



The 37th OPERA HOUSE CUP REGATTA

Presented by



Sunday August 16, 2009
Nantucket, Massachusetts USA

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is Nantucket Race Week, LLC.

This event is hosted by The Nantucket Yacht Club, The Great Harbor Yacht Club, Nantucket Community Sailing the Nantucket Race Week Committee, and 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* .
- 1.2 Spinnakers, drifters, or MPSails are prohibited, however rigged. All foresails must be fully hanked along the luff.
- 1.3 Sails made from Mylar, Kevlar, Spectra, or other space -age materials are allowed. Boats having such sails in their "OHC sail inventory," must reflect their existence on the OHC measurement form and those boats will be subject to an additional 5% penalty added to their handicap. If a boat is found using such sails without reflecting them on the OHC measurement form, this may be grounds for disqualification from the race.
- 1.4 Poles longer than 101% of "J" measurement are prohibited.
- 1.5 All yachts must have a fully operable VHF radio on board.
- 1.6 All yachts 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".
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 Each yacht 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 yacht..

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 A yacht and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to wooden yachts with a minimum LOA of 30'. (Exceptions for smaller yachts and other hull construction materials may be granted at the sole discretion of the OHC Measurement Committee.)
- 3.2 All entrants must complete the entry form and submit it together with the applicable fees prior to August 1, 2009. Entries shall 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.
- 3.3 The organizing authority may, in its sole discretion, accept any late entry.
- 3.4 All Skippers should be members of US Sailing.

4 FEES

- 4.1 **Entry fee:** An entry fee, which includes five tickets to the Sunday OHC Awards Party at Jetties Beach, and two tickets for the Skippers Reception on August 15, shall be paid with the entry form as follows:

LOA less than 50'	\$360
LOA 50' to 70'	\$455
LOA more than 70'	\$565

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').

Please note that \$150 of the entry fee is a tax-deductible charitable contribution to Nantucket Community Sailing.

- 4.2 **Late fee:** An additional charge of \$50 shall be made for entries received after August 1, 2009. This late fee is a tax-deductible charitable contribution to Nantucket Community Sailing.
- 4.3 A continental breakfast will be provided by Panerai on Sunday morning, August 16.
- 4.4 **Lunch:** The entry fee includes box lunches for the skipper and all crew on August 16, 2009, if requested on the registration form. These box lunches must be picked up at the Nantucket Yacht Club on Sunday morning.
- 4.5 **Social:** Additional tickets for the OHC Awards Party or the Skippers Reception may be purchased online in advance at www.operahousecup.org or at registration in the Panerai tent at the Nantucket Yacht Club. Please note that tickets purchased in advance for the OHC Awards Party are \$30 each for skippers and crew. Tickets will be \$100 each if purchased at the event.

5 REGISTRATION

At registration 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 37th Annual Opera house Cup.

Registration and bag distribution is in the Panerai hospitality tent at the Nantucket Yacht Club.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 Harbor Start is at 1000, Sunday August 16, 2009.
- 6.2 Rainbow Parade commences at 1000 so please be wary of the smaller boats in and around Brant Point.
- 6.3 The warning for the first class to start will be made at 1200 on Sunday August 16, 2009.
- 6.4 The OHC Awards Party is planned for approximately 1800 – 2000 on Sunday August 16th at the Jetties Beach Concession site.
- 6.5 The schedule of events is shown below:

Thursday, August 13	1000 - 1700	Late registration and bag pickup at Panerai hospitality tent, Nantucket Yacht Club
Friday, August 14	1000 - 1700	Late registration and bag pickup at Panerai hospitality tent, Nantucket Yacht Club
Saturday, August 15	1000 – 1800	Late registration and bag pickup at Panerai hospitality tent, Nantucket Yacht Club; Provisional scratch sheet and class assignments available
	1800	Late registration at 21 Federal restaurant
	1830	OHC Skippers Party, Greenhound
Sunday, August 16	0800 - 0930	Final scratch sheets and class assignments available, Panerai hospitality tent; Pick up lunches at Nantucket Yacht Club
	1000	Rainbow Parade start
	1000	OHC Harbor Start
	1200	OHC First warning signal
	1300	Jobson Community Sailing Cup (for non-wooden 12 metres) start
	1800 - 2200	OHC Awards Party, Jetties Beach

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Every yacht shall submit an Opera House Cup Measurement form together with her entry application. The OHC Measurement Committee will assign ratings for each yacht.
- 7.2 Yachts, including all qualifying equipment and sails, may be subject to random inspection by the Organizing Authority at any time during this event.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

- 8.1 Sailing instructions for the 37th Opera House Cup will be available on the Opera House Cup website at www.operahousecup.org or the Nantucket Race Week website at www.nantucketraceweek.org by August 1, 2009, and in the Panerai tent at the Nantucket Yacht Club, starting August 13, 2009.
- 8.2 Provisional scratch sheets and Class Assignments will be available at the Panerai hospitality tent, as well as late registration at the 21 Federal restaurant on Saturday August 15th.
- 8.3 Final scratch sheets and class assignments will be available at the Panerai tent located at the Nantucket Yacht Club from 0800 – 0930 on Sunday August 16, 2009.

9 VENUE

Races will be held on Nantucket Sound with the starting area approximately ¼ mile NE of the Mo (A) sea buoy.

10 COURSES

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

11 PROTESTS

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

12 SCORING

All scoring will be based upon the Opera House Cup Handicap System.

13 PRIZES

13.1 The Opera House Cup is a perpetual Trophy on which will be inscribed the name of the yacht that has the best-corrected time of the entire fleet based upon the Opera House Cup Rating System. There will be keeper trophies for the first three winners overall.

13.2 Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in these two Divisions: Classic and Spirit of Tradition and in these two classes: Alerion and 12 Metre. Additional Trophies may be awarded to yachts based on their performance and the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

13.3 A trophy will be awarded for the yacht with the best elapsed time.

13.4 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.

14 DOCKAGE AND MOORINGS

14.1 For moorings contact Nantucket Moorings at 508-228-4472, VHF# 68.

14.2 For dock space contact the Nantucket Boat Basin at 508-228-1333, VHF #9 and #11.

15 EVENT MERCHANDISE

Merchandise for Nantucket Race Week and the Opera House Cup Regatta is available for ordering. Please visit the NRW website at www.nantucketraceweek.org.

16 INSURANCE

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

17 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.

18 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.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:
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Or, you may visit our website at www.operahousecup.org or www.nantucketraceweek.org.