



The 39th Annual



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**Sunday August 21, 2011
Nantucket, Massachusetts USA**

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority:

Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.

Hosts:

Nantucket Yacht Club (NYC)

Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC)

Nantucket Community Sailing (NCS)

The Nantucket Race Week Committee

The Opera House Cup 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 13-14) and the Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta in Newport (September 3-4).

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* .

- 1.2 Arbitration may be used for protests of Part 2 Rules. This does not remove the right to a protest hearing.
- 1.3 The following prescriptions of the US national authority will **not** apply: Prescriptions to Rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4.
- 1.4 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 "4".
- 1.5 Each skipper should be a member of U.S. Sailing
- 1.6 All yachts shall have a fully operable VHF radio on board.
- 1.7 Spinnakers, drifters or multi-purpose sails are prohibited, however rigged.
- 1.8 Poles longer than 110% of the yachts "J" measurement are prohibited.
- 1.9 Yachts may use a golly-wobbler
- 1.10 Yachts must utilize bare-headed sail changes
- 1.11 Staysails must be hanked-on a wire, on centerline
- 1.12 Yachts can utilize a mizzen staysail in its intended manner
- 1.13 Yachts 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
- 1.14 If a yacht 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 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.)
- 1.15 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.
- 1.16 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.

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 Committee)
- 3.2 Skippers must complete and submit the regatta entry form available at www.operahousecup.org or www.nantucketraceweek.org together with a **current and valid** CRF Rating Certificate along with the applicable fees prior to August 8, 2011. Entries may be submitted online via the web site at www.operahousecup.org or www.nantucketraceweek.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, valid certificate, and completed entries have been received by the Organizing Authority by the deadline.

- 3.3 **A 2011 CRF rating is required for all yachts.** Download the 2011 CRF Rating Form at www.operahousecup.org or www.nantucketraceweek.org. Send the CRF application form with check for \$25 to Chris Wick at PO Box 319; Mystic, CT 06355. Call or e-mail Chris Wick with questions at mischief@snet.net or 860-460-3990.
- 3.4 The organizing authority may, in its sole discretion, accept any late entry.

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 20 at Lyman Perry-Hutker Architects at 30 Washington Street, 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 any entries, including incomplete entries, received after August 8, 2011. 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.
- 4.3 **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.

5 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 39th Annual Opera House Cup. This will be done at the Panerai hospitality tent.

Late entry closes at 1800, Saturday, August 20, 2011.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 Harbor Start is at 1000, Sunday August 21, 2011.
- 6.2 Rainbow Parade commences at 0930, 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 21, 2011.
- 6.4 The OHC Awards Party is planned for approximately 1800 – 2200 on Sunday August 21st at the Jetties Beach Concession site.
- 6.5 The schedule of events is shown below:

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Thursday, August 18	1000 – 1700 1830	Late entry/ registration/check-in and bag pickup at Panerai hospitality tent, Nantucket Yacht Club NRW Regatta Dinner at Nantucket Yacht Club
Friday, August 19	1000 – 1700 1930	Late entry/registration/check-in and bag pickup at Panerai hospitality tent, Nantucket Yacht Club Shipwreck Ball at Nantucket Yacht Club
Saturday, August 20	1000 – 1800 1830	Late entry/registration/check-in and bag pickup at Panerai hospitality tent, Nantucket Yacht Club; provisional scratch sheet and class assignments available OHC Skippers Party and Late Check-In / Bag Pick-Up at Lyman Perry-Hutker Architects, 30 Washington Street
Sunday, August 21	0800 - 0930 0930 1000 1200 1800 - 2200	Final scratch sheets and class assignments available, Panerai hospitality tent. Rainbow Parade start OHC Harbor Start OHC First warning signal OHC Awards Party, Jetties Beach

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Every yacht shall submit a valid, current CRF certificate together with her entry application. The CRF Measurement Committee 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.
- 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 39th 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 18, 2011, and at the Late Registration/check-in at the Panerai tent at the Nantucket Yacht Club, starting August 18, 2011.
- 8.2 Provisional scratch sheets and Class Assignments will be available at the Panerai hospitality tent on Saturday August 20th.
- 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 21, 2011.

9 VENUE

Races will be held on Nantucket Sound with the anticipated 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 arbitration and or protests, if any, immediately following the completion of racing.

12 SCORING

All scoring will be based upon the CRF 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 CRF Rating Formula. There will be keeper trophies for the first three yachts on corrected time.

13.2 Panerai will award a Panerai RADIOMIR 8 Days GMT Watch to the skipper of the yacht winning the Opera House Cup section of the North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge. This Challenge is comprised of three regattas: Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta-Marblehead (Aug. 13-14), Opera House Cup-Nantucket (Aug. 21), and MoY Classic Yacht Regatta-Newport (Sept. 3-4)

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

13.4 The First to Finish Trophy will be awarded for the yacht with the best elapsed time.

13.5 The Robert H. Tiedemann Trophy will be awarded to the best-maintained Classic yacht determined by the OHC Committee.

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 will be available at the event.

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:

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

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