



A Part of Nantucket Race Week  
August 14-15, 2026

## NOTICE OF RACE

### ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.

Regatta website [www.nantucketraceweek.org](http://www.nantucketraceweek.org)

### HOSTS

The Nantucket Yacht Club (NYC), Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC), Nantucket Community Sailing (NCS), the Nantucket Race Week Committee (NRW), and the Classic Yacht Owners Association (CYOA). The Nantucket Regatta is part of the CYOA Classic Yachts Challenge Series.

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As of March 17, 2026



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**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions will apply, except the US Sailing Prescriptions to (i) the preamble of Part 5, Section B, and, (ii) to RRS 63.1 shall not apply.
- 1.3. The rules of the 2026 CYOA Classic Yachts Challenge Series will apply for boats participating in that Series. Rules may be found at Classic Yacht Challenge Series, [HERE](#).
- 1.4. Competitors from outside the U.S. may carry personal flotation devices approved by their nation's certification authority to meet the carriage requirements.
- 1.5. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”
- 1.6. The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification [DP], for violation of the class rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and Part 2. The notation “[DP]” in a rule in this Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board three days prior to the regatta.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is online [HERE](https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50687) (<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50687>).
- 3.2. [DP] Each team shall bring their own VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 71-74.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions and may be redesignated on the water based on radio traffic. The first broadcast will be 0830 on the first day of racing.
- 3.4. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.
- 3.5. The race committee will use a WhatsApp group chat to communicate with competitors ashore and while on the water. Competitors will be asked to register with the Race Committee two WhatsApp-equipped mobile devices at registration time. WhatsApp communications will be unofficial and issues as a courtesy to the competitors.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. Boats with a minimum LOA of 22' with current and valid 2026 CRF or PHRF-NE ratings are eligible.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form available online [HERE](https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50687) (<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50687>) and submitting the required fee no later than Thursday, August 13 at 1700. Your rating certificate will be verified as current when your entry is received.
- 4.3. A Schooner CRF class is also invited.
- 4.4. Boats in any Division may be divided into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Sub-Divisions.
- 4.5. Divisions or Sub-Divisions with fewer than five entries may be combined with other Divisions or Sub-Divisions, and be assigned to the same Starting Class as other Divisions or Sub-Divisions.
- 4.6. To apply for a PHRF-NE rating certificate, go to [www.phrfne.org](http://www.phrfne.org) To apply for a CRF rating certificate, go to <https://www.classicyachts.org/ratings/>.
- 4.7. One Design starts may be created at the discretion of the Organizing Authority if four or more competitors enter any One Design class no later than Thursday, August 13 at 1700.
- 4.8. A preliminary scratch sheet will be published by 0900 on Thursday, August 13. Boats may change Divisions no later than 0900 on the day of the first race. The final scratch sheet will be posted at 0930 on the day of the first race.



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- 4.9. All boats shall register at the Regatta Desk at the Nantucket Yacht Club on Thursday, August 13 between 0900-1700.
- 4.10. The Organizing Authority may, at its sole discretion, accept any late entry.
- 4.11. Membership in US Sailing is encouraged.

**5. FEES**

- 5.1. The entry fee for the two-day Nantucket Regatta is \$425. \$150 of the entry fee is a tax-deductible charitable contribution to NCS.
- 5.2. If racing on Saturday only, the entry fee is \$300. \$50 of the entry fee is a tax-deductible charitable contribution to NCS.
- 5.3. Boats which are eligible to race in the Opera House Cup Regatta may enter in both events, and the fee for all three days is \$825. \$250 of the entry is a tax-deductible charitable contribution to NCS.
- 5.4. Entries, including current rating certificates, and/or fees received after August 7, 2026 will be assessed a late fee of: (a) for the Nantucket Regatta (both days): \$100; and (b) for the Nantucket Regatta (Saturday only): \$75. Boats registering after June 15, 2026 for both the Nantucket Regatta and Opera House Cup shall be assessed a late fee of \$125. Late fees are a tax-deductible contribution to NCS.
- 5.5. All entries shall be submitted and completed (including valid certificate and fee) no later than August 13, 2026 at 1700.

**6. ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

**7. SCHEDULE**

- 7.1. The first warning signal will be 1100 on both days. The Schooner Class warning will be 1145.
- 7.2. Four races are scheduled for all classes except the Schooner. The Schooner Class will have one random-leg course each day.
- 7.3. Competitors are invited to register for the social events on the [Nantucket Race Week](#) website. Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis:
  - 7.3.1. Friday, August 14 1800: NCS 2026 Gala at the Nantucket Hotel.
  - 7.3.2. Saturday, Aug 15 1730: Classic Yacht Exhibition, Straight Wharf.
  - 7.3.3. Saturday, Aug 15 1830: Brewery Night Dinner at the Nantucket Yacht Club
- 7.4. The Award Ceremony will be held at the Nantucket Yacht Club as soon as practicable after the conclusion of racing, and targeted for 1630.

**8. SAIL IDENTIFICATION**

[DP] In accordance with RRS Appendix G1.2(a)(3), "National letters and sail numbers shall be...of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail..."

**9. VENUE**

The racing areas will be in the Nantucket Sound.

**10. COURSES**

- 10.1. The courses, except for Schooners, will be windward-leeward or triangles.
- 10.2. Schooner courses will be a single random-leg course each day using mostly government buoys.

**11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.



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**12. SCORING**

- 12.1. One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 12.2. PHRF and CRF time allowances will be computed using time-on-distance.
- 12.3. A boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores, with no score excluded.
- 12.4. For boats competing in the CYOA Series, only the best 3 races count towards the Series.
- 12.5. Results will be posted on the [NRW Website](#) following the regatta.

**13. PRIZES**

- 13.1. First, second, and third place overall prizes may be awarded for each Division. Best performance will be awarded the *Gifford Bowl* and the best locally-sailed performance wins the *Halsted-Reiner Trophy*.
- 13.2. *The Commodores' Cup* will be awarded to the boat with the best combined performance in the Nantucket Regatta and Opera House Cup.
- 13.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

**14. INSURANCE**

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

**15. CLEAN REGATTA**

Nantucket Race Week is committed to maintaining Nantucket's clean waters and shores. All NRW participants are encouraged to follow clean and responsible practices.

**16. DISCLAIMER OF 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 RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers, Nantucket Race Week L.L.C., the Nantucket Yacht Club, Great Harbor Yacht Club, Nantucket Community Sailing, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Technical 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, disease or illness to any person sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, crews and support persons) 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.

**17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Nantucket Community Sailing  
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Website [Nantucket Race Week](#)