



The 41st Annual



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Sunday August 18, 2013
Nantucket, Massachusetts USA

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority:
Nantucket Community Sailing

Affiliated Organizations:
Nantucket Yacht Club (NYC)
Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC)
Nantucket Community Sailing (NCS)
The Opera House Cup Committee
The Nantucket Race Week Committee
North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge Committee

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 9-11) and the Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta in Newport (August 30 - September 1). For more information on eligibility in the series please go to the Panerai website at: www.paneraiclassicyachtschallenge.com.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Section B, Post Race Penalties, and Section D, Arbitration, will be in effect.
- 1.4 The regulations of the North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge 2013 will apply for yachts participating in that Challenge.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 A yacht and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 2.2 Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.3 While racing, all yachts shall display the event and class flags of the sponsor, from the backstay, approximately six feet above the deck or in a similarly appropriate manner if they have no backstay.
- 2.4 Each yacht shall fly the Panerai “battle flag” from the forestay or starboard spreader while moored or proceeding to the racecourse, 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 yacht.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to Classic wooden yachts and Spirit of Tradition yachts with a minimum LOA of 30’, and the Nantucket Alerion Class. (Exceptions for other entries may be granted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.) For definitions see section 4 and 5.
- 3.2 **A current, valid CRF rating is required for all yachts.** A CRF application form can be downloaded from www.operahousecup.org. Send the CRF application form with a check for \$25 to CRF Group at PO Box 319; Mystic, CT 06355, and call or e-mail with any questions to classicratings@gmail.com or 860-460-3990. Please do this as soon as possible, as it may take several days to get a CRF rating.
- 3.3 The 12 Metre Division in the OHC is open to 12 Metre yachts with a valid 2013 certificate, and which are current with their ITMA/ 12 Metre Class dues, Americas Fleet dues and certificate filing fees.
- 3.4 All yachts must complete and submit the regatta entry form available at www.operahousecup.org, together with a current and valid CRF Rating Certificate along with the applicable fees prior to August 1, 2013 to avoid a late fee. Entries may be submitted online via the web site at www.operahousecup.org, faxed to Nantucket Community Sailing at (508)325-7757, mailed to Nantucket Community Sailing, PO Box 2424, Nantucket, MA 02584 or hand delivered to the Nantucket Community Sailing office located at 4 Winter Street, Nantucket, MA 02554. ***It is the skipper’s responsibility to confirm that the payment, current and valid CRF certificate, and completed entries have been received by the Organizing Authority by the deadline.***
- 3.5 The organizing authority may, in its sole discretion, accept any late entry.

4 DIVISION DEFINITIONS

4.1 CLASSIC DIVISION

- Wooden yachts designed in or before 1970
- Full keel (or keel-centerboard) split-keel and rudder
- Designed in or before 1970
- Built utilizing original materials and methods as designed
- Rigged with aluminum or wooden spars
- Fixed ballast
- Permitted Sail Materials

- (1) Woven fabric (canvas, Nylon, Dacron as well as more contemporary woven fabrics such as Vectran, Hydranet).
- (2) NOTE: The following sails are prohibited: Any sail utilizing advanced shaping technologies (3DL or similar), laminate or composite construction or materials such as, but not limited to, Mylar, Kevlar, Spectra, and Carbon Fiber, etc.
 - Manual Power/Powered Winches
 - (1) For yachts in the Classic Division whose LOA is greater than or equal to 70 feet, RRS 52 is deleted. RRS 52 shall still apply to Classic yachts with a LOA less than 70 feet.
 - (2) A Classic yacht with a LOA of less than 70 feet racing in contravention of RRS 52 will be designated to compete in the Spirit of Tradition Division.

4.2 SPIRIT OF TRADITION DIVISION

- Wooden yachts designed in 1971 or later
- Design whose intent is to evoke the look and feel of a vintage classic
- Boats constructed or rebuilt using cold molded building techniques or other modern methods regardless of design year.
- Boats rigged with carbon fiber spars.
- Classic boats with significant hull design changes, for greater performance
- Boats with movable ballast, trapeze or relying primarily on other forms of temporary stabilization methods than fixed keel ballast.
- Boats that don't otherwise meet all of the classic requirements.
- Boats utilizing modern sail materials (as defined above as those not permitted in classics).
- Boats using hydraulic winches are permitted. This changes RRS 52.

5. SAILS and EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

- 5.1 Only one jib shall be carried in the fore-triangle at one time; i. e. bare headed sail changes only drop one sail before setting another. This changes RRS 50.1.
- 5.2 Bona fide double headsail rigs (*defined as being properly rigged, including permanent fixed points on deck and on the mast*) may carry a fore-triangle staysail that is hanked on to the inner forestay.
- 5.3 All headsails must be tacked on the centerline of the boat.
- 5.4 All sails set in the fore-triangle must be hanked on for the full length of the stay (except fixed-stay roller furling sails). Flying a headsail on its tack and head only, or on an internal wire luff, is prohibited.
- 5.5 Mizzen staysails are permitted. On schooners, a fisherman or gollywobbler is permitted. Mizzen spinnakers are prohibited.
- 5.6 Spinnakers and drifters are prohibited, however rigged.
- 5.7 All yachts shall be limited to the sail area as defined on their CRF certificate. This includes a 150% max LP for headsails, unless otherwise rated; in which case a yacht may fly a headsail up to their max rated LP
- 5.8 One whisker pole or spinnaker pole may be used to wing out a jib as long as no other sail, including a staysail, is set in the fore-triangle.
- 5.9 Poles must be fixed at the mast while in use in accordance with RRS 50.2.
- 5.10 RRS 50.4, headsails, is changed to read: For the purposes of rules 50 and 54 and Appendix G, the difference between a headsail and a spinnaker is that the width of a headsail, measured between the midpoints of its luff and leech, is less than **50%** of the length of its foot. A sail tacked down behind the foremost mast is not a headsail." [Note: this maintains the definition as found in the previous RRS.]
- 5.11 Whisker or spinnaker poles may be used only if they do not exceed 110% of the yacht's J-measurement.

5.12 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

6 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

6.1 All yachts shall 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 "5".

6.2 All yachts must have on board:

- (1) A manual bilge pump.
- (2) A bucket of stout construction with a minimum 2 gallon capacity attached to a lanyard.
- (3) A minimum of one fire extinguisher if the boat has an electrical system, an engine or a stove on board.
- (4) One anchor and sufficient rode to be able to anchor in the area of the race course.
- (5) An operable VHF radio.

7 FEES

7.1 **Entry fee:** An entry fee, which includes five tickets to the Sunday OHC Awards Party at Jetties Beach, and two tickets for the Sponsors and OHC Skippers Party on August 17, 2013, shall be paid with the entry form as follows:

LOA less than 50'	\$400,	of which \$150 is a tax-deductible charitable contribution to Nantucket Community Sailing
LOA 50' to 70'	\$500,	of which \$250 is a tax-deductible charitable contribution to Nantucket Community Sailing
LOA more than 70'	\$600,	of which \$350 is a tax-deductible charitable contribution to Nantucket Community Sailing

Note: To determine the applicable Entry Fee, a yacht's LOA is to be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number. (e.g., 49.65' = 49').

7.2 **Late fee:** An additional charge of \$100 shall be made for any entries, including incomplete entries, received after August 1, 2013. This late fee is a tax deductible charitable contribution to Nantucket Community Sailing. Please note that registration/entry is complete when a current, valid CRF certificate, the entry fee, and entry form are received by NCS. *It is the skipper's responsibility to confirm that the payment, current and valid CRF certificate, and completed entries have been received by the Organizing Authority by the deadline.*

Late entry closes at 1800, Saturday, August 17, 2013.

7.3 **Social:** Additional tickets for the OHC Awards Party or the Sponsors and OHC Skippers Party may be purchased online in advance at www.operahousecup.org or at registration in the Panerai tent at the Nantucket Yacht Club.

7.4 **Lunches:** Lunches may be ordered online in advance at www.operahousecup.org for pick up at Nantucket Yacht Club on Sunday morning.

8 REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

Participants may pick up their OHC skipper bags, Panerai gift bags, and banners to be flown on their boat that recognize them as participants in the 41st Opera House Cup at the Panerai hospitality tent at Nantucket Yacht Club.

9 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9.1 Harbor Start is at 0930, Sunday August 18, 2013.

9.2 Rainbow Parade commences at 0930, so please be wary of the smaller boats in and around Brant Point.

9.3 The warning for the first class to start will be made at 1100 on Sunday August 18, 2013.

9.4 The OHC Awards Party is planned for 1800 – 2200 on Sunday August 18th at the Jetties Beach Concession site. OHC awards will be presented starting at 1900.

9.5 The schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, August 15	1500 – 1700	Late entry/ registration/check-in and bag pickup at Panerai hospitality tent, Nantucket Yacht Club
	1830	NRW Regatta Dinner at Nantucket Yacht Club
Friday, August 16	1500 – 1700	Late entry/registration/check-in and bag pickup at Panerai hospitality tent, Nantucket Yacht Club
	1930	Shipwrecked Ball at Nantucket Yacht Club
Saturday, August 17	1500 – 1800	Late entry/registration/check-in and bag pickup at Panerai hospitality tent, Nantucket Yacht Club; provisional scratch sheet and class assignments available
	1830	Sponsors and OHC Skippers Party at Great Harbor Yacht Club; provisional scratch sheet and class assignments available
Sunday, August 18	0800 – 0900	Final scratch sheets and class assignments available, Panerai hospitality tent.
	0930	Rainbow Parade start
	0930	OHC Harbor Start
	1100	OHC First warning signal
	1800 – 2200	OHC Awards Party at Jetties Beach
	1900	OHC Awards Presentation

10 MEASUREMENT

Every yacht shall submit a valid CRF rating form together with her entry application. The CRF Group will assign ratings for each yacht. These certificates take a number of days to be created so it is important that skippers do not wait until the last minute to submit forms for a certificate. Without a valid current certificate a yacht will not be eligible to compete in the Opera House Cup Regatta.

11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

11.1 Sailing instructions for the 41st Opera House Cup will be available on the Opera House Cup website at www.operahousecup.org and the Nantucket Race Week website at www.nantucketraceweek.org by August 17, 2013, and at the Late Registration/check-in at the Panerai tent at the Nantucket Yacht Club, starting August 17, 2013.

11.2 Provisional scratch sheets and Class Assignments will be available at the Panerai hospitality tent and at the Sponsors and OHC Skippers Party on Saturday August 17th.

11.3 Final scratch sheets and class assignments will be available at the Panerai tent located at the Nantucket Yacht Club from 0800 – 0900 on Sunday August 18, 2013.

12 VENUE

Races will be held on Nantucket Sound with the anticipated starting area approximately 1 nm ENE of the Mo (A) sea buoy at the end of the Jetties.

13 COURSES

The Course for all classes will be defined in the sailing instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Penalties while racing: The scoring penalty, rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be 20%.
- 14.2 Penalties after racing: A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Scoring Penalty as provided in Appendix T Section B.

15 PROTESTS

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

16 SCORING

All scoring will be based upon the CRF Handicap System. Scoring calculations are based on a scratch boat with a CRF rating of 81.0. One race is scheduled.

17 DOCKAGE AND MOORINGS

- 17.1 The Nantucket Yacht Club is pleased to offer a limited number of complimentary moorings in the outer harbor to registered OHC skipper/owners on a first come, first served basis. The Nantucket Yacht Club 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 calling the Nantucket Yacht Club at 508-228-1400.
- 17.2 For other moorings contact Nantucket Moorings at 508-228-4472, VHF# 68.
- 17.3 For dock space contact the Nantucket Boat Basin at 508-228-1333, VHF #9 and #11.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 The Opera House Cup is a perpetual Trophy on which will be inscribed the name of the yacht with the best-corrected time of the entire fleet based upon the Classic Rating Formula (CRF). Trophies will be awarded to the top three overall finishers based on corrected time.
- 18.2 Panerai will award a Panerai Timepiece to the skipper of the yacht winning the Opera House Cup perpetual trophy.
- 18.3 Trophies will be awarded based on corrected time to the top three finishers in each Division: Classic and Spirit of Tradition. Trophies will be awarded based on corrected time to the top three finishers in the 12 Metre and Alerion classes.
- 18.4 Fourth place trophies will be awarded in divisions (Classic or Spirit of Tradition) or classes (12 metre or Alerion) with more than 12 competitors.
- 18.5 The First to Finish Trophy will be awarded to the yacht that finishes first.
- 18.6 The Robert H. Tiedemann Trophy will be awarded to the best-maintained classic yacht determined by a panel of judges, appointed by the Organizing Authority.
- 18.7 The Gwen Gaillard Spirit of the Race trophy will be awarded to the person or vessel which exemplifies the spirit of the Opera House Cup.
- 18.8 A recognition will be made for cruising yachts.
- 18.9 Additional Trophies may be awarded to yachts based on their performance and at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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.

20 EVENT MERCHANDISE

Merchandise for Nantucket Race Week and the Opera House Cup Regatta will be available at the event.

21 INSURANCE

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

22 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 and OHC participants are encouraged to follow the goals and requirements of Clean Regattas. The requirements include:

- a) No discharge of treated or untreated sewage or black water in harbor areas or no-discharge zones around Nantucket.
- b) No overboard discharge of trash or littering at shore facilities (e.g., rigging tape, cigarette butts, beer cans).
- c) 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.
- d) Reduce plastic waste by using refillable water bottles.
- e) Use green cleaning and maintenance products.
- f) Reduce the impact of oil spills from motorized vessels by carrying at least one bilge sponge and fuel spill pad.

23 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 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 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.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

Nantucket Community Sailing
(508)228-6600 or info@operahousecup.org

Or, you may visit our website at www.operahousecup.org.