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Dear Skipper,

In an effort to continually improve *Nantucket Race Week* and the *Opera House Cup*, and offer exciting, challenging, and fun events, we are pleased to announce several changes and enhancements to the *OHC* on August 18, and the *Sail Nantucket Regatta* on August 16-17. After careful consideration and many thoughtful suggestions offered by past participants, the Nantucket Race Week and Opera House Cup committees have introduced format changes and will extend greater hospitality to registered skippers and their crews.

The changes and enhancements are as follows:

- The *OHC* format has changed to provide an **earlier first gun**.
- The *OHC* **smaller boat classes will start first** and the larger yachts last.
- We are **adding a fifth *OHC* start class** to better separate the fleet.
- There will be **special recognition to honor the traditional cruising yachts** that established the *OHC* as a premier classic yacht regatta.
- The Nantucket Yacht Club is pleased to offer **a limited number of complimentary moorings** in the outer harbor to registered *OHC* and *Sail Nantucket* skipper/owners on a first come, first served basis. The Nantucket Yacht Club reserves the right to allocate these moorings, and may require rafting depending on demand and the size of available moorings. Skippers may request one of these moorings by calling the Nantucket Yacht Club at 508-228-1400. Otherwise, skippers may reserve a mooring directly through Nantucket Moorings at 508-228-4472 or dock space through the Nantucket Boat Basin at 508-325-1350.
- The Nantucket Yacht Club and the Great Harbor Yacht Club will **provide launch service** Thursday–Sunday from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM to and from the Nantucket Yacht Club floats. We will also provide service to the Sponsors and *OHC* Skippers' Party on Saturday evening at the Great Harbor Yacht Club.
- Registered *Sail Nantucket* and *OHC* **skippers are invited to purchase food and drinks** at the Nantucket Yacht Club during Nantucket Race Week. Skippers may establish credit upon arrival at the Nantucket Yacht Club.
- On Saturday evening, following the *Sail Nantucket Regatta* awards program, the Nantucket Yacht Club will host a ***Sail Nantucket* reception** with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, celebrating the spirit of Nantucket Race Week.

NORs and registration for the 41st *Opera House Cup*, the *Race to Nantucket*, and the *Sail Nantucket Regatta* are available now by clicking the registration tab on our websites at www.operahousecup.org or www.nantucketraceweek.org. Please note that a significant portion of the registration fee is tax deductible and directly **benefits Nantucket Community Sailing**, including the youth scholarship program. We strongly encourage you to **register and secure your mooring soon**.

We very much hope these changes and enhancements will encourage you and your fellow skippers to return to Nantucket this August for exhilarating sailing that helps support and develop this wonderful sport. Please contact us with any question or comment. We look forward to seeing you!

Linda McGrath and Geoff Verney
Co-chairs, Nantucket Race Week

Contact us: info@nantucketraceweek.org or 508-228-6600