



NOTICE OF RACE

YOUTH OPTIMIST REGATTA

August 6-7, 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

Nantucket Race Week, L.L.C.

Regatta website www.nantucketraceweek.org

HOSTS

The Nantucket Yacht Club (NYC), Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC), Nantucket Community Sailing (NCS) and the Nantucket Race Week Committee (NRW).

Nantucket Race Week merchandise and gear is available for customization. Gear can be ordered online at the [NCS Store](#) and can be picked up daily during Nantucket Race Week, or prior by arrangement, at the Nantucket Community Sailing office at 4 Winter Street.

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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.
- 1.3. 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”

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. 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/notice_board/50721) (https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board/50721).
- 3.2. On the water the race committee will communicate verbally and/or by signals on a white board.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Entry is open to Optimist Class boats.
- 4.2. Prior to entering, local sailors from NCS, NYC, or GHYC must have approval from their Program Director to participate in the NRW Youth Optimist Regatta and to reserve a program boat for this event. Entrants who have not received this approval (it can be verbal) may not be eligible for participation and any fees will be refunded in full. Contact info for Program Directors:
 - 4.2.1. Nantucket Yacht Club Justin@nantucketyachtclub.org
 - 4.2.2. Great Harbor Yacht Club econway@ghyc.com
- 4.3. Nantucket Community sailing: Emily@nantucketsailing.org Each sailor's parent or guardian must complete a Waiver & Medical Form, which will be emailed after his or her registration is received.
 - 4.3.1.
- 4.4. Optimist sailors shall be juniors who have not reached their 16th birthday in 2026.
- 4.5. Applicants must complete the online entry form [HERE](https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50721) (https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50721), by **Tuesday August 4, 2026 at 1800**.
- 4.6. Each sailor's parent or guardian must complete a Waiver & Medical Form, which will be emailed after his or her registration is received.

5. FEES

The entry fee is \$45 per participant. Participants should bring water and snacks on both days, and lunch on Friday, August 7.

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The regatta will be sailed over two days: August 6 and 7, 2026.
- 7.2. There will be no competitors meeting. Coaches will verbally deliver instructions ahead of rigging at home clubs.
- 7.3. On Thursday, August 6, the first warning signal will be at 1300.
- 7.4. On Friday, August 7 the first warning signal will be at 1000.
- 7.5. No race will be started after 1530 on Thursday, August 6. No race will be started after 1430 on Friday, August 7.
- 7.6. Multiple races are planned each day.
- 7.7. Awards are scheduled at 1600 at Nantucket Yacht Club on Friday, August 7.



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7.8. Families are invited to gather on the NYC lawn following the awards ceremony for snacks and beverages.

8. VENUE

The available racing areas in Nantucket Harbor will be shown in the Sailing Instructions.

9. COURSES

To be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

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.

11. SCORING

11.1. One completed race constitutes a regatta.

11.2. Boats will be scored in two Divisions: Green and Championship.

11.3. As permitted in RRS 90.3(b), when five or more races are completed, one worst score will be excluded, from that boat’s series score. This modifies RRS A2.1.

11.4. Results will be posted [HERE \(https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative/50721\)](https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative/50721) following the regatta.

12. SAFETY

All competitors shall wear, while on the water, US Coast Guard approved PFD, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, in accordance with RRS 40.1. The penalty for breach of this rule is DSQ, without a hearing, in accordance with RRS 60.5(b)(3).

13. PRIZES

13.1. First, second, and third place prizes may be awarded in each Division.

13.2. The top-performing skipper in a one-design fleet during the entire week will also receive a special prize.

14. CLEAN REGATTA

The Organizing Authority is committed to maintaining Nantucket’s clean waters and shores. All NRW participants are encouraged to follow the goals and requirements of the Clean Regatta Program.

15. 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.



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16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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