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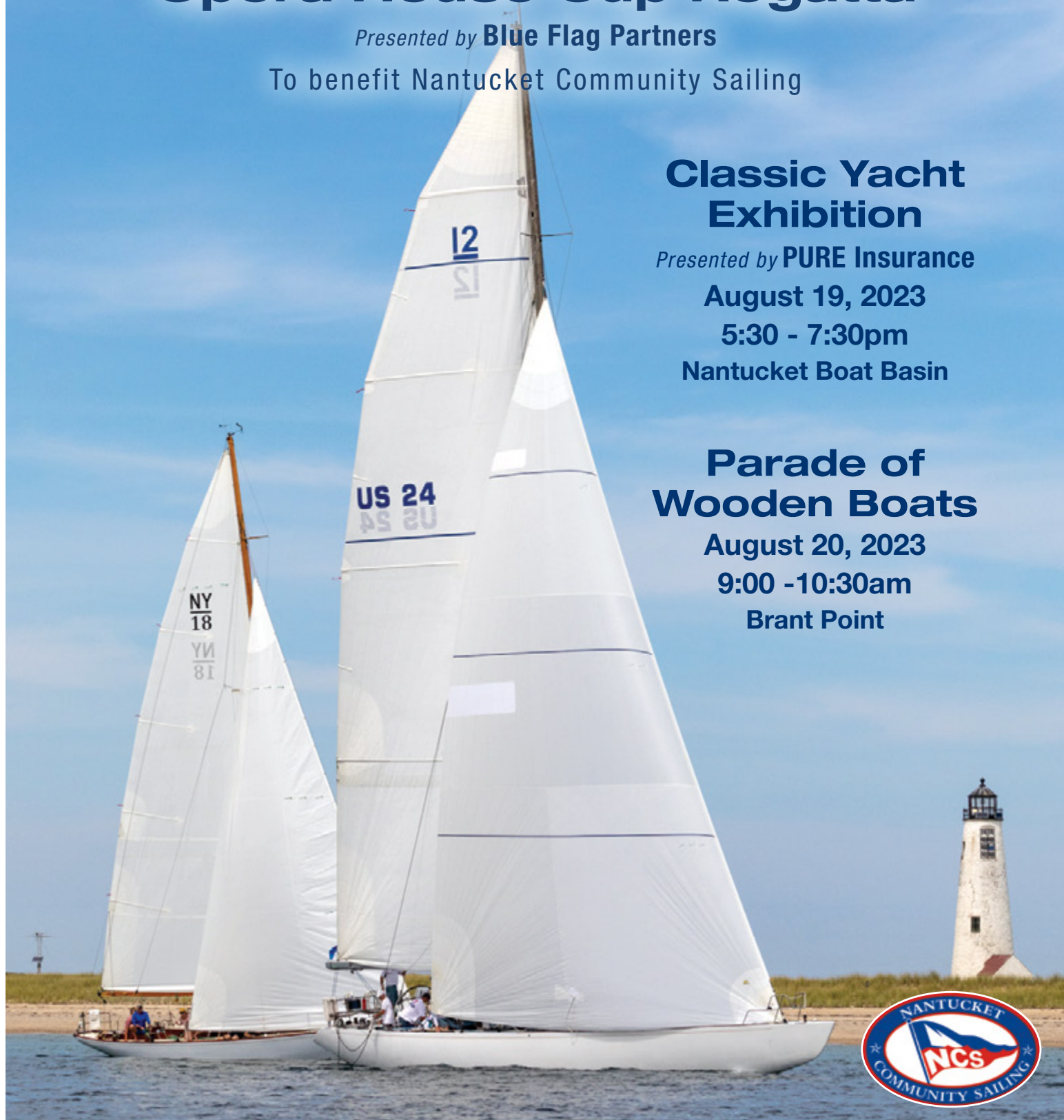
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Welcome to the 51st Opera House Cup Regatta presented by Blue Flag Partners, and the Classic Yacht Exhibition, presented by PURE Insurance. Nantucket Community Sailing is honored to host and be the non-profit beneficiary of these cherished events which celebrate classic yachts.

This brochure describes the amazing boats that participate in the Classic Yacht Exhibition and the Opera House Cup. The Exhibition showcases some favorite vintage yachts, lovely classic Concordia's, and introduces new competitors and race committee boats. The boats on display are some of the best boats by the top wooden boat designers of the past century, with a grand pedigree. The boats are crewed by families as well as some of the best sailors in the country. What they all have in common is their wooden soul, and the spirit of camaraderie and competition that is at the heart of the Opera House Cup.

We welcome you to stroll the docks and visit the boats on display which are flying the PURE Insurance banner. Please respect the rules of each boat – no shoes, no food, no drinks, no over-crowding on board.

Thank you to the boat owners and participants in the Classic Yacht Exhibition and the Opera House Cup Regatta, the many volunteers, and our sponsors and donors for making this event possible. We'd like to offer a special thanks to the majestic J class yacht *Ranger* for hosting our Sponsor Reception, and to Christian Miles for being the announcer for the Parade of Wooden Boats. Thanks also to the Opera House Cup Committee, the Nantucket Harbor Master, US Coast Guard Brant Point, Nantucket Moorings, and the Nantucket Boat Basin for their support. Thank you to Phil Smith, Louise Martling of Eleventh Hour Design, Poet's Corner Press, and the Classic Yacht Owner's Association for the design and production of this brochure.

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AMERICAN EAGLE

Alexander C. Valcic

A.E. Luders | 12 Meter Sloop | 1964

This iconic 12 Meter won most of the world's greatest ocean races. She began her career racing for the America's Cup in Newport. *AMERICAN EAGLE* was designed and built by A.E. Luders for the 1964 America's Cup Defense. She won the observation trials, but by the close of the season her rival had secured the right to defend the America's Cup.

AMERICAN EAGLE is most famous for her extraordinary history as an ocean racer under the command of Ted Turner. From 1969 to 1974, the brilliant red *AMERICAN EAGLE* ruled the offshore waters, winning the first World Ocean Racing Championship and setting records in the distinguished S.O.R.C., Fastnet and Sydney-Hobart Races. Ted Turner won the coveted "Yachtsman of the Year" award twice while owner/skipper and she was subsequently Ted Turner's stepping stone to his eventual America's Cup victory.



DAME

Nicholas Baxter and Josh Goldberg

C. Raymond Hunt | 39' Concordia Yawl | 1961

In 1961, Bruce Barnard of Quisset, MA bought Hull #86 in the long line of 103 extraordinary Concordia 39 Yawls (101 of which were built for Concordia by Abeking & Rasmussen between 1946 and 1966). The Concordia 39 Yawl is among the finest and largest lines of true wooden plank-on-frame boats ever built. Bruce named her *DAME OF SARK* (in honor of the quirky matriarch of the tiny Island of Sark in the British Isles). She is one of only a few of the Concordia 39 Yawls that arrived from Germany with an exquisite varnished mahogany brightwork hull.

In 2019, she was purchased by Nick Baxter and Josh Goldberg, the culmination of their search for a classic wooden boat in the range of 40' in length they could race in the CYOA Challenge Series. We shortened her name to *DAME* (as in – "There ain't nuttin' like a Dame..."). She is in nearly like-new conditions w/improved running rigging.



DORADE

Matt Brooks and Pam Levy

Sparkman & Stephens | 52' Yawl | 1930

With a storied history, *DORADE* was designed late in 1929 by Olin Stephens and was launched from the Minneford Yacht Yard. Construction oversight was by Olin's younger brother, Rod. She was used as the Stephen's family yacht and went on to win many of the world's biggest ocean races. Seventy years later, following *DORADE*'s restoration, the goal was to repeat all of the major ocean races the yacht had won in the 1930s, matching or bettering her original performance in the Transatlantic, Newport-Bermuda, Fastnet and TransPacific ocean races – of which she was successful! Go to dorade.org for more information.

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JUNO

Scott DiBiaso | Nat Benjamin | 65' Schooner
Built in 2001, completed in 2003

JUNO, built in 2003, is a 65-foot two-masted schooner, the largest of his designs. She was designed and built for racing and cruising, both actively pursued to this day by the original owners.



KATRINA

Barbara Kranichfeld | C. Raymond Hunt | 41' Concordia Yawl
Designed in 1957, built in 1963 by Abeking & Rasmussen

KATRINA's sweetly preserved state did not occur via a fluke of nature or simple good luck. It is directly attributable to an enviable set of circumstances: superior genetic origins (thanks to her legendary designers and builders) coupled with an increasingly rare case of multi-generational family TLC. Her hull is plank on frame construction using mahogany and Douglas fir on angelique and oak.



MARE

Donald Tofias | U.S. Navy M Boat, Cruiser | 1947

MARE was built by the Wilco Steel Boat Company next to the Brooklyn Navy Yard and launched in 1946 as an "M" boat, a 47' World War II design. Originally commissioned as a work boat for the US Navy acting as a yard vessel hauling supplies and materials. When she completed her service with the military, she was ready to retire and have some fun. *MARE* was conceived as "the old grey Mare" during her early years as the mothership for the W-Class yachts including Wild Horses, White Wings, Equus and Mustang. Reaching her early 70s, *MARE* was dressed up with black topsides and red bottom paint and is still the mothership and race committee boat for the W-Class Yacht Company and Sparkman & Stephens.



RANGER

Tom Aiken | 136' Starling Burgess and Olin Stephens/Reichel Pugh
J-Class Sloop | Designed in 1936, rebuilt in 2003 by Danish Yachts

In 1937, Burgess took a rising young naval architect named Olin Stephens into his quest for an America's Cup winner. The result was the J-class masterpiece, *RANGER*. She was without equal. The fastest of the J-Boats, she crossed the line 17 minutes ahead of *ENDEAVOUR II* in their first race. Those who saw *RANGER* called her the most beautiful, most powerful, and most destined to win.

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REBECCA OF VINEYARD HAVEN

Owned by Mystic Seaport Museum | 75' schooner | Designed by Nat Benjamin 1989, built by Gannon and Benjamin 2001



SERENA

Matt Brooks and Pam Levy | Motor Yacht 74' | 1964

The steel-hulled 74-foot motor yacht *SERENA* was launched in 1964 bearing two of the most illustrious names in the maritime industry—designed by the Italian Carlo Riva and built in the Netherlands by the De Vries Brothers, who would later be known as Feadship.

Six decades and several owners later, *Serena* has been restored to mint condition and serves as mothership to the Sparkman & Stephens-designed *DORADE*, launched in 1930 and still one of sailing's most active and successful ocean-racing competitors. The two vessels were built decades apart on different continents, but they are well-matched, both created by iconic designers whose boats revolutionized the boating industry.



SOPHIE

Will Duffell | 91' | Bruce King cutter | 1994

The 27.74m/91' sail yacht *SOPHIE* was built by Renaissance Yachts in the United States. This luxury vessel's exterior design is the work of Bruce King.

Sophie has been designed to comfortably accommodate up to 6 guests in 3 suites. She is also capable of carrying up to 3 crew onboard to ensure a relaxed luxury yacht experience.

Sophie is built with a mahogany hull and mahogany superstructure, with teak decks. *Sophie* comfortably cruises at 8 knots, reaches a maximum speed of 9 knots. Her water tanks store around 1,703 Litres of fresh water.



THE BLUE PETER

Mathew Barker | Alfred Mylne | 65' Sloop | 1930

THE BLUE PETER was built in 1930 by W. King & Son in Burnham-on-Crouch, UK. She was named *THE BLUE PETER* for luck, after the "P" flag which is used for the preparatory signal before starting a race.

The teak used in *THE BLUE PETER*'s hull was cut in 1870 and seasoned for 60 years before being used. Probably one of the reasons she is still 90% original below the waterline.

We are delighted to have *THE BLUE PETER* spend her summers on Nantucket. Note that *THE BLUE PETER* is on display for the Classic Yacht Exhibition on the dock at the end of Old North Wharf.

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THOR

George J. Ellis | Philip Rhodes | 42' Yawl | 1955

THOR is a Rhodes 29 (42.3' LOA) designed in 1955 by Philip L. Rhodes and built by Abeking & Rasmussen in Lemwerder, Germany. She was commissioned by A. Edward Thurber, Jr. of Long Island, NY.

Her original homeport was Oyster Bay, NY from where the Thurber family would cruise all summer long to Newport, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Upon Edward's passing in 1982 *THOR* would transfer ownership a few times, remaining in Long Island Sound and New England, with a brief period in Nassau, Bahamas. After a 37 year hiatus *THOR* found her way back to Thurber family stewardship in 2019 and has returned to Oyster Bay.



TICONDEROGA

Scott Frantz | L. Francis Herreshoff | Ketch 72' | 1936

TICONDEROGA is a living legend that's still going strong, and her story is replete with the lure of the sea, the feel of a wooden hull and the tales of the characters who have kept her on course.

TICONDEROGA was designed with comfort in mind, but the big ketch proved herself more than a decent day sailor. Line honors and course records began to stack up in the mid 1930's, and 30 years later, Ti was still at it — setting the record for the Los Angeles to Honolulu Race. In between, she carved tracks in the ocean between Tahiti and Copenhagen, not just arriving at those landfalls but setting course records for offshore races.



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ABIGAIL

Jesse Terry
John Alden | 39' Ketch | 1956



AMERICAN EAGLE

Jephtha Tausing
A.E. Luders | 67' 12 Meter Sloop | 1964



ANGELITA

Samuel W. Croll and Henry Skelsey
Nicholas Potter
Eight Metre Sloop | 1930



ANNIE

Phil Smith
K. Aage Nielsen | 34' Yawl | 1957



BLACK WATCH

Black Watch Alliance
Sparkman & Stephens | 67' Yawl
Designed and built in 1938, restored 2006



BLACKFISH

Ron & Carolyn Zarrella
Jim Taylor
49' Sloop | 2017



CAVALINO

Mike Toppa
Bob Stephens | 37' W-Class Sloop | 2009



COLUMBIA

Kevin Hegarty
Sparkman & Stephens | 69' 12 Metre Sloop
1958



DAME

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C. Raymond Hunt | 39' Concordia Yawl | 1961



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ELSKA

Marc Feigen
Johan Anker | 29' Sloop | 1947



EMPRESS OF BLANDINGS

Lord Emsworth
First Light | 34' Ketch | 2018



FIRST TRACKS

Brian Simmons
Herreshoff/Sanford Design 1912
26' Alerion Sloop



FORTUNA

Bill Liddle
Herreshoff/Sanford Design 1912
26' Alerion Sloop



GALAVANT

John Tagiuri
Sidney DeWolfe Herreshoff | 42' Ketch
Damian McLaughlin | 2003



GENTIAN

Benjamin Sperry
Sparkman & Stephens
NY32 Sloop | 1936



GLEAM

Grady Durham
Clinton Crane | 12 meter | 1937



GRACE

Michael Herde
Concordia | C. Raymond Hunt | 1959



INTREPID

Nick McClelland

Olin Stephens | 64' 12 Metre Sloop | 1967



IOD

Geoffrey Verney / Asa Bjorn

33" International One Design Sloop | 1985



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Peter Ernst / Asa Bjorn

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LARK

John Kerry

45' Alden Gaff Cutter | 1932



LYNX

Lynx Educational Foundation

122' Schooner | 2001



MISS LUCY

Patrick Dewez

Saffier Yacht | 33' Sloop | 2023



PHYSALIA

Jeffrey Tucker

Herreshoff / Sanford design 1912

26' Alerion Sloop



ONAWA

Chris Culver
W. Starling Burgess | 68' 12 Metre Sloop
1928



OUTLIER

Harvey Jones
Marcelino Botin | 55' Sloop | 2019



PHEBE

Nathaniel Philbrick
Bruce Kirby | Yawl 38' | 2010



PRINCIPIA

Bruce Flenniken
C. Raymond Hunt Concordia Yawl | 1961



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136' J-Class Sloop | Starling Burgess and
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Mystic Seaport Museum
75' Schooner | Designed by Nat Benjamin
in 1989, built by Gannon and Benjamin 2001



RHAPSODY

Chad Kilvert
Herreshoff / Sanford Design | 1912
26' Alerion Sloop



SANTANA

Wendy Schmidt
Sparkman & Stephens
55' Yawl | 1935



SCHEHERAZADE

Marshall Pagon
Herreshoff / Sanford Design | 1912
26' Alerion Sloop



SEA HORSE

Ron Zarrella
Herreshoff / Sanford Design | 1912
26' Alerion Sloop



SENTEBALE

Richard & Sabine Griffin
Herreshoff / Sanford Design | 1912
26' Alerion Sloop



SERENDIPITY

Harry Rein
Herreshoff / Sanford Design | 1912
26' Alerion Sloop



SIREN

Peter Cassidy
Sparkman & Stephens
45' New York 32 Sloop | 1936



SOPHIE

W. Duffell
27.74m / 91'
Bruce King | 1994



SONNY

Jeffrey Sudik
Bruce Johnson | 91'3" Sloop | 2018



SUMMER WIND

Dana Brackett
C. Raymond Hunt 40' Concordia Yawl | 1964



THE BLUE PETER

Buzz Goodall
Alfred Mylne | 65' Sloop | 1930



THOR

George J. Ellis
Philip A. Rhodes | 42'3" Yawl | 1955



TICONDEROGA

Scott Frantz
L. Francis Herreshoff | 72' Ketch | 1936



TRADEWINDS

Simon Van den Born
Herreshoff / Sanford Design | 1912
26' Alerion Sloop



UNCLE BENNY

Samuel Lawrence
H Manley Crosby
25' Wianno Senior Sloop | 1928



VALORA

Douglas Goldhirsch
David & Nathaniel Stimson | 43' Schooner
2018



VORTEX

Steven White
Designer - Knud Reimers 52' | 1990
Swede 55 Class | Brooklin Boatyard



WILD HORSES

Donald Tofias
Joel White | 76' W-Class Sloop | 1998



ZEMPHIRA

Tenacious Holdings LLC
Bob Stephens / Brooklin Boat Yard
76' Sloop | 2005



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The Opera House Cup is the 9th regatta in a 13-event Classic Yacht Challenge Series held from Maine to New York between June and October. Teams wishing to qualify must sail in at least five races in at least two of the three districts. Learn more at classicyachts.org.





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