



Information Regarding Opera House Cup Regatta Changes

Dear Competitors:

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday August 17th, for the 53rd Edition of the Opera House Cup Regatta. For those who have sailed in past races, you will notice some changes this year.

Our objective is set a racecourse that better aligns with the Classic Rating Formula's handicap system. To do so, we are giving our PRO more flexibility to design a race that balances windward, leeward and reaching legs. We hope to achieve this by adding several mark positions, but more significantly, by adding alternate placements for the Starting and Finishing lines.

What this means for you: In past years, our sailing instructions provided for 15 possible geographic courses, and the position of the Start/Finish line was fixed at 0.8 nm east of the bell buoy marking the approach to Nantucket Harbor. In many years, this resulted in courses that were heavily weighted to reaching legs at the expense of upwind and downwind legs.

For 2025, there will be no advisory of possible courses the prior evening. The Race Committee will set the course on the morning of the race based on the latest wind forecast. The location of the Check-in boat, the position of the starting and finishing lines, the course, and the starting times for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board at 0830. The Race Committee will make periodic 'courtesy' announcements throughout the morning advising of the Check-in boat position, the starting line placement and the course. Competitors may also confirm their starting time when checking in with the Check-in boat.

Competitors wishing to prepare for the race in advance should program into their plotters the possible Signal Boat positions as well as the mark locations, which are listed in the Sailing Instructions. When the course is announced, the course can be programmed using the pre-loaded mark positions.

We hope that the wind Gods bless us with favorable conditions, and that these changes make for a fair race that better reflects each boat's CRF rating. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Good Sailing!

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