



**The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual**



*Presented by*

**PANERAI**  
CLASSIC YACHTS CHALLENGE

**Sunday August 20, 2017**  
*Nantucket, Massachusetts USA*

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

*Organizing Authority:*  
Nantucket Community Sailing

*Affiliated Organizations:*  
Nantucket Yacht Club (NYC)  
Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC)  
The Opera House Cup Committee  
The Nantucket Race Week Committee  
North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge Committee  
U S Classic Yacht Owners Association

The Opera House Cup Regatta is part of the NORTH AMERICAN PANERAI CLASSIC YACHTS CHALLENGE, organized in conjunction with the Nantucket Regatta (August 18-19), the Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta in Marblehead (August 12-13), the Herreshoff Regatta (August 25) and the Newport Classic Yacht Regatta (August 26-27). For more information on eligibility in the series, please go to: [www.paneraiclassicyachtschallenge.com](http://www.paneraiclassicyachtschallenge.com).

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including Appendix T (Arbitration).
- 1.2 Foreign competitors may bring flotation devices acceptable in their home country.
- 1.3 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of any non-Part 2 rule. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.4 The regulations of the 2017 North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge (NAPCYC) will apply for yachts participating in that Challenge. Regulations may be found at [www.paneraiclassicyachtschallenge.com](http://www.paneraiclassicyachtschallenge.com).

## **2 ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Advertising is governed by World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2 While racing, all yachts shall display their starting class flag approximately six feet above the deck or in a similarly appropriate manner if they have no backstay.

## **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 Entry is open to wooden yachts with hull material of wood or wood-based cold molded with a minimum LOA of 24 feet. No yachts having any composite or carbon hull material will be eligible. Exceptions may be granted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority (OA).
- 3.2 A **current, valid CRF MkII rating is required for all yachts**. A CRF application is available at [www.classicratingformula.com](http://www.classicratingformula.com).
- 3.3 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entry form available at [www.operahousecup.org](http://www.operahousecup.org) along with the applicable fees no later than August 19, 2017.
- 3.4 Applications deemed unacceptable will be rejected and fees returned.
- 3.5 The OA may, in its sole discretion, accept any late entry.

## **4 DIVISION DEFINITIONS**

- 4.1 There will be two divisions: Cruising Division and Day Racing Division.
- 4.2 Cruising Division: Yachts designed and built for the purpose of shorthanded cruising and seaworthy for ocean crossings.
- 4.3 Day Racing Division: Yachts designed and built for the purpose of competition around buoys.
- 4.4 All entries will be reviewed by the OA in a timely fashion using all available information to assess eligibility and assign to a division. A yacht assigned to the Cruising Division may, by request, be reassigned to the Day Racing Division. Yachts assigned to the Day Racing Division must sail in that division.
- 4.5 The divisions may be divided into classes.
- 4.6 Entries may be divided into starting classes by the OA.

## **5 SAILS AND EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS**

- 5.1 All headsails must be tacked on the centerline of the yacht. This changes RRS 54.
- 5.2 All sails set in the fore-triangle must be attached to a stay in at least four places.
- 5.3 Whisker or spinnaker poles shall not be a variable length type and shall not exceed 110% of the yacht's J-measurement.

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

5.5 **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.
- c) Modern square-top mainsails are prohibited.

**6 FEES**

6.1 **Entry Fee:** The entry fee is \$350, of which \$150 is a tax-deductible charitable contribution to Nantucket Community Sailing, if received by August 12, 2017. The fee includes two tickets to the Sunday OHC Awards Party at Jetties Beach and two tickets for the Classic Yacht Exhibition on August 19, 2017.

6.2 **Late Fee:** Registrations received after August 12, 2017 will be assessed an additional late fee of \$100. This fee is a tax-deductible contribution to Nantucket Community Sailing.

6.3 Entry closes at 1700 Saturday August 19, 2017.

6.4 See [www.operahousecup.org](http://www.operahousecup.org) for information about tickets for associated events.

**7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Thursday, August 17	1500 – 1700	Registration/check-in and bag pickup at Nantucket Yacht Club. SIs, course charts, provisional scratch sheets showing sub-divisions and start assignments available at Nantucket Yacht Club and at <a href="http://www.operahousecup.org">www.operahousecup.org</a> .
	1830	NRW Regatta Dinner, Great Harbor Yacht Club, \$45
Friday, August 18	1500 – 1700	Registration/check-in and bag pickup at Nantucket Yacht Club. SIs, course charts, provisional scratch sheets showing sub-divisions and start assignments available Nantucket Yacht Club and at <a href="http://www.operahousecup.org">www.operahousecup.org</a> .
	1830	NRW Sailors Picnic, Great Harbor Yacht Club, \$35
Saturday, August 19	1500 - 1700	Registration/check-in and bag pickup at Nantucket Yacht Club. SIs, course charts, provisional scratch sheets showing sub-divisions, start assignments and start class flags available Nantucket Yacht Club and at <a href="http://www.operahousecup.org">www.operahousecup.org</a> .
	1700	Entry closes.
	1730-2000	OHC Classic Yacht Exhibition, Nantucket Boat Basin, \$35 SIs, course charts, provisional scratch sheets and start class flags available. No skipper bags or ticket sales.
	2300	OHC Scratch Sheets showing sub-divisions and start assignments available at <a href="http://www.operahousecup.org">www.operahousecup.org</a> .
	0800 – 0900	A limited number of extra flags for start assignments, scratch sheets, SIs and course charts will be available at the Nantucket

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Sunday, August 20		Yacht Club. (No skipper bags or ticket sales.) Scratch Sheet, SI and course charts available at <a href="http://www.operahousecup.org">www.operahousecup.org</a> .
	0930	OHC Harbor Start
	0940	Rainbow Parade start (please be aware of the smaller boats around Brant Point Lighthouse)
	1055	OHC First warning signal
	1800 – 2200	OHC Awards Party, Jetties Beach, \$60 in advance for OHC participants, \$70 at the event, subject to availability
	1900	OHC Awards Presentation, Jetties Beach

**8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available online at [www.operahousecup.org](http://www.operahousecup.org) as of August 1, 2017.

**9 VENUE**

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

**10 COURSE**

All boats will sail the same course. The possible courses will be defined in the sailing instructions and on the course chart.

**11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.3 will be in effect. RRS 44.3(c) is changed by replacing 20% with 30%.

**12 PROTESTS**

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

**13 SCORING**

Each division will be scored using the CRF MkII Handicap system, best corrected time, using the time-on-distance method. The Panerai Performance Award will be determined using Panerai's scoring formula. One race is scheduled.

**14 PRIZES**

**14.1 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 all classes of the Cruising and Day Racing Divisions.

- (c) Trophies will also be awarded based on corrected time to the top three finishers in one-design classes.
- (d) The First to Finish Trophy will be awarded to the yacht that finishes with the shortest elapsed time.
- (e) The Robert H. Tiedemann Trophy will be awarded to the best-maintained or restored vintage yacht determined by a panel of judges, appointed by the OA.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Persistence Trophy – will be awarded to the yacht that finishes with the longest elapsed time.

**14.2 Panerai Awards**

- (a) Best Performance Award: Panerai will award a Panerai Timepiece to the yacht with the Best Performance based on Panerai's scoring formula.
- (b) Panerai will award trophies based on corrected time to the top finisher in each sub-division: Vintage Grand Classics, Vintage Corinthian Yachts, Vintage Day-Racers, and Grand Prix Yachts.

**14.3** Additional trophies may be awarded to yachts at the discretion of the OA and Panerai, the OHC Title Sponsor.

**15 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.

**16 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, 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 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.

**17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact  
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