

The 47th Annual



to benefit



Sunday August 18, 2019
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 2019 CLASSIC YACHTS CHALLENGE SERIES, organized by the CYOA in conjunction with the Nantucket Regatta (August 16-17), the Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta in Marblehead (August 10-11), the Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta (August 24-25) and the Newport Classic Yacht Regatta (August 31-September 1). For more information on eligibility in the series, please go to [Classic Yacht Owners Association](#).



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

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 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).
- 1.4 The rules of the 2019 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 flag 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 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.
- 3.3 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entry form available at www.operahousecup.org along with the applicable fees no later than August 17, 2019.
- 3.4 Entry closes at 1700 Saturday August 17, 2019.
- 3.5 All entries will be reviewed by the OA in a timely fashion using all available information to assess eligibility and assign to a 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 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 A yacht assigned to the Cruising Division may, by request, be reassigned to the Day Racing Division. Yachts assigned to the Day Racing Division shall sail in that division.
- 4.5 The divisions may be divided into sub-divisions.
- 4.6 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.

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- 5.2 All sails set in the fore-triangle shall be attached to a midline stay in at least four 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 **Entry Fee:** The entry fee is \$400, of which \$150 is a tax-deductible charitable contribution to Nantucket Community Sailing, if received by August 10, 2019. The fee includes two tickets to the Sunday OHC Awards Party at Jetties Beach and two tickets for the Classic Yacht Exhibition on August 17, 2019.
- 6.2 **Late Fee:** Registrations received after August 10, 2019 will be assessed an additional late fee of \$100. This fee is a tax-deductible contribution to Nantucket Community Sailing.
- 6.3 See www.operahousecup.org for information about tickets for associated events.

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 15	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 www.operahousecup.org .
Friday, August 16	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 www.operahousecup.org .
Saturday, August 17	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 www.operahousecup.org .
	1700	Entry closes.
	1730-2000	OHC Classic Yacht Exhibition, Nantucket Boat Basin, \$35 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 on line at www.operahousecup.org .

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Sunday, August 18	0800 – 0900	A limited number of extra flags for start class assignments, final scratch sheets, SIs and course charts will be available at the Nantucket Yacht Club. (No skipper bags or ticket sales.) OHC Scratch Sheet, SI and course charts available on line at www.operahousecup.org .
	0940	Rainbow Parade start (please be aware of the smaller boats around Brant Point Lighthouse)
	1045	OHC First warning signal
	1800 – 2200	OHC Awards Party, Jetties Beach, \$75 for OHC participants, subject to availability
	1900	OHC Awards Presentation, Jetties Beach

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at www.operahousecup.org as of August 1, 2019.

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

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

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. 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. 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 sub-divisions 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) Sponsorship Trophy – will be awarded to the person or yacht making the largest donation to Nantucket Community Sailing.

14.2 Sparkman & Stephens Award

The Sparkman & Stephens Performance Trophy will be awarded to a Sparkman & Stephens yacht with the best total corrected time for the two-day Nantucket Regatta (August 16-17) and the Opera House Cup (August 18). The winner will receive a trophy and the name will be inscribed on the perpetual trophy, which is a half hull of the 1930 Sparkman & Stephens classic, DORADE.

14.3 Classic Yacht Owners Association Award

The Best in Fleet Award is presented to the CYOA member with an extraordinary classic yacht whose long-standing participation in the Opera House Cup embodies what the CYOA encourages to its membership.

14.4 CYOA Series Awards

The CYOA Series Awards will be presented at a separate prizegiving event following the completion of the Series in Newport.

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

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 INSURANCE

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

17 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 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.

18 MOORINGS, DOCK SPACE, AND ANCHORAGE

- 18.1 The Organizing Authority is pleased to offer a limited number of complimentary moorings in the harbor to registered OHC and Nantucket Regatta boats with LOA less than 60' on a first-come, first-served basis. The OA 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 emailing info@operahousecup.org.
- 18.2 For other moorings or for boats with LOA greater than 60', contact Nantucket Moorings at 508-228-4472, VHF 68.
- 18.3 For dock space, contact the Nantucket Boat Basin at 508-228-1333, VHF 9 and 11.
- 18.4 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.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact
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