material damage not covered by insurance, nor acknowledged by a team (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs may be charged to some or all teams on a pro-rated basis. After the conclusion of the regatta, unassigned deposits will be returned.

5.3. Tickets to all NRW social events may be purchased online (click on the Events & Activities tab) or at the Regatta Desk located at the NYC. Space is limited. Please make reservations in advance. See Preamble.

5.4. Visiting sailors will receive audit numbers for use at NYC and GHYC for drinks during Nantucket Race Week. See Preamble.

6. **SCHEDULE**

6.1. Seven races are planned, four on Thursday August 19th and three on August 20th.

6.2. The number of races will be in accordance with the MA Standards in force at the time of the regatta.

6.3. The Competitors Meeting will be Thursday August 19th at 0830.

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

6.5. Day One Thursday August 19 there will be one or more practice start(s) beginning at 1000 followed by the first warning signal.

6.6. Day Two on August 20 the first warning signal will be 1000.

6.7. Social events will be in accordance with all governmental regulations and host club protocols at the time of the regatta. See Preamble.

6.7.1. Opening Reception, Wednesday August 18, 1800, Great Harbor Yacht Club.

6.7.2. Awards Ceremony Friday August 20 following racing.

6.7.3. Optional informal regatta dinner Friday 1800.

7. **VENUE**

The racing areas will be in Nantucket Sound and are shown in Addendum A.



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8. **COURSES**

The courses are shown in Addendum B.

9. **SCORING**

9.1. One completed race constitutes a regatta.

9.2. 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.

10. **PRIZES**

10.1. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded for daily and overall results. The overall winner's name will be added to the perpetual trophy, which features a sterling silver and gold International One Design half model created especially for the Celebrity Invitational by Alastair Crawford Silversmith LLC, dedicated in 2016 as the James Allsopp Memorial Trophy and which remains at the NYC.

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. If there is no Awards ceremony, awards may be picked up at the NCS office at 4 Winter Street at 4 PM the day following the regatta.

11. **CELEBRITY TACTICIANS**

11.1. Each team shall have one Celebrity sailor of distinguished accomplishment whose participation will be arranged by the Organizing Authority. The Celebrity Tactician may act as tactician or coach, but may not helm the boat, except for brief periods, as necessary for safety.

11.2. Celebrity Tacticians are donating their time and talent for the benefit of NCS. Their participation is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated by the Hosts and Organizing Authority.

11.3. Prior to the Opening Night Dinner, teams will have the opportunity, if they choose, to bid on any Celebrity Tactician in a "black box," sealed bid auction. Celebrity Tactician assignments will be unveiled at the Opening Night Dinner. Teams are not required to bid, and there is no minimum bid. The entrance fee ensures that a Celebrity Tactician will be sailing with each team. However, in the unabashed spirit of encouraging contributions to NCS, and to help ensure that each team races with the Celebrity Tactician of their choice, bids are welcomed and encouraged. All bids will be kept strictly confidential.

12. **BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

12.1. The regatta will be sailed in International One Design class boats supplied by the NIODFA. Boats shall be rotated each day according to a draw. Boat assignments will be posted each race day on the Regatta Notice Board.

12.2. Management of the boats will be under the authority of the Technical Committee of the Organizing Authority, including the use of spare boats and equipment.

12.3. Boats shall not be modified in any way, except as permitted in the sailing instructions.

12.4. Competitors may bring tools, spare winch handles, spare hiking sticks, spare compass, and personal spinnaker sheets.

12.5. Each team shall provide its own VHF handheld radio.

12.6. Teams are encouraged to bring their own PFDs; those supplied with the boats are the older style life preservers and uncomfortable for racing.



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12.7. A spinnaker will be provided to each team at the competitors meeting. It shall remain with that team for the entire regatta. Any spinnaker repair is the responsibility of the team

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 Regatta Program.

14. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1. 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 L.L.C., 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.

14.2. *RRS* 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

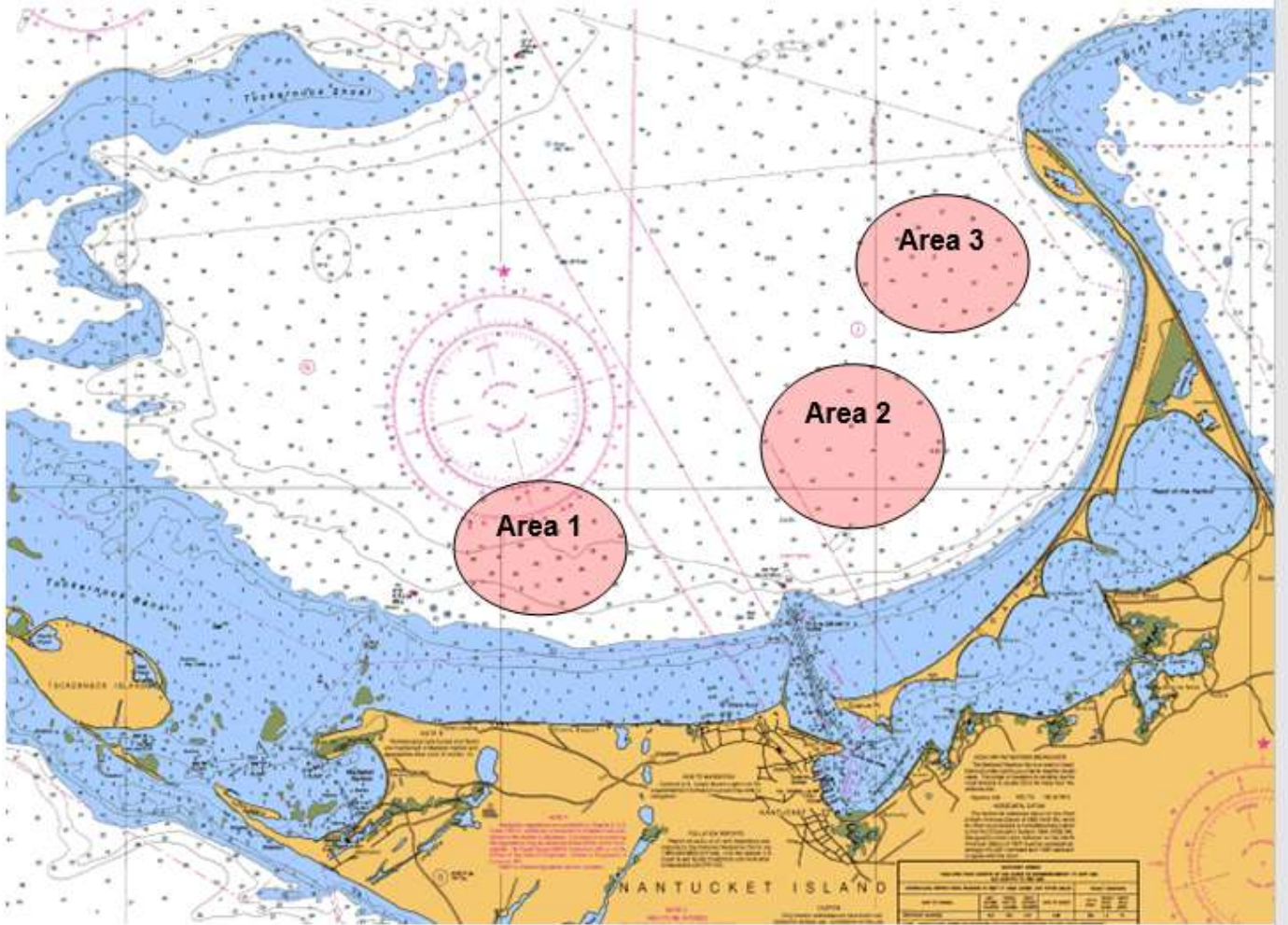
15. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Nantucket Community Sailing

508-228-6600

Website [Nantucket Race Week](#)

Addendum A – Racing Areas





Addendum B Courses

| Courses 1 and 2 | Course 3 | Course 4 | Course 5 |
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| <p>Course 1: Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, finish</p> <p>Course 2: Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1(port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, finish</p> | <p>Start, 1 (port) 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, finish at 1</p> | <p>Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1(port), 1a (port), finish</p> | <p>Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2S and 2P, finish at 1</p> |
| <p>In courses 1 and 2 the Start/Finish line is not restricted</p> | | | |
| <p>If only one leeward mark is present, it shall be rounded to port.</p> | | | |