

NANTUCKET

J/70 SUMMER OPEN

Wednesday, June 14 to Saturday, June 17, 2023

Great Harbor Yacht Club

Additional Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Please note that Nantucket is an island which means resources are limited. So please plan accordingly and book as early as possible (preferably as soon as reservations open.)

I'M COMPETING WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

1. **REGISTER** for the 2023 Nantucket J/70 Summer Open on Yacht Scoring
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15494>
2. **FERRY Reservations**
 - a. **Book your ferry reservation online.** The Steamship Authority begins taking reservations online in mid-January 2023. Online bookings are available for vehicle/trailer/boat for heights less than 13'6" and the beam less than 8'6". Please book your ferry ASAP as ferry reservations fill up very quickly. Vehicles larger than this are considered "freight," and must make reservations via phone starting Feb. 1 with the "Trucks Department"
<https://www.steamshipauthority.com/> 508.477.8600
 - b. **Book your ferry reservation by telephone,** the Steamship Authority begins taking reservations **February 1** to book for vehicle/trailer/boat as per above.
508.477.8600
 - c. **Waitlist your reservation.** If you do not get your preferred ferry reservation, request your preferred time periods with the online waitlist option. As openings occur, the Steamship Authority will move your reservation to your specified times should you request. This option may be used repeatedly to continue to improve your reservation request. You must have a reservation for any date in 2023 to use the waitlist option, but we highly suggest this option.
 - d. **GHYC will make as many reservations as possible with the Steamship Authority** for J/70 trailers and vehicles to arrive on the island June 11, 12 and 13, 2023 and begin departing the island on Sunday, June 18. Spaces will be limited and number of slots per ferry boat will be assigned by the Steamship Authority. We will make the reservations as soon as they begin taking summer reservations. If you're interested in using one of these slots, please let us know when registering for the regatta and email Waterfront Director [Emma Conway](#). They will be handed out on a first-come, first-serve basis so competitor's can pick their ideal time. Competitors will be responsible for the cost of the ferry trip.

We highly recommend securing your own J/70 ferry reservations as soon as reservations open. If you do not get your preferred day/time slot, use the online waitlist option. You must have a reservation to use the waitlist option.

3. **BOOK Mooring Reservation.** Reservations open **March 15, 2023, at 0800**
 - a. [Reserve on DOCKWA](#)
 - b. Mention under DOCKWA comments that you are part of Nantucket J/70 Summer Open and they will do their best to put all boats in the same area.
4. **BOOK Accommodations.** See transportation and lodging information below.
5. **SCHEDULE requested J/70 Launch date** with [Emma Conway](#), GHYC Waterfront Director. All launches/hauls will be completed by Finger Boatworks, our neighboring marine travelift company. We will launch/haul boats in a group on the days leading up to the regatta and directly afterwards. Limited haul out will be available on Saturday, June 17 following racing. Haul-outs will be available on Sunday, June 18 for a small upcharge.

I have QUESTIONS, BEFORE COMMITTING.

1. Why Nantucket?

30 miles out to sea with the Nantucket Sound to its north, Nantucket boasts one of the top racing/sailing environments in the United States. It is also a premier vacation destination with world-renowned restaurants, shopping, beaches, biking and walking to fill your time when you're not racing or to keep your family occupied while you are.

2. What is the regatta format?

Three full days of racing on Nantucket Sound followed by three evenings of cocktails and awards at Great Harbor Yacht Club. Families and friends are welcome to the daily social events for an additional charge. Participants will also have guest dining privileges at GHYC.

3. Is there a practice day scheduled?

Organized practice races for the regatta are scheduled for the afternoon of June 14. More information will be available in the NOR. Competitors are encouraged to arrive early and coordinate with other competitors to familiarize themselves with Nantucket Sound.

4. What is the entry fee?

The team entry fee is \$350.

5. Who is the Race Management team?

Hank Stuart, National Race Officer, will be the principal race officer along with Emma Conway, GHYC's Race Officer. Sandy Grosvenor will be serving as Head Judge.

6. How many boats will be sailing in the regatta?

The regatta is capped at a maximum of 25 boats.

7. Where are J/70s stored during the regatta?

Boats will be on moorings for the entire regatta. Access to moorings is available via the GHYC launch. Boats may be loaded/unloaded at GHYC docks. Rigging and set up should take place before boats are launched to mooring.

Limited berthing for support person vessels may be available at GHYC. Please [inquire](#) as soon as possible if interested. Once GHYC space is full, support persons are responsible for making their own berthing arrangements.

8. Will there be a diver on-site for bottom cleaning?

Yes. Marlene Plumley of Anne Arundel Dive Services will be available for the duration of the regatta for bottom cleaning. You can contact her directly at (443) 949-4476 to book cleanings.

9. What are the additional costs in coming to Nantucket?

FERRY: *Approx. \$1000 round trip ferry for vehicle, J70 and trailer plus \$40 for each person on the 2.5-hour Steamship vehicle ferry. Reservations open mid- January 2023, and GHYC will have limited reservations on a first-come, first served basis. **We highly recommend securing your own J/70 ferry reservations as soon as reservations open.***

MOORING: *\$65/night (+tax) for mooring in Nantucket Harbor. Mooring reservations through Nantucket Moorings open 0800 March 15th, 2023. GHYC will provide dockage for loading/unloading. Book online through [DOCKWA](#).*

LAUNCH-HAUL OUT: *\$690 includes launch and haul out using a marine travelift or forklift owned and operated by Finger Boatworks located adjacent to Great Harbor Yacht Club. This is the only lift available on Nantucket. Owners/caretakers are invited to rig and set up their boat prior to launch. Boats will launch and haul in groups on the days leading up to and directly following the regatta. Haul will be available immediately following racing on Saturday for anyone needing to leave right away on a Sunday ferry. There will be a small upcharge for hauling boats on Sunday. To book launch dates, contact [GHYC Waterfront Director Emma Conway](#).*

10. If I do not need to launch my boat with a lift, what are the options?

A public boat ramp is located at Children's Beach, about one mile from Great Harbor Yacht Club. Moorings are only a short motor away. You will need your own vehicle to launch, and it is recommended that launches take place during high tide.

11. What is the best way to get myself/crew to Nantucket?

Ferry: *In addition to the 2.5 hr. Steamship Authority ferry, there are one-hour fast ferry options for passengers (Hy-line or Steamship Authority) departing from Hyannis, and the Seastreak passenger ferry departing from New Bedford, MA (1.5 hr.), and New York City (7+ hrs.)*
<https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/776/Getting-To-Nantucket>

Plane: *Daily flights arrive directly from Boston, New York, Providence, Washington D.C., Chicago, etc. into Nantucket Memorial Airport (ACK). Cape Air offers flights from Boston, Hyannis and New*

Bedford, MA and Southern Airways offers flights from Providence, RI. <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/597/Memorial-Airport>. Nantucket Memorial Airport is also a full service FBO. <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/628/FBO-Services>

Private boat: Bring your own boat and take care of your transportation and housing needs in one fell swoop. Moorings (Nantucket Moorings) and dock space (Boat Basin) for private boats may be reserved through [Dockwa](#).

12. What about storage before or after the regatta?

SHORT TERM: Trailer and vehicle may be stored at Great Harbor from June 10, 2023 until boats are launched. Trailers may then remain at GHYC until boat is pulled, but no later than June 25, 2023.

LONG TERM: If you need to send your boat/trailer over earlier than June 10, 2023 or stay beyond June 25, 2023, arrangements to store your trailer/boat at GHYC prior to the regatta may be made at no cost.

13. Accommodations

Numerous options exist, and it is recommended to book early. There are hotels, bed and breakfasts, VRBO/Airbnb, realtors, etc. There are options for every size group. Contact specific hotels/bed breakfasts' directly <https://nantucket.net/lodging/>

If you prefer assistance in finding a hotel or bed & breakfast, **please contact Judy at Best of Nantucket:** phone (508) 221-1639 or email travelnantucket@gmail.com. She can book rooms as early as November 2022. Note, Best of Nantucket does not charge a booking fee or additional cost for their service; fees are paid by participating facilities. She is also able to provide reduced rates at some hotels/bed & breakfasts.

For more information, or if you have any additional questions, please contact us:

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