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## **NANTUCKET RACE WEEK**

To Benefit Nantucket Community Sailing

Sunday, August 21, 2011  
Nantucket, Massachusetts

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*The Organizing Authority (OA) is Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.*

*This event is hosted by Nantucket Yacht Club (NYC), Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC), the Nantucket Race Week Committee, the Opera House Cup Committee, the North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge Committee and Nantucket Community Sailing, Inc. (NCS).*

*The Opera House Cup Regatta  
is part of the NORTH AMERICAN PANERAI CLASSIC YACHTS CHALLENGE  
organized in conjunction with the Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta in Marblehead (August 13-14)  
and the Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta in Newport (September 3-4).*



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### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Part 5, Section B is changed to provide for arbitration of protests of a rule of Part 2
- 1.3 The following prescriptions of the US national authority will not apply: Prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4.
- 1.4 Boats may use a golly-wobbler.
- 1.5 Boats must utilize bare-headed sail changes.
- 1.6 Staysails must be hanked-on a wire, on centerline.
- 1.7 Boats can utilize a mizzen staysail in its intended manner.
- 1.8 Boats may only use hanked-on or attached Genoas, or Genoas on a wire whose luff length will not exceed the length of the headstay. The Genoa must be attached in a manner that you would if you were to utilize it on an upwind leg.
- 1.9 Poles longer than 110% of the boats "J" measurement are prohibited.
- 1.10 If a boat elects to use sail(s) made of MYLAR, KEVLAR, SPECTRA or other space-age materials they will attract a rating penalty. Alerion and 12 Metre Class entries, attracting this penalty, will remain in their one design classes but all other boats will automatically be placed in the "Spirit of Tradition" Division. Failure of any boat 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.)
- 1.11 While racing, all boats 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 boat does not have a fixed backstay these flags may be displayed from a starboard shroud.
- 1.12 Each boat shall fly the Panerai "battle flag" from the forestay or starboard spreader while moored or proceeding to the race course, in order that they are recognized as participants in the event, and also in competition for the Robert H. Tiedemann award for the best maintained classic boat.
- 1.13 All participants in the race shall have an operable VHF radio.
- 1.14 All boats must carry the proper safety equipment on board for offshore racing. A guide to this requirement will be found in the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category "4".
- 1.15 All crews shall wear personal flotation at the start and at the finish of the race. Protest under this rule may be initiated by the race committee or protest committee only.
- 1.16 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.
- 1.17 Each skipper should be a member of US Sailing.
- 1.18 Panerai streamers:
  - Class 1 competitors will be flying a Blue Panerai streamer
  - Class 2 competitors will be flying a Red Panerai streamer
  - Class 3 competitors will be flying a Yellow Panerai streamer
  - Class 4 competitors will be flying a Orange Panerai streamer

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices 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 TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change will be posted before 0900 on August 21.



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#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Nantucket Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes," race signal AP. Monitor channel 72 during any postponement.

#### 5 SCRATCH SHEETS

Final scratch sheets with class assignments will be available at the Panerai tent at the Nantucket Yacht Club from 0800 to 0930 on August 21.

#### 6 HARBOR START

Harbor start will be at 1000. Any announcements will also be made at that time. The first warning signal will be at 1200.

#### 7 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.

#### 8 CHECK-IN

Before the first signal each boat shall check in with the race committee by sailing on starboard tack, past the stern of the signal boat and hail her sail number (or hull name, if there is no sail number). The race committee will acknowledge each boat. A boat failing to properly check in may be scored "Did Not Compete." Radio check in is not valid and will not be acknowledged.

#### 9 COURSES

- 9.1 Are described on the laminated course sheet included in the skipper's packet.
- 9.2 If only the signal flag is flown describing the course, then "X" (a yellow or orange inflatable mark) will be the starting pin.
- 9.3 If a RED or GREEN flag is flown below the signal flag describing the course, then "X" will be the first mark of the course and boats must round it based on the color flag flown below the signal flag: RED (leave mark "X" to port) or GREEN (leave mark "X" to starboard). Boats will then continue to sail the rest of the posted course.

#### 10 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, orange or yellow inflatable tetrahedron

#### 11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of a nearby inflatable orange or yellow 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 starting boats.

##### 11.2 CLASS 1 ONLY

During the first two minutes after the starting signal of CLASS 1, actual starting times will be recorded for each individual boat, as she crosses the line. Any Class 1 boats starting after the first two minutes following the starting signal will be recorded as having



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started at two minutes after the starting signal. This starting window is a safety precaution enabling the larger boats to cross the line more easily.

### 12 STARTING SEQUENCE

<u>Time</u>	<u>Sound Signal</u>	<u>Visual Signal</u>	<u>Timing</u>
1200	Warning Signal Class 1 (Gun)	Class 1 Flag up	10 minutes to start
1206	Prep for Class 1 (Gun)	Prep flag up	4 minutes to start
1209	Minute Class 1 to start (Long Horn)	Prep flag down	1 minute to start
1210	Class 1 start (Gun)	Class 1 Flag down	Start Class 1
	Warning for Class 2	Class 2 Flag up	10 minutes to Class 2 start
1216	Prep for Class 2 (Gun)	Prep Flag up	4 minutes to start
1219	Minute Class 2 to start (Long Horn)	Prep Flag down	1 minute to start
1220	Class 2 start (Gun)	Class 2 Flag down	Start Class 2
	Warning Class 3	Class 3 Flag up	10 minutes to Class 3 start
1226	Prep for Class 3 (Gun)	Prep Flag up	4 minutes to start
1229	Minute Class 3 to start (Long Horn)	Prep Flag down	1 minute to start
1230	Class 3 start (Gun)	Class 3 Flag down	Start Class 3
	Warning Class 4	Class 4 Flag up	10 minutes to Class 4 start
1236	Prep for Class 4 (Gun)	Prep Flag up	4 minutes to start
1239	Minute Class 4 to start (Long Horn)	Prep Flag down	1 minute to start
1240	Class 4 start (Gun)	Class 4 Flag down	Start Class 4

### 13 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of a nearby inflatable mark. In the event that a boat has not completed the course before 1700 hours, the boat 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. The race committee will attempt to announce, on VHF 72, when they leave station. Boats still racing at that time shall take their own finishing time and must report their time to the OHC Committee at Jetties Beach (the location of the OHC Awards Party).

### 14 RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to hail sail numbers and hull names of OCS boats. Recalls may also be announced on VHF 72. The failure of the race committee to hail, or of any boat to hear the hail and the order of such hails shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

### 15 SCORING

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

### 16 RETIRING FROM A RACE

If a boat wishes to retire they shall notify the race committee on VHF 72.

### 17 PENALTIES

Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has not taken a penalty in compliance with rules 44.1 or 44.3 to take a scoring penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 prior to the protest



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hearing. This Scoring Penalty shall be 40% of the number of boats starting the race (rounding 0.5 upward), but shall not be less than 4 places, added to her actual finish position. However, she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

### 18 PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the Nantucket Yacht Club front desk.
- 18.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Desk in the front lobby area of the Nantucket yacht Club 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.
- 18.3 Boats intending to protest shall notify the race committee on VHF channel 72 after finishing the race. This notification shall include the identity of the protesting boat and the boat being protested.

### 19 ARBITRATION

- 19.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing
- 19.2 One representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the protest committee.
- 19.3 The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given to the protest committee and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- 19.4 Rule 63.1 is changed by adding: "The arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn on behalf of the protest committee."

### 20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 20.1 The race committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with competitors.
- 20.2 The race committee may use VHF channel 72 or other channels for working communications. Boats may monitor, but are advised that the race committee communications are unofficial and the use, or lack thereof, of radio communications shall not be grounds for granting redress.
- 20.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### 21 ANCHORAGE

The Nantucket Harbor Master has asked the OHC Fleet to 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 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 boat having the best-corrected time of the entire fleet based upon the CRF Rating Formula. Trophies shall be awarded to the top three Overall finishers based on corrected time.
- 22.2 Panerai will award a Panerai RADIOMIR 8 Days GMT Watch to the skipper of the boat winning the Opera House Cup section of the North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge.



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- 22.3 Trophies will be awarded based on corrected time to the top three boats in each Division: Classic and Spirit of Tradition, and in each Class: Alerion and 12 Metre.
- 22.4 Additional trophies will be awarded to boats based on their performance and the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 22.5 The First to Finish trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best elapsed time.
- 22.6 The Robert H. Tiedemann Trophy will be awarded to the best-maintained Classic boat determined by a panel of judges, appointed by the OHC Committee.

**23 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Boats displaying a red OHC flag or a black Nantucket Race Week flag are course and safety boats. They will be monitoring channel 72.

**24 INSURANCE**

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

**25 CLEAN REGATTA**

Nantucket Race Week is committed to maintaining Nantucket's clean waters and shores. As such Nantucket Race Week is registered in the Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas program. All NRW participants are encouraged to follow the goals and requirements of Clean Regattas. The requirements include:

- No discharge of treated or untreated sewage or black water in harbor areas or no-discharge zones around Nantucket.
- No overboard discharge of trash or littering at shore facilities (e.g., rigging tape, cigarette butts, beer cans).
- Follow Nantucket's trash and recycling guidelines: Trash must be in clear plastic or biodegradable bags.
- All paper, glass, metal, and plastic must be recycled and placed in separate containers.
- Reduce plastic waste by using refillable water bottles.
- Use green cleaning and maintenance products.
- Reduce the impact of oil spills from motorized vessels by carrying at least one bilge sponge and fuel spill pad.

**26 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 Rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, Nantucket Race Week LLC, the Nantucket Yacht Club, Great Harbor Yacht Club, Nantucket Community Sailing, 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 boat 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, and crews) 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.

**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.**