



NOTICE OF RACE IOD CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL REGATTA AUGUST 12-14, 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), the Nantucket Race Week Committee (NRW) and the Nantucket IOD Fleet Association (NIODFA).

Nantucket Race Week merchandise and gear is available for customization and order 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. IOD Class Rule A.16.1.G.2, which is specified in full in Addendum A, will apply.
- 1.4. *Appendix V1*, PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT will apply.
- 1.5. *Appendix T*, ARBITRATION may be available. If so, it will be noted on the Official Notice Board on the morning of each race day.
- 1.6. 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”
- 1.7. 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/50731) (<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50731>).
- 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 may 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.
- 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 may 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 a WhatsApp -equipped mobile device at registration time. WhatsApp communications will be unofficial and issues as a courtesy to the competitors.

4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. Upon confirmation of invitation to the regatta, teams may enter by registering [HERE](https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50731) (<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50731>) , together with the required fee and deposit, no later than June 5, 2026.
- 4.2. Participation is limited to the number of available boats. If there are more entries than boats, the Organizing Authority will select the teams to participate.
- 4.3. Teams shall consist of five sailors, of whom one is the Celebrity Tactician. See Section 13. A team may consist of four sailors with written permission of the OA.
- 4.4. The Organizing Authority may, at its sole discretion, accept any late entry.
- 4.5. Skippers are encouraged to be members of US Sailing.
- 4.6. All competitors, skippers and crew, shall sign a Waiver prior to the regatta.

5. **ENTRY FEE & DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$3,000, of which \$2,200 is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution to NCS. The entry fee includes:



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- 5.1.1. Use of boats.
- 5.1.2. A distinguished “Celebrity Tactician” as part of your team.
- 5.1.3. For participants, four tickets to Wednesday evening’s Opening Reception at a private home. Additional tickets are available for purchase. The Organizing Authority will also provide a ticket for the Celebrity Tactician.
- 5.1.4. Five box lunches will be provided for all team members each race day.
- 5.1.5. Recognition for the skipper as a NRW Individual Sponsor at the Commodore level.
- 5.1.6. Subject to availability the Organizing Authority may be able to arrange housing accommodations with local hosts for three nights, Wednesday through Friday.
- 5.2. All teams will be required to provide a \$1,000 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by check (payable to NCS) or providing credit card information at registration. The deposit is a per-incident, per-boat maximum. If a team has more than one incident, or damages more than one boat, it is liable for up to \$1,000 for each boat damaged in each incident. While the designated Technical Committee will attempt to identify and attribute all damages to the teams responsible, material damage not covered by insurance, nor acknowledged by a team (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs may be charged to some or all teams on a pro-rated basis. After the conclusion of the regatta, the deposit will be returned, less any deductions for loss or damage incurred by the team during the regatta.
- 5.3. Tickets to all NRW social events may be purchased online (click on the Events & Activities tab) or at the Regatta Desk located at the NYC. Space is limited. Please make reservations in advance.
- 5.4. Visiting sailors will receive audit numbers for use at NYC and GHYC for drinks during Nantucket Race Week which can be paid for with a check or credit card.

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Seven races are planned.
- 7.2. The Competitors Meeting will be Thursday August 13 at 0830 at the NYC.
- 7.3. On Thursday August 13 there will be one or more practice start(s) beginning at 1000 followed by the first warning signal.
- 7.4. On Friday August 14 the first warning signal will be at 1000, and no warning signal will be made after 1430.
- 7.5. Social events:
 - 7.5.1. Opening Reception and Dinner, Wednesday August 12, 1830, private home
 - 7.5.2. Awards Ceremony Friday August 14 following racing, no earlier than 1600 at NYC

8. VENUE

The racing areas will be in Nantucket Sound, with areas depicted in the Sailing Instructions.

9. COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward, and utilize an offset mark and a leeward gate.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DP), for violation of racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and Part 2. This changes RRS 60.5(c).



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11. SCORING

- 11.1. One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 11.2. When six or more races are completed, one worst score will be excluded from that boat's series score, as permitted in RRS 90.3(b).
- 11.3. Results will be posted on the Celebrity Invitational Yacht Scoring page ([HERE](#)) following the regatta.

12. PRIZES

First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded. The overall winner's name will be added to the perpetual trophy, which features a sterling silver and gold International One Design half model created especially for the Celebrity Invitational by Alastair Crawford Silversmith LLC, dedicated in 2016 as the James Allsopp Memorial Trophy and which remains at the NYC.

13. CELEBRITY TACTICIANS

- 13.1. Each team shall have one Celebrity sailor of distinguished accomplishment whose participation will be arranged by the Organizing Authority. The Celebrity Tactician may act as tactician or coach, but may not helm the boat, except for brief periods, as necessary for safety.
- 13.2. Celebrity Tacticians are donating their time and talent for the benefit of NCS. Their participation is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated by the Hosts and Organizing Authority.
- 13.3. Prior to the Opening Night Reception, teams will have the opportunity, if they so choose, to bid on a Celebrity Tactician in a "black box," sealed-bid auction. Celebrity Tactician assignments will be unveiled at the Opening Night Dinner. Teams are not required to bid, and there is no minimum bid. However, in the unabashed spirit of encouraging contributions to NCS, and to improve the likelihood that each team races with the Celebrity Tactician of their choice, bids are encouraged. All bids will be kept strictly confidential.

14. CLEAN REGATTA

Nantucket Race Week 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, the NIODFA, 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.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Nantucket Community Sailing
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(508) 228-6600
Website: www.nantucketraceweek.org

ADDENDUM A

Excerpted from the IOD World Class Association Rules, Section A.16.1.G:

2. RIGGING & EQUIPMENT

- (a) The boats shall be sailed as provided by the NIODFA. Modifying the boats, altering, removing or adding any equipment or rigging, other than as provided for herein or in the Sailing Instructions is prohibited.
- (b) Permitted Supplemental Equipment & Modifications:
 - (i) Non-permanent lines or devices are permitted unless otherwise prohibited, provided that they are removed following each day of racing. Examples include wind indicators (telltales), removable non-residue tape, personal flotation devices, other personal or safety gear, tools, spare winch handles, spare hiking sticks, fenders, docking lines, towing lines.
 - (ii) Temporary marks may be made only with pencils, washable markers or grease pencils, provided that such marks shall be completely removed after each day, leaving no trace.
 - (iii) Modifications are permitted for emergency repairs.
- (c) No adjustments may be made to the standing rigging, except that the jumper stays and backstay may be adjusted within normal tolerances. Movement of the mast in the step or at the partners is not permitted.
- (d) Running rigging shall be used as supplied and intended. No purchase may be added to existing rigging.
- (e) Equipment supplied with the boats shall remain aboard at all times, unless removed for repair or replacement.
- (f) The hulls may not be scrubbed, washed, wet-sanded or otherwise treated below the waterline except as designated by the Chief Technical Officer.