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NANTUCKET RACE WEEK
To Benefit Nantucket Community Sailing

Sunday, August 17, 2008
Nantucket, Massachusetts

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Nantucket Race Week Committee.
This event is hosted by The Nantucket Yacht Club (NYC), The Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC) and Nantucket Community Sailing, Inc. (NCS).*

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008 RRS) except as modified in the sailing instructions.
 - 1.2 Spinnakers, drifters, or Multi Purpose Sail's, however rigged, are prohibited. All foresails must be fully hanked along the luff.
 - 1.3 If a yacht elects to use sail(s) made of MYLAR, KEVLAR, SPECTRA or other space-age materials they will attract a 5% rating penalty. Alerion and 12 Metre Class entries, attracting this penalty, will remain in their one design classes but all other yachts will automatically be placed in the "Spirit of Tradition" Division. Failure of any yacht to disclose the existence of such sails in their OHC inventory shall be grounds for disqualification by the Race Committee without a hearing. (Minor reinforcement of cruising sails with mylar or kevlar enclosed by Dacron, as in the past, is still permitted.)
 - 1.4 No poles longer than 101% of the "J" measurement of the sailboat are allowed.
 - 1.5 While racing, all yachts shall display the Nantucket Race Week event flag from their backstay, approximately six feet above the deck, over the required respective OHC class streamer. If the yacht does not have a fixed backstay these flags may be displayed from a starboard shroud.
 - 1.6 All participants in the race shall have an operable VHF radio.
 - 1.7 All yachts must carry the proper safety equipment on board for offshore racing.
 - 1.8 All crews shall wear USCG approved PFD's at the start and the finish of the race. It is recommended that they also be worn throughout the race. Violations of this rule may only be protested by the Race Committee or the OA
 - 1.9 In the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Panerai tent at the Nantucket Yacht Club. Notices, if any, will also be read aloud on VHF Channel 72 at 1000 on race day.
 3. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on August 17th.
 4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Will be displayed from the NYC YARD ARM. Code flag "AP" with two sound signals means, "Racing is postponed – do not leave the harbor area." When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes," changing race signal AP. No warning signal shall be made less than 60 minutes following the lowering of AP ashore. Stand by Channel 72 during any postponement.
 5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** There is one race to be held for the Opera House Cup.
 6. **SCRATCH SHEETS:** Updated scratch sheets with class assignments will be available at the Panerai tent at the Nantucket Yacht Club from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on August 17th.
 7. **HARBOR START:** Will be 1000. Any announcements will also be made at that time. The 1st pre-warning HORN will be at 1200.
 8. **STARTING AREA:** The starting area will be NE of the MO (A) buoy at the end of the Jetties. The Race Committee will broadcast their approximate location when they are on station, on VHF Channel 72.
 9. **CHECK-IN:** Before the first PRE WARNING signal each boat shall check in with the Race Committee by sailing on Starboard tack, past the stern of the RC Signal boat and hail her sail number (or hull name, if there is no sail number). The RC will acknowledge each yacht. A boat failing to properly check in may be scored "Did not compete."

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Are described on the laminated sheet included in the skipper's packet.
- 10.2 If only the signal flag is flown describing the course, then "X" (a yellow or orange inflatable mark) shall be the starting pin.
- 10.3 If a RED or GREEN flag is flown below the signal flag describing the course, then "X" will be the weather mark and boats must round it based on the color flag flown below the signal flag: RED (round to port) or GREEN (round to starboard)

11. MARKS

- X – OHC Mark, orange or yellow inflatable mark
- A – Tuckernuck shoal #1 buoy
- B – Government buoy, 4 sec. Flasher # 17
- C - Government buoy, 4 sec. Flasher # 15
- Z - OHC Mark, inflatable tetrahedron

12. THE STARTING SEQUENCE: The Race will be started as described below.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Sound Signal</u>	<u>Visual Signal</u>	<u>Timing</u>
1200	Pre-Warning 1 st class to start (Horn)	Class pennant up	10 minutes to start
1204	(Horn)	Class pennant down	6 minutes to start
1205	Warning 1 st class to start (Gun)	Class pennant up	5 minutes to start
1206	Prep 1 st class to start (Gun)	Prep flag goes up	4 minutes to start
1209	Minute 1 st class to start (Horn)	Prep flag comes down	1 minute to start
1210	Start 1 st class to start (Gun)	Class pennant comes down	Start
	And Pre-Warning 2nd class to start)	Class pennant up	10 minutes to start
1211	(Horn)	Class pennant down	6 minutes to start
1215	Warning 2nd class to start (Gun)	Class pennant up	5 minutes to start
1216	Prep 2nd class to start (Gun)	Prep Flag goes up	4 minutes to start
1219	Minute Signal 2nd class to start (Horn)	Prep Flag comes down	1 minute to start
1220	Start 2nd class to start (Gun)	Class pennant comes down	Start
	And Pre-Warning 3rd class to start)	Class pennant up	10 minutes to start

And so on, until all classes are started

13. THE START

- 13.1 The Starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Boat and the nearby inflatable mark. The Race Committee may deploy, astern, a "keep off" buoy that shall be considered an integral part of the Race Committee Signal Boat. Boats in classes whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of boats whose WARNING signal has been made.
- 13.2 The larger yachts in the **first** class to start will have a two minute window during which they may start at any time. This window is from their starting signal until two minutes after their starting signal. The actual time of each yacht starting in that period will be recorded as her start time. Any yachts starting after the expiration of the two minute window will be timed as starting two minutes from the starting signal.

14. THE FINISH

The FINISH line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on board the committee boat and the nearby inflatable mark. In the event that a yacht has not completed the course before 1700 hours, the yacht must take its own time as it passes within .25 NM of the Mo (A) Bell buoy and the buoy bears 90° or 270° M. Boats taking their own time must report their time to the OHC Committee at Jetties Beach (the location of the OHC Awards Party).

The RC Boat will attempt to announce, on VHF CH72, when they leave station.

15. RECALLS

Individual Recalls: The Race Committee may attempt to hail sail numbers and hull names of premature starters. Recalls may also be announced on VHF Radio Channel 72. Delay or failure to hail or broadcast the individual sail number or hull name of recalled boats shall not be grounds for requesting redress under RRS 62.

16. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

Races will be shortened or abandoned in accordance with RRS 32.

17. SCORING

Results are determined by corrected time, based on the OHC measurement formula.

18. RETIRING FROM A RACE

If a yacht wishes to retire they shall notify the Race Committee on Channel 72.

19. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.2 will apply.

20. PROTESTS

20.1 Protest forms are available at the Nantucket Yacht Club front desk.

20.2 Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee chairman or to a member of the race committee within 60 minutes after the race committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing in the Nantucket Yacht Club Board of Governor's Room.

20.3 Yachts intending to protest shall notify the race committee on VHF channel 72 after finishing the race.

21. ANCHORAGE

The Nantucket Harbor Master has asked that the OHC fleet anchor within the white buoys in the harbor well clear of the channel. **NANTUCKET MOORINGS** and the **NANTUCKET BOAT BASIN** launch can be hailed on VHF channel 68.

22. PRIZES

22.1 The OPERA HOUSE CUP is a perpetual Trophy on which shall be inscribed the name of the yacht having the best-corrected time from all the divisions. Trophies shall be awarded to the top three Overall finishers.

22.2 Trophies will be awarded to the top three in each Division, Classic and Spirit of Tradition, and in each Class, Alerion and 12 Metre.

22.3 Additional trophies will be awarded to yachts based on their performance and the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

22.4 A trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the best elapsed time.

23. TRASH

Boats discharging trash on the water may be disqualified from races.

24. OA BOATS

The Signal Boat will be flying a blue RC Flag as well as an OHC Flag.

Boats displaying a red OHC flag or a black Nantucket Race Week flag are course and safety boats.

They will be monitoring channel 72.

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.