NOTICE OF RACE
2017 YOUTH OPTI REGATTA

A Part of Nantucket Race Week
Monday-Tuesday, August 14-15, 2017

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Nantucket Race Week LLC
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 (NRW) Committee.

Merchandise for NRW can be ordered and customized in advance at the website and will be available at both yacht clubs during NRW.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing,* including Appendix V (Alternative Penalties).

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Prior to entering, local sailors from NCS, NYC, or GHYC should have approval from their Program Director to participate in the Opti NRW 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 will be refunded in full.

3.2 Sailors from off-island junior/youth programs are encouraged to enter, but should understand that this is a BYOB regatta. Housing and coaching assistance are not provided. Charter club boats may be available, with or without rigs and blades. For charter boat availability, contact the NCS Program Director as shown in item 17 below. A charter fee and damage deposit will apply. See item 12 below.

3.3 Opti sailors shall be juniors who have not reached their 16th birthday in 2017.

3.4 Nantucket applicants must be approved by their program head:

- Nantucket Community Sailing Emily@nantucketsailing.org
- Nantucket Yacht Club Justin@nantucketyachtclub.org
- Great Harbor Yacht Club ehermanek@ghyc.com

3.5 Sailors will be placed in Green or Championship Fleets according to instructors' recommendation. In general,

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local sailors who have competed off-island in regattas will be placed in the Championship Fleet while novice racers who have not competed off-island will be placed in the Green Fleet. Visitors should select their Fleet accordingly.

3.6 All applicants must complete the entry form, including the waiver and medical, online (click on the Sailing tab) by Sunday, **August 13 at 1800**.

3.7 The Organizing Authority, may, in its sole discretion, accept any late entry.

3.8 Membership in US Sailing is encouraged.

4 FEES

4.1 The entry fee is $50 per participant.

4.2 The entry fee includes a t-shirt, lunch both days, and one ticket to the Family BBQ and daily Awards Ceremony at GHYC on Monday night. Shirts will be presented on Tuesday at the Awards Ceremony.

4.3 Van service to and from Nantucket Ice Rink is available for $10 including both days.

4.4 The fee for guests for the Monday night cookout will be $30 per person. Tickets for children (12 and under) are $15 per person. Tickets may be purchased online or at the entrance to the BBQ at GHYC on Monday evening. Online tickets may be claimed at Will-Call.

4.5 Tickets for all NRW social events may be purchased online (click on the Overview/Social Events tab) or at the Regatta Desk located at the NYC. Space is limited. Please make reservations early.

4.6 Box lunches and water will be provided to participants on both race days. Participants who have food allergies should bring their own lunch.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions, including the courses to be sailed, will be available online by August 10 and at the Regatta Desk located at the NYC, and at the competitors meeting.

6 SCHEDULE

Monday, August 14

0830	Check in at Ice Rink if registered for van service.
Before 0900	All competitors to NCS Polpis Harbor.
0915	NCS sailors check-in on shore at Polpis Harbor, 18 Wauwinet Road
0930	Competitors meeting, Polpis Harbor
1100	First warning signal
1600	All sailors picked up on shore at Polpis Harbor (see 9.2 below)
1615	Pick up from van service at Ice Rink
1800	Cookout and daily awards, GHYC

Tuesday, August 15

0800	Check in at Ice Rink if registered for van service.
0830	All sailors meet at NCS Polpis Harbor to check-in and rig boats. NCS is supplying round trip van service from the elementary school. Please sign up for this service when you enter.
1000	First warning signal
1500	All sailors picked up on shore at Polpis Harbor (see 9.2 below)
1515	Pick up from van service at Ice Rink
1630	Awards Ceremony and t-shirts, NYC

7 VENUE

The available racing areas inside Nantucket harbor will be shown in the sailing instructions.

8 SCORING

8.1 Fifteen races are scheduled.

8.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta.

8.3 If five or more races are completed, one worst score will be excluded, as permitted in RRS 90.3(b), from a boat's series score.

9 SAFETY

9.1 All competitors shall wear, while on the water, US Coast Guard approved PFD, except for brief periods while changing

clothing. The penalty for breach of this SI is DSQ, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

9.2 Sailors planning to leave by water with a parent or coach shall notify their Head Instructor.

10 Not used

11 PRIZES

11.1 Day One awards will be presented to the top three competitors in the Championship and Green fleets at the cookout at GHYC on Monday, August 14.

11.2 Overall awards will be presented to the top three competitors in the Championship and Green fleets at an awards ceremony after racing on Tuesday, August 15 at the NYC. Other awards may be given by the Organizing Authority.

11.3 The top-performing skipper in a one-design fleet will also receive a special NRW prize, to be presented Saturday, August 19 at the NYC.

12 CHARTER FEES AND DAMAGE DEPOSITS

12.1 For charter boats, boat damage deposits are in addition to the entry fee, and must be paid by a separate check or placed on a credit card.

12.2 Any competitors chartering a boat shall be required to post a damage deposit of $250 per boat at the time of entry. After the conclusion of the regatta, the deposit will be returned, less any deductions for loss or damage incurred by the competitor during the regatta. Additionally, damage deposits may be "pooled" to cover any unattributable loss or damage to the boats which occurred as a direct result of the use of the boats in the regatta. In such event, expenses shall be deducted from the pool, and the balance shall be returned to the competitors after the conclusion of the regatta.

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15 CLEAN REGATTA

Nantucket Race Week is committed to maintaining Nantucket's clean waters and shores, and is certified by Sailors for the Sea as a gold-level Clean Regatta. All NRW participants are encouraged to follow the goals and requirements of the Clean Regattas program.

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 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) and each parent or guardian of a competitor under the age of 16, individually and on behalf of his or her minor child, 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

For further information please contact:
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