



*47<sup>th</sup> Annual*



To Benefit Nantucket Community Sailing

Sunday, August 18, 2019  
Nantucket, Massachusetts

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Organizing Authority: Nantucket Community Sailing

Affiliated Organizations: The Nantucket Yacht Club (NYC), Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC), the Nantucket Race Week Committee, the Opera House Cup Committee, and the 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](#).*

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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)*, including Appendix T (Arbitration).
- 1.2 In accordance with the RRS definition of *Rule (c)* the US Sailing Prescriptions are listed here: [US Sailing Prescriptions](#)
- 1.3 Foreign competitors may bring personal flotation devices acceptable in their home country.
- 1.4 The rules of the 2019 Classic Yachts Challenge Series will apply to boats participating in that Series. These rules may be found at [2019 Classic Yachts Challenge Series](#).
- 1.5 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>. Notices will also be posted on courtesy notice boards at the Nantucket Yacht Club and Great Harbor Yacht Club Sailing Center. 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 18, 2019 and will also be announced on VHF 73 at 0930.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 One race will be sailed on Sunday, August 18, 2019.
- 5.2 The first warning signal is at 1045.











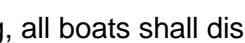

**6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Nantucket Yacht Club.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes." This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 6.3 Flag AP will not be raised ashore later than 0900. Boats shall monitor Channel 73 during any postponement.

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**7 CLASSES**

7.1 Class Flags

Class	Streamer	Starting Flag
Class 1		
Class 2		
Class 3		
Class 4		
Class 5		
Class 6		

- 7.2 While racing, all boats shall display their starting class streamer on the backstay approximately six feet above the deck or in a similarly appropriate manner if they have no backstay [DP].
- 7.3 Provisional list of entries including starting assignments will be available August 15 by 1500 at [www.operahousecup.org](http://www.operahousecup.org) and from 1500-1700 on Thursday, August 15, Friday, August 16, and Saturday, August 17 at the Nantucket Yacht Club. Provisional scratch sheets with classes and starting assignments, along with starting class streamers, and SIs, will be available Saturday, August 17 at the Classic Yacht Exhibition at the boat basin.
- 7.4 Final scratch sheets will be posted by 2300, August 17 at [www.operahousecup.org](http://www.operahousecup.org).
- 7.5 A limited number of extra starting class streamers, final scratch sheets, and SIs will be available at the Nantucket Yacht Club on Sunday, Aug. 18 from 0800-0900. *There will be no bag pick up or ticket sales on Sunday, August 18.*

**8 RACING AREA**

The racing area is described in Addendum A.

**9 CHECK-IN [DP]**

There will be a race committee vessel displaying flags LIMA over ALPHA stationed approximately 0.4 NM E of the Mo (A) RW-NB buoy. Before the first warning signal of the Opera House Cup each boat shall check in by sailing by the stern of the check-in vessel and hailing **her name, sail number and the number of people on board**. The race committee will acknowledge each boat. Check in vessel will be the motor vessel *Belle* and will be on station at 0930.

**10 COURSES**

- 10.1 The course will be signaled approximately 15 minutes prior to the warning signal for the first class to start by displaying the appropriate signal flag from the signal vessel.
- 10.2 The possible courses are described in Addendum B. Course lengths listed are approximate depending on the location of the finishing line.
- 10.3 All boats shall sail the same course.

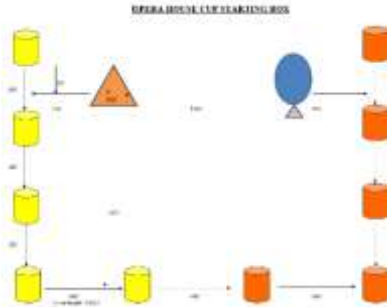
**11 MARKS**

- A – Tuckernuck shoal #1 buoy
  - B – Government buoy, 4 sec. Flasher # 17
  - C – Government buoy, 4 sec. Flasher # 15
  - Z – OHC Mark, 8 ft. orange inflatable tetrahedron
- Starting/Finishing Marks** - OHC Mark, 8 ft. orange inflatable tetrahedron, RC vessel.

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**12 THE START**

- 12.1 The starting area will be approximately 0.9 mile ENE of the Mo (A) RW-NB buoy at the end of the Jetties.
- 12.2 An exclusion zone will be established by auxiliary race committee vessels. The boundaries of the zone will be identified with inflatable orange and yellow **cylinder** marks, and no boat shall enter that zone prior to the warning signal for their class. Additionally, boats in classes whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and starting boats. [DP]
- 12.3 Exclusion Zone



- 12.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 12.5 Starting Sequence is described in Addendum C. This changes RRS 26.
- 12.6 Boats shall not start more than 10 minutes after their starting signal. This does not apply to Class 6.
- 12.7 When a postponement has been signaled prior to the first warning signal, the first warning signal will be made one minute after the postponement signal is lowered. When a postponement has been signaled during the starting sequence or a general recall, the new warning signal for the class in sequence or recalled will be made one minute after the postponement or recall signal is lowered. The starting sequence will resume defined by the timing column in the starting sequence in Addendum C.
- 12.8 The race committee will attempt to hail over VHF the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, and the order and timing of such hails, will not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.9 For Class 6 (Schooner Class) only, a boat that crosses the starting line from the pre-start side within one minute before the starting signal will have 10 minutes added to her elapsed time, and need not return to re-start. This changes RRS 28.

**13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing area will be approximately 0.9 mile ENE of the Mo (A) RW-NB buoy at the end of the Jetties. The finishing line will be between the course side of the finishing mark to starboard and a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing vessel.
- 13.2 A boat still racing at 1700 shall record her own finishing time as prescribed by the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34 and report to the OHC Scorer at 203.526.6752 as soon as possible. [DP]
- 13.3 Any boat still racing at 1800 will be given a finish time of 1800. This changes RRS 35.

**14 SCORING**

Each division will be scored using the CRF Mk II Handicap system, best corrected time, using the time-on-distance method. One race is scheduled.

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**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 Post-Race Penalty: Appendix T applies.

16.3 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).

**17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

17.1 Protest forms are available at the OHC Protest Desk located in the Ballroom of the Nantucket Yacht Club.

17.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within 60 minutes after the race committee finishing vessel personnel come ashore. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Nantucket Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted.

17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

**18 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]

**19 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.

**20 INSURANCE**

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

**21 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.

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**22 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 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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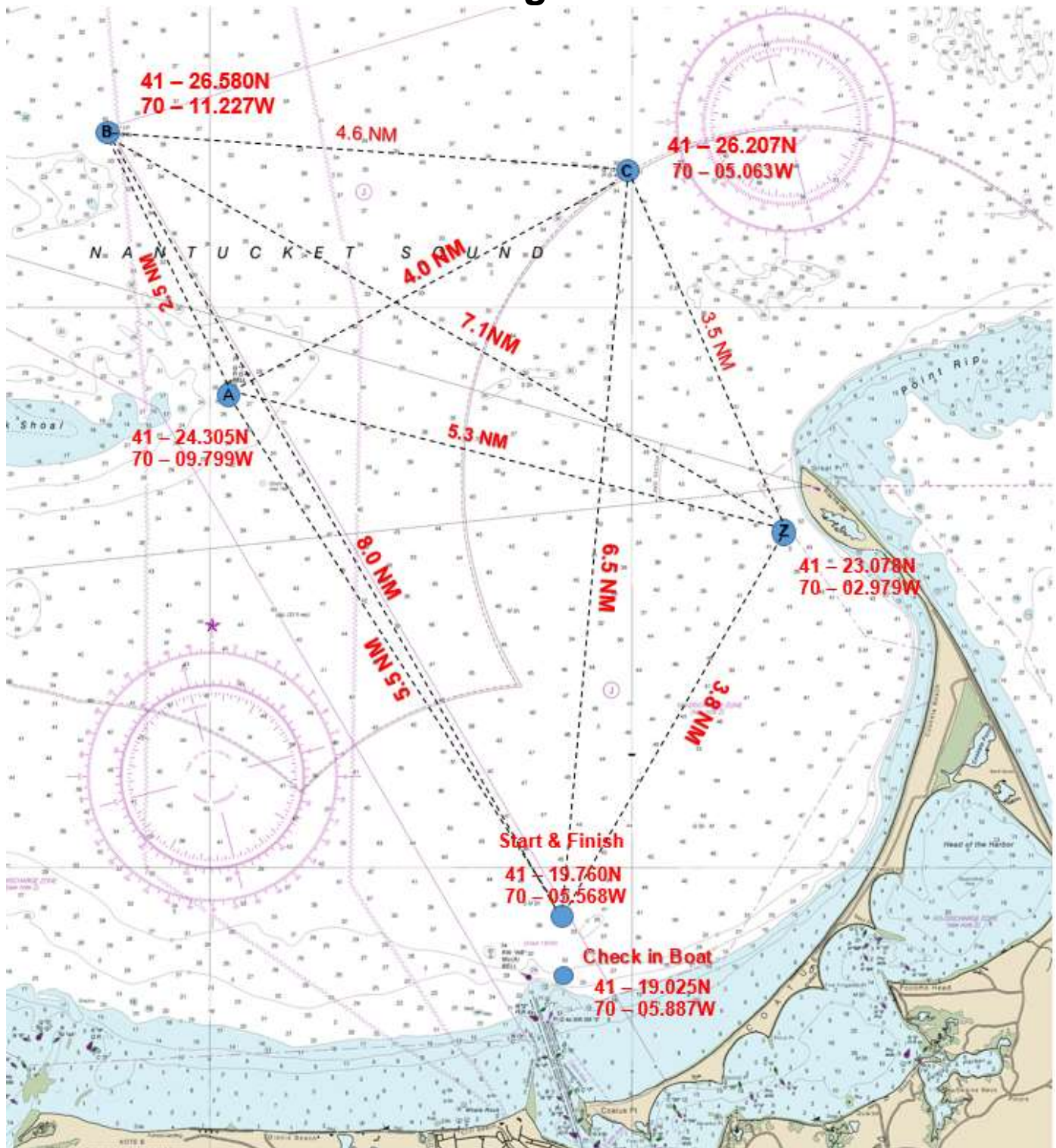
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# Addendum A Racing Area





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## Addendum B Courses


	<b>COURSE A SW</b> ~23.6 NM		
ST - Z	046	3.9	P
Z-C	350	3.5	P
C-B	291	4.6	P
B-A	171	2.5	P
A-Z	120	5.3	S
Z-FIN	210	3.3	


	<b>COURSE F SW</b> ~17.2NM		
ST - A	340	5.6	S
A-C	078	4.0	S
C-Z	170	3.5	S
Z-FIN	210	3.3	


	<b>COURSE B SW</b> ~20.3 NM		
ST - B	341	8.0	S
B-C	111	4.6	S
C-Z	170	3.5	S
Z-FIN	210	3.3	


	<b>COURSE G NE</b> ~16.9 NM		
ST - Z	046	3.9	P
Z-C	350	3.5	P
C-A	258	4.0	P
A - FIN	145	5.6	


	<b>COURSE C NE</b> ~19.9 NM		
ST - Z	046	3.9	P
Z-C	350	3.5	P
C-B	291	4.6	P
B-Fin	148	8.0	


	<b>COURSE H NW</b> ~18.96 NM		
ST - B	341	8.0	S
B - Z	136	7.1	S
Z - FIN	210	3.3	

	<b>COURSE D SW</b> ~19.6 NM		
ST - C	019	6.5	P
C-A	258	4.0	P
A-Z	120	5.3	S
Z-FIN	210	3.3	

	<b>COURSE J NW</b> ~18.96 NM		
ST - Z	46	3.9	P
Z - B	316	7.1	P
B - FIN	148	8.0	

	<b>COURSE E NE</b> ~19.6 NM		
ST - Z	46	3.9	P
Z-A	300	5.3	S
A-C	078	4.0	S
C-FIN	183	6.5	

	<b>COURSE K SW</b> ~14.9 NM		
ST - A	340	5.6	S
A-Z	120	5.3	S
Z-FIN	210	3.3	




	<b>COURSE R NE</b> ~14.5 NM		
ST - Z	046	3.9	P
Z-A	300	5.3	P
A - FIN	145	5.6	






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## Addendum C




### Starting Sequence

<b>Class 1</b>					
Time		Sound	Flag	Visual	Timing
1045	Warning Signal Class 1	1		Class 1 Flag Up	10 minutes to Class 1 start
1051	Prep for Class 1	1		Prep flag up	4 minutes
1054	One minute to Class 1 start	1 long		Prep flag down	1 minute
1055	Class 1 start	1		Class 1 flag down	Start for Class 1




  

<b>Class 2</b>					
Time		Sound	Flag	Visual	Timing
1100	Warning for Class 2	1		Class 2 Flag up	10 minutes to Class 2 Start
1106	Prep for Class 2	1		Prep flag up	4 minutes
1109	One minute to Class 2 start	1 long		Prep flag down	1 minute
1110	Class 2 start	1		Class 2 flag down	Start for Class 2




  

<b>Class 3</b>					
Time		Sound	Flag	Visual	Timing
1115	Warning for Class 3	1		Class 3 Flag up	10 minutes to Class 3 Start
1121	Prep for Class 3	1		Prep flag up	4 minutes
1124	One minute to Class 3 start	1 long		Prep flag down	1 minute
1125	Class 3 start	1		Class 3 flag down	Start for Class 3




  

<b>Class 4</b>					
Time		Sound	Flag	Visual	Timing
1130	Warning for Class 4	1		Class 4 Flag up	10 minutes to Class 4 Start
1136	Prep for Class 4	1		Prep flag up	4 minutes
1139	One minute to Class 4 start	1 long		Prep flag down	1 minute
1140	Class 4 start	1		Class 4 flag down	Start for Class 4

<b>Class 5</b>					
Time		Sound	Flag	Visual	Timing
1145	Warning for Class 5	1		Class 5 Flag up	10 minutes to Class 5 Start
1151	Prep for Class 5	1		Prep flag up	4 minutes
1154	One minute to Class 5 start	1 long		Prep flag down	1 minute
1155	Class 5 start	1		Class 5 flag down	Start for Class 5

<b>Class 6</b>					
Time		Sound	Flag	Visual	Timing
1200	Warning for Class 6	1		Class 6 Flag up	10 minutes to Class 5 Start
1206	Prep for Class 6	1		Prep flag up	4 minutes
1209	One minute to Class 6 start	1 long		Prep flag down	1 minute
1210	Class 6 start	1		Class 6 flag down	Start for Class 5

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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 ample scope. 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 Race Committee Vessel *SERENA*

*Serena* is a 74' motor yacht built in 1964 by Feadship. Fifty-four years after her launch in the Netherlands, *Serena* left Europe on a ship bound for the United States. It was 2018 and *Serena* was on her way to becoming mothership of a small fleet of historic sailing yachts owned by Matt Brooks and his wife Pam Rorke Levy. *Serena's* pedigree is one of just seven yachts designed for Feadship by Carlo Riva and her sleek mid-century styling is a natural complement to the fleet's flagship *Dorade*, a 1930 Sparkman & Stephens yawl, and *Lucie*, a 1931 Six-Metre designed by Clinton Crane. *Serena* was acquired after a seven-year search that took Brooks and Levy to boatyards across the U.S. and throughout Europe. They were looking for a motor yacht with an illustrious and colorful history, and considered boats from as far back as the late 1800s.

### OHC Check-in Vessel *BELLE*



*Belle* is a 77 foot, wooden motor yacht built by the New York Yacht, Launch & Engine Company in 1929 and restored in 1998. Thank you to The Westmoor Club for donating *Belle* to Nantucket Community Sailing for 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.**