



North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge

Notice of Series

1 REGATTA VENUES OF THE SERIES

Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta – Marblehead, MA
o **August 11-12, 2018**

Nantucket Regatta – Nantucket, MA
o **August 17-18, 2018**

Opera House Cup Regatta – Nantucket, MA
o **August 19, 2018**

Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta – Bristol, RI
o **August 24, 2018**

Newport Classic Yacht Regatta – Newport, RI
o **August 25-26, 2018**

2 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge (NA PCYC) Series is owned by Officine Panerai. The organizing authority (OA) for the Series is the North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge Committee (NA PCYC Committee) in cooperation with the affiliated organizing authorities of the four participating regatta venues:

- **Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC), Marblehead, MA**
- **Nantucket Community Sailing, Inc. (NCS), Nantucket, MA**
- **Herreshoff Marine Museum, Bristol, RI**

- **International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS),
Newport, RI**

3 RULES

- 3.1** The NA PCYC Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) unless changed in this or participating regattas' race documents.
- 3.2** The rules of the 2018 North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge will apply for yachts participating in the NA PCYC Series and are incorporated into this Notice of Series. In addition, the rules may be found at: www.PaneraiClassicYachtsChallenge.com
- 3.3** Limitations on Headsails, Staysails, and Whisker / Spinnaker Poles for Non-Spinnaker Yachts Only
- a) Only one jib shall be carried in the fore-triangle at one time: i.e., bare headed sail changes only (drop one sail before setting another). This changes RRS 50.1. Bona fide double headsail rigs (defined as being properly rigged, including permanent fixed points on deck and on the mast) may carry a fore-triangle staysail that is hanked onto the inner forestay.
 - b) All headsails must be tacked on the centerline of the yacht. This changes RRS 54. RRS 54 states "shall be attached approximately on a boat's centreline."
 - c) All sails set in the fore-triangle must be attached to a permanent stay in at least 4 evenly spaced places that keeps the luff in close proximity to that stay.
 - d) Mizzen staysails are permitted. Mizzen spinnakers are prohibited
 - e) On schooners, a fisherman or golly wobbler is permitted.

- f) Headsails must not exceed the rated IG (P2), J, and LP% as defined on their CRFMkII Certificate.
- g) Whisker/spinnaker poles shall not be variable in length and shall not exceed 110% of the yacht's J-measurement

4 ADVERTISING

Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by Panerai and/or the organizing authorities of the participating regattas. [DP]

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1** This Notice of Series (NoS) governs only the NA PCYC Series and Regatta scoring and awards provided by Panerai to recognize best performing displacement monohull yachts in specific divisions and classes that meet the hereunder described classifications for these categories. If a regatta venue offers both spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes, they shall be categorized as subclasses. The requirements in this NoS do not, and are not intended to, supersede individual regatta eligibility and awards qualifications provided by the regatta OA. Participation in the NA PCYC Series is voluntary and is not required for participation in the individual regattas.
- 5.2** The spirit and intention of these rules and classifications is to score similar yachts as best as possible, and every effort will be made to establish, monitor and improve these classifications to support this goal.
- 5.3** The NA PCYC Series and Regatta awards are open to displacement monohull yachts with a valid Classic Rating Formula MkII (CRFMkII) rating certificate that qualify for entry into one of the following Vintage Division Classes or Grand Prix Division Class.

VINTAGE DIVISION CLASSES

Vintage Grand Classics

Vintage Corinthian Yachts

Vintage Day Racers

GRAND PRIX DIVISION CLASS

Grand Prix Yachts

- 5.4** Yachts that fit the 2018 NA PCYC eligibility requirements described hereunder that have also previously participated in the NA PCYC will automatically be enrolled in one of the NA PCYC described classes/divisions and no further action is required. All other yachts must be approved by the NA PCYC Committee.

Yachts that have previously qualified to compete for NA PCYC scoring, but contain design or construction elements that are currently prohibited, may apply to the NA PCYC Committee for individual exemptions at least 14 days prior to event participation. Decisions for qualification by the NA PCYC Committee will be considered final and not subject to protest.

6 VINTAGE DIVISION CLASSIFICATION

6.1 General

- a) Designed 1967 or before
- b) Built utilizing original materials and methods as designed
- c) Hull built of steel/aluminum or wood

6.2 Sail Materials

- a) Only woven fabric (Canvas, Nylon, Dacron as well as more contemporary woven fabrics such as Vectran and Hydranet) are permitted.
- b) Prohibited are sails utilizing advanced shaping technologies (3DL or similar), laminate or composite construction, or materials such as, but not limited to, Mylar, Kevlar, Spectra, Carbon Fiber, etc.
- c) Modern square top mainsails are prohibited.

6.3 Manual Power/Hydraulic Equipment

- a) RRS 52 shall apply to all yachts in the Vintage Division with LOA less than 75 feet. A Vintage Division yacht with LOA less than 75 feet that races in contravention of RRS 52 will be reassigned to the Grand Prix Division
- b) RRS 52 is deleted for all yachts in the Vintage Division with LOA greater than or equal to 75 feet.

6.4 Rigging

Only aluminum or wooden spars and traditional wire or rope standing rigging are permitted (not rod, carbon fiber, Kevlar, etc.)

6.5 Keels

Only full keeled (or keel-centerboard) yachts are permitted.

6.6 Ballast

Only fixed ballast is permitted

6.7 Vintage Division Classes

- a) Grand Classics: Vintage yachts with displacements greater than or equal to 48,000 lbs., full accommodations, and LOA

greater than 55 feet

- b) Corinthian Yachts: Vintage yachts with displacements greater than or equal to 16,000 and less than 48,000 lbs., overnight accommodations, and LOA greater than or equal to 40 feet and less than or equal to 55 feet
- c) Day-Racers: Vintage yachts designed for day sailing/racing with displacements less than 16,000 lbs., little to no accommodations, no auxiliary engine, and LOA greater than or equal to 24 feet and less than 40 feet.

NOTE: The above descriptions for all classifications are not absolutes. Should a yacht not be clearly defined by above, its divisional or class assignment will be determined by the NA PCYC Committee utilizing these and other guidelines as closely as possible. NA PCYC Committee reserves the right to modify and adjust classes and yacht assignments as necessary to maintain the primary objective of racing and scoring like yachts.

7 GRAND PRIX DIVISION CLASSIFICATION

7.1 The Grand Prix Division and class includes yachts that fall into one of the three following definitions:

- a) Spirit of Tradition: steel/aluminum or wood built yachts designed in 1968 or later whose strict design intent is to evoke the look and feel of a vintage classic
- b) Modern Classics: wooden yachts constructed or rebuilt using cold molded building techniques or other modern, primarily wooden yacht building methods regardless of design year
- c) Vintage Grand Prix Yachts: yachts that would be classified in the Vintage Division but have significant hull, rig, material or design changes, implemented primarily for greater performance. This includes: significantly modernized rigging, hull sheathing/skim coating for the sole purpose of greater performance, as well as carbon fiber used in the

hull or appendages/rudder/keel. This includes vintage yachts that utilize modern sail materials and construction (as defined as those not permitted in Vintage Division) and are rigged with carbon fiber or titanium winches or spars (including whisker and spinnaker poles), or rod standing rigging that was not part of the original design/construction which was added for purposes of enhanced performance. All other vintage-type yachts that don't meet all of the Vintage Classic requirements.

7.2 The following are prohibited in the Grand Prix Division:

- a) Open transoms
- b) Kevlar, foam, aramid, or carbon fiber used in the core or extensively used in the hull construction, or represents a significant structural member of hull or deck.

7.3 Sail Materials

- a) Modern sail materials and construction (as defined as those not permitted in the Vintage Division) are permitted.
- b) Modern square top mainsails are prohibited.

7.4 Manual Power/Hydraulic Equipment

For all yachts in the Grand Prix Division, RRS 52 is deleted (use of hydraulics and power for winches, vang, etc. is permitted).

7.5 Rigging

Carbon fiber or titanium winches or spars (including whisker and spinnaker poles), or rod standing rigging that was not part of the original design and construction which was added for the purpose of enhanced performance is permitted.

7.6 Keels

Winged, or canting / movable keels (does not include center boards) are prohibited.

7.7 Ballast

Movable ballast, trapeze or yachts relying primarily on other forms of temporary stabilization methods other than fixed keel ballast are prohibited.

7.8 Grand Prix Division Class

The Grand Prix Yacht Class consists of yachts that are by definition a Spirit of Tradition, Modern Classics, or Vintage Grand Prix Yacht and meet the criteria of a Grand Prix Division yacht with LOA greater than or equal to 24 feet.

NOTE: The above descriptions for the Grand Prix Division are not absolutes. Should a yacht not be clearly defined by above, its divisional assignment will be determined by the NA PCYC Committee utilizing these and other guidelines as closely as possible. NA PCYC Committee reserves the right to modify and adjust yacht assignments as necessary to maintain the primary objective of racing and scoring like yachts.

8 NA PCYC SCORING FOR REGATTAS AND SERIES

8.1 Scoring: The official results of each event will be used to calculate NA PCYC regatta and series results. Each yacht's corrected time will be calculated using the Classic Rating Formula MkII (CRF MkII) time on distance scoring. Rating certificates may be obtained at www.classicratingformula.com.

8.2 Normalized Scores: A yacht's corrected time from official results at each event will determine finish points within a NA PCYC class and subclass based on the Low Point System in RRS A4. The finish points will be normalized according to 8.2.a and 8.2.b to determine the NA PCYC Series and NA PCYC individual regatta awards. Classes/divisions and

subclasses shall be scored regardless of the number of starters.

a) Regatta Scores: Each yacht's finish points shall be divided by the number of starters in that class or subclass for that race (i.e. a class/subclass size of 3 starters will be scored based on 3 starters)

b) Series Scores: Each yacht's finish points shall be divided by the number of starters in that class or subclass for that race; *however no fewer than five starters will be calculated in any class or subclass size* (i.e. a class size of 3 starters will be scored as if there were 5 starters).

When the regatta Notice of Race schedules more than one race per day, and when more than one race is completed on a race day, the yacht's points used to calculate the series score for that day shall be the average normalized points for all races completed that day.

8.3 Ties: RRS A8 will be used to break ties. If ties continue to exist after the application of rule A8, ties will be broken by the number of races in which the yacht has competed (higher number wins) followed by the yacht with the lowest three cumulative, non-normalized scores, followed by the lowest four cumulative, non-normalized scores, and so on.

8.4 Scoring for NA PCYC Series

a) Races to Count and Minimum Required: The series will consist of the following five regattas. There are at least eight possible races that can be scored:

REGATTAS

RACES

- Corinthian Classic Yacht Regatta 2
- Nantucket Regatta 2 or more
- Opera House Cup Regatta 1
- Herreshoff Classic Yacht Regatta 1
- Newport Classic Yacht Regatta 2

To qualify for inclusion in the final NA PCYC Series results a yacht shall compete in a minimum of three of the five scheduled regattas. One of those three regattas must be the Newport Classic Yacht Regatta.

- b) Series Scores: The best three normalized race scores from three or more regattas in which a yacht competes will make up an individual yacht's overall score for the NA PCYC Series. Each yacht's points will be added and the yacht having the lowest combined total will be the winner, the next lowest second and so on. This changes rule A9.

If no yacht in a class has three race scores, then the winner will be the yacht with the lowest combined two normalized race scores. If no yacht in a class has two race scores then the winner will be the yacht with the lowest normalized race score.

9 NA PCYC SERIES AND REGATTA AWARDS

- 9.1 Regatta Awards:** In each regatta, NA PCYC will award prizes (in addition to those scored or provided by the individual regattas) to the best performing yachts in each of the classes as defined in this NoS. NA PCYC reserves the right to award prizes among additional classes.

- a) Class Winner in Regatta: A regatta class winner will be the yacht with the lowest normalized score within a class. When both a spinnaker and non-spinnaker

subclass is offered, the class winner will be the yacht with the lowest normalized score between the two subclasses.

- b) Best Performing Yacht in Regatta: The NA PCYC may also recognize the best performing yacht of a regatta. If more than one race is scored, the winner will be the yacht with the overall lowest total normalized score among all classes.

When only one race is scored in a regatta, the best performing yacht will be the winner of the most competitive class determined by ranking the number of yachts starting in each class and the tightness of spread of corrected times among the top-half of the class. Ties will be broken in favor of the class with the tightest spread of corrected times in the top half of the class. If all yachts in the top half belong to the same one design class, the tie will be broken in favor of the class with the next tightest spread.

9.2 Series Awards

- a) Division Awards for the Overall Series Winners for the season:
- 1) Vintage Division: ***NA Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge Trophy for Vintage Yachts*** A half scale reproduction of the NA Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Series winner among the Vintage Classes (Grand Classics, Corinthian Yachts, or Day Racers).
 - 2) Grand Prix Division: ***NA Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge Trophy for Grand Prix Yachts***. A half scale reproduction of the NA Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Series winner in the Grand Prix Division.

- 3) The home of the NA PCYC perpetual trophy will be the IYRS library on the fourth floor of the Mill Building located at 449 Thames Street, Newport, Rhode Island
- b) Class Awards for Best Performance for the Series. A silver plate will be awarded for First in Class to each of the three Vintage Panerai classes (Vintage Grand Classic, Vintage Corinthian Yachts, Vintage Day Racers) and one for the Grand Prix Division.
- c) The official awards ceremony for the overall NA PCYC Division and Class awards will be held at the Newport Classic Yacht Regatta awards ceremony. To be eligible for the overall NA PCYC trophies, yachts must participate in the final Newport event and must be represented at the Newport Classic Yacht Regatta awards ceremony

10 NORTH AMERICAN PANERAI CLASSIC YACHTS CHALLENGE COMMITTEE

The NA PCYC Committee includes the chairman, one representative from each regatta, and Officine Panerai Representatives. In addition to the NA PCYC Committee, there is an advisory committee.

Honorary NA PCYC Chairman: Angelo Bonati

NA PCYC Chairman: Susan Wayne

Marblehead Representative: Bruce Dyson

Nantucket Representative: Diana Brown

Newport Representative: Jamie Hilton

Bristol Representative: Bill Lynn

Officine Panerai Representative: Gabriele Pedone

Official Scorer: Chip Thayer

Advisory Members: Timmy Dittrich, Bill Druckemiller & Tim Rutter

The NA PCYC Committee may add additional members to the Advisory committee as needed.