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Welcome to the 49th Opera House Cup Regatta. Nantucket Community Sailing is honored to carry on this cherished event which celebrates the spectacle of classic wooden boats under sail. The purpose of this brochure is to give you a little information about the amazing boats that participate in the Opera House Cup. Several boats have a pedigree of winning races around the globe, many are close to a century old, and some are newly constructed with the latest technology. They range in size from 24' to 75', and are crewed by families as well as some of the best sailors in the country. What they all have in common is their wooden soul, and the spirit of camaraderie and competition that is at the heart of the Opera House Cup.

Thank you to the boat owners and participants in the regatta, the many volunteers, and our sponsors and donors for making this event possible. Nantucket Community Sailing would also like to thank the Opera House Cup Race Committee, the Nantucket Harbor Master, US Coast Guard Brant Point, Nantucket Moorings, and Nantucket Boat Basin for their support. We are grateful to the Brooklin Boat Yard for underwriting this brochure, and to Adam Langerman for calling out the boats as they pass by Brant Point. Thank you to Phil Smith, Tom Darling, Kate Somers of RisingT Media, Poets Corner Press and the Classic Yacht Owner's Association for the design and production of this brochure.

Diana Brown
President and CEO, Nantucket Community Sailing

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ABIGAIL

Jesse Terry
John Alden 39' Ketch (1956))

Design number 907 of John Alden as an improved version of the celebrated ketch *STAGEHOUND*, winner of two consecutive Trans-Pacific races. *ABIGAIL* was built by Seth Persson in Old Saybrook CT right after he built *Finisterre*, a 3x Bermuda Race winner.



AMERICAN EAGLE

Alexander C Valcic
12 Meter Sloop (1964)

This iconic 12 Meter won most of the world's greatest ocean races. She began her career racing for the America's Cup in Newport. *AMERICAN EAGLE* was designed and built by A.E. Luders for the 1964 America's Cup Defense. She won the observation trials, but by the close of the season her rival had secured the right to defend the America's Cup. *AMERICAN EAGLE* is most famous for her extraordinary history as an ocean racer under the command of Ted Turner. From 1969 to 1974, the brilliant red *AMERICAN EAGLE* ruled the offshore waters, winning the first World Ocean Racing Championship and setting records in the distinguished S.O.R.C. , Fastnet and Sydney-Hobart Races. Ted Turner won the coveted "Yachtsman of the Year" award twice while owner/skipper and she was subsequently Ted Turner's stepping stone to his eventual America's Cup victory.



ANNIE

Phillips Smith
K. Aage Nielsen 33' Yawl (1957)

ANNIE is the last of four Aage Nielsen yawls of identical design built by Paul Luke (East Boothbay, ME) in the 1950s. The design is very similar (but slightly longer) to his Pilot class sloop he designed for Sparkman & Stephens in 1945. Nielsen boats have a reputation for being extremely well built – they are strong and seaworthy with a good turn of speed. Previously owned by Matt Murphy, editor of *WoodenBoat* magazine, *ANNIE* has had major renovation work performed at Gannon & Benjamin the past four winters. This has included a new galley, replacement and upgrade of all electrical wiring, a new horn timber and rudder post, new Beta engine, replacement of 11 sets of frames, all new double planking from the keel to waterline and stripping of all brightwork and spars followed by 14 coats of varnish. Last winter her standing rigging was replaced.



BAPPLE

Bruce Failing
Alerion



CAVALINO

Mike Toppa
W-37 (2011)



ELSKA

Marc Feigen
Johan Anker 29' Sloop (1947)



FIRST TRACKS

Brian Simmons
Alerion



ANGELITA

Samuel W. Croll and Henry Skelsey
Eight Metre Sloop (1930)

Designed by Nicholas Potter, *ANGELITA* was the first American boat to win an Olympic Medal (Gold, Los Angeles Olympics, 1932, Owen Churchill, Skipper) and went on to compete in the 1936 Olympics in Kiel Germany in 1936. In 1982 she was discovered in a shed in Santa Cruz, California, in derelict condition, purchased by a group headed by Peter Uberoth, and restored. *ANGELITA* served as the flagship for the 1984 LA Olympics. Glenn Kim then purchased and brought the boat to Maine and sailed there for several seasons. Dissatisfied with the performance of the restored hull, Glenn decided to utilize whatever he could from the original boat and build a new hull. William Cannel of Camden Maine completed the rebuild in August of 1997. There were no design changes involved in the rebuild.



BLACKFISH

Ron Zarrella
Jim Taylor 49' Sloop (2017)

'Blackfish' is what the Native Americans of Nantucket called the Orca, which is considered one of the fastest creatures in the sea. The Indian Marine hunters would not kill the Blackfish because they considered it sacred; for when a mariner died in the hunt, their spirit became the Blackfish.



EMPRESS OF BLANDINGS

Adam Glick
First Light 34' Ketch (2018)

Designed not for speed, but rather to assure that no Chardonnay will spill in 15kts of wind. She took inspiration from Holger Danske, and Danish working boats.



FANCY

Geoffery Verney
Alfred Sanford 50' Sloop (1985)

FANCY was an R&D project that experimented with a number of new concepts. She was built from the inside-out. Her keel and centerline structure were built first, then her interior, her systems, and her deck. Finally her hull was built around it all.



FORTUNA

Bill Liddle
Alerion



FORTUNE

John Taft
Crownshield 50' Schooner (1926)



GENTIAN

Benjamin Sperry
S&S 67' Yawl (1936)



DORADE
Matt Brooks
S&S 52' Yawl (1930)

With a storied history, *DORADE* was designed late in 1929 by Olin Stephens and was launched from the Minneford Yacht Yard. Construction oversight was by Olin's younger brother, Rod. She was used as the Stephen's family yacht and went onto win many of the world's biggest ocean races. Seventy years later, following *DORADE*'s restoration, the goal was to repeat all of the major ocean races the yacht had won in the 1930s, matching or bettering her original performance in the Transatlantic, Newport-Bermuda, Fastnet and TransPacific ocean races of which she was successful! dorade.org for more.



GYRE
Christopher Kennedy
Einar Ohlson 40' Sloop (1967)



GALAVANT
John Tagiuri
Sydney DeWolf Herreshoff 42' Ketch (2003)

Sydney Herreshoff designed the sister ship of this boat, Arion, in 1950 as the "first" fiberglass yacht of Dyer Dow! *GALAVANT* was built by Damian McLaughlin who had restored Arion.



GLEAM
Grady Durham
12 Meter Sloop (1937)

Clinton Crane built *GLEAM* for his own use using an innovative method of tank testing. After many years racing and few restorations, she was recently restored in 2020 and won the Camden Classics Cup earlier this month.



LARK
John Kerry
45' Alden Gaff Cutter (1932)

John Kerry was first introduced to *LARK* as a boy during summers on Naushon Island, where she first launched in 1932, she has changed hands and been refit since. Now both he and his brother in law, David Thorne are excited to see her return to familiar waters.



MAGIC
Oliver LaFarge
Alerion



MYTH
Tom Giovine
Alerion

KIRAWN

Daniel Levangie
Philip Rhodes 53' Sloop (1936)

'Kirawan', a Persian word meaning "peace of mind" was built in Brooklyn at the yard of Jacobson & Peterson, with the most striking feature being her doghouse. *KIRAWAN* raced in the 1936 Newport to Bermuda Race during which the tail-end of a hurricane lashed the fleet and won. She has been all over the world completing multiple TransPacs and passed through many hands of owners before finding her way back to the East Coast. For even more history, check out her profile on classicyachts.org (QR Code on the bottom of the page will take you there).



LYNX

Lynx Educational Foundation
122' Schooner (2001)

LYNX was built as an on deck experiential teaching platform. *LYNX* arrived in Nantucket in 2010 by Captain Donald Peacock in search of a maritime partner to expose Nantucket's great maritime heritage and to share this national treasure. *LYNX* is a educational platform for the Egan Maritime Institutes Sea of Opportunities, curriculum with the Nantucket public and private schools, a unique relationship within a community collaborating with a. The accomplishments are strong in this small island and the 2 organizations are most proud of the maritime legacy we have fostered. 12 graduates of the SOO curriculum have gone on to earn degrees at Maritime

Academy's or US Coast Guard as careers, Captain Donald Peacock and son captain Alex Peacock have a life long relationship with Nantucket and until recently were property owners, it is here where Capt. Don was inspired by the traditional sailed vessels visiting Nantucket during his youth that his interest was manifested as a boy.



MAH JONG

Pat Ilderton
52' S&S Yawl (1957)

MAH JONG was built at the original Cheoy Lee shipyard in Hong Kong in 1957. Her maiden voyage she sailed to Newport RI where she competed in the Newport to Bermuda Races. Recently purchased by Pat Ilderton and restored by Gannon and Benjamin shipyard on the Vineyard.



POLLY

Peter Gallant
Richard Davis 55' Sloop (1945)

By the time owner Gallant found her in a field, she had been dry docked since 1989, where she had been left to rot, *POLLY* had come a long way from the glory days at the Nevins yard, and a successful racing career in California during the 1960s and 1970s.

Gallant assessed, disassembled, and replaced every part of the boat as needed.

While he appreciates historically accurate restorations, he said, *POLLY* already had been changed by previous owners over 66 years. His philosophy was "to honor the original builder's and designer's intentions," while readying the boat to sail long and hard in the 21st century."

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OUTLIER

Harvey Jones
Marcelino Botin 55' (2019)

OUTLIER is a custom 55-foot cold-molded wooden yacht designed by Botin Partners of Santander, Spain; built at the Brooklin Boatyard. She is a spirit of tradition racer and daysailer engineered for performance. While she has a modern underbody with a deep, fixed-bulb keel, *OUTLIER*'s aesthetic above the waterline is decidedly traditional with a roomy cockpit, closed transom and classic housetop. Above the deck, the three-spreader mast and boom are fabricated in light weight carbon fiber. Her distinctive sails are molded laminates, developed for the Volvo Around the World Ocean Race. The accommodations below decks are clean, classic, and simple. The

interior is built with paneled vertical grain American white oak and the cabin sole is made of English brown oak. There is a spacious main salon amidships which connects to a simple galley and well-equipped navigation station. A quarter berth aft offers sleeping accommodations while underway, and a forward cabin has four bunks for crew plus a full head.

The development of *OUTLIER* was an international project with major contributions from Spain, Holland, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. The time from initial concept to launch & first sail was less than 18 months. She rates as the fastest boat in the Classic Yacht Owner's Association 2021 Spirit of Tradition fleet and is proud to call Nantucket her homeport.



OWL

Sven Holch
Alerion



ONAWA

McMillen Yachts
12 Meter Sloop (1926)

ONAWA was one of six nearly identical 12mRs designed by W. Starling Burgess and built in 1928 at the Abeking & Rasmussen yard in Lemwerder, Germany. Each was commissioned by a prominent member of the New York Yacht Club. Her original owner was W. Cameron Forbes of Boston

who sailed her from a homeport at his family-owned Elizabeth Islands. In 1934, she was purchased by Horace F. Smith of Philadelphia who raced her under the Conanicut Yacht Club burgee. During WWII her keel was claimed by the war effort and repurposed as submarine ballast.

In 1989, *ONAWA* was virtually abandoned and derelict when Earl McMillen first saw her in a City Island (Bronx, NY) shipyard. In 1991, she was purchased by Robert H. Tiedemann, Daniel Prentiss and Alfred B. Van Liew II, who returned the boat to Newport and restored its name to Onawa. Restoration was paused in 1999 until 2001 when she was re-launched on June 9, 2001, just in time to be loaded onto the Dockwise ship that transported dozens of U.S. yachts across the Atlantic to the Isle of Wight. While at the Jubilee, US-6 competed among 34 12mRs, at the spectacular, historic event. Thereafter, she returned to sail and race at Newport through 2014, when she was donated to a Block Island charity. In 2018, McMillen Yachts reacquired Onawa with a new syndicate of partners including Chris Culver, Mark Watson and Stephen Gewirz who provided another thorough restoration to with an eye to the 2019 12mR World Championship, where she placed 2nd in her division as well as taking second place at the New York Yacht Club's 175th Anniversary Regatta.



PHEBE

Nathaniel Philbrick
Bruce Kirby Yawl 38' (2010)



THE BLUE PETER
Mathew Barker
Alfred Mylne 65' Sloop (1930)

Named *THE BLUE PETER* for luck, after the 'P' flag, which is used as the preparatory signal before starting a race. It worked. She won over 50 races in and around the south coast of England over the next 20 years, sailing out of The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Burnham-on-Crouch.

The teak used in the construction of her hull was brought from Thailand in 1870. Her first owner Desmond Molins decided in 1938 that he wanted a bigger boat, but he loved *THE BLUE PETER* so much that he decided to have her lengthened by nearly 10 feet. She remains true to these plans to this day.



RHAPOSODY
Chad Kilvert
Alerion



SIREN
Peter Cassidy
NY 32 (1936)



SERENDIPITY
Harry Rein
Alerion



UNA
Rick Nopper
Alerion



JUNO
Robert Soros
Nat Benjamin 65' Schnoer (2003)

Surprisingly nimble yet powerful schooner. New England Summers and Eastern Caribbean winters. Loves Big wind days!!



UNCLE BENNY
Samuel Lawrence
H Manley Crosby 25'Sloop (1928)

Winner of first Wianno Senior Class Championship in 1949



VIKING O
Jeb Fowler
Bertil Bothen 28' Ketch (1937)

Commissioned by a James Hollwey of Ireland in 1937, lovingly restored by Richard Bartley.



TICONDEROGA
Scott Frantz
Herreshoff Ketch 72' (1936)

TICONDEROGA is a living legend that's still going strong, and her story is replete with the lure of the sea, the feel of a wooden hull and the tales of the characters who have kept her on course. *TICONDEROGA* was designed with comfort in mind, but the big ketch proved herself more than a decent day sailor. Line honors and course records began to stack up in the mid 1930's, and 30 years later, Ti was still at it — setting the record for the Los Angeles to Honolulu Race. In between, she carved tracks in the ocean between Tahiti and Copenhagen, not just arriving at those landfalls but setting course records for offshore races.



ROGUE
Seville H. Simonds
Herreshoff/S&S 37' Sloop (1892)



SENTEBALE
Richard & Sabine Griffin
Alerion



SUMMER WIND
Dana Brackett
Concordia Yawl 40' (1928)



SANTANA
Hyperion Maritime Holdings
S&S 55' Yawl (1935)



SCHEHERAZADE
Marshall Pagon
Alerion



ZEMPHIRA
Tenacious Holdings LLC
Stephens Waring 76' Sloop ('05)



WILD HORSES
Donal Tofias
Joel White 76' Sloop (1945)

W-76 racing yacht was conceived to pay homage to the legendary New York 50s, the thundering J-Class boats, and the nimble 12-Meters. The W-76 was the last of more than fifty distinctive designs from the drawing board of the late Joel White, the naval architect acclaimed for so beautifully reincarnating traditional wooden vessels using the most modern construction techniques.

SAVE THE DATE

50th Anniversary



Friday, August 19, 2022

Opera House Cup 50th Anniversary Gala

The Nantucket Hotel

Creative black tie evening of fun featuring dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Classic Yacht Exhibition

Nantucket Boat Basin

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Parade of Wooden Boats

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Nymph—Sewel 29' 2021



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Outlier—Botin 55' 2019



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Sonny—Johnson 91' 2018



Foggy—Frers/Gehry 74' 2015

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