



CHESTER RACE WEEK

Wednesday, August 10 – Saturday, August 13, 2016

Proudly hosted by the Chester Yacht Club, Chester, Nova Scotia, Canada

2016 NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Chester Yacht Club presents Chester Race Week 2016. The official event website can be found at www.chesterraceweek.com.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS).

2.2 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.

3 CLEAN REGATTA

Chester Race Week is focused on implementing best practices to be a certified clean regatta. As participants, we appreciate your support and respect in maintaining our environment. This includes best practices around managing bottle and can recycling, reducing paper and garbage, as well as preventing any waste in our waters. Rule 55 will be in effect.

4 ADVERTISING, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND MEDIA RIGHTS

4.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats that intend to display advertising must so indicate on their entry form, but there is no advertising fee. Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of the official sponsors of this event. Their participation enhances the event for all competitors.

4.2 Competitors may be required to display sponsor logos or bow numbers for the duration of the event as directed by the Organizing Authority.

SPONSORS



4.3 By participating in this event, competitors grant the organizing authority and the event sponsors, in perpetuity, the unrestricted right and permission to make, use and show, at their discretion, their name and/or image for any text, photograph, audio recording, video footage or other reproductions of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to press and TV advertisements or internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation. In this respect, competitors' names and any of their biographical material may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 The regatta is open to all mono hull handicap boats, which have a current Sail Nova Scotia Data Sheet on record, and to boats of the Sonar, J/24, J/70, Farr 30, IOD and Bluenose classes. The regatta is open to out of province boats that have handicaps from other racing authorities.

5.2 Unless otherwise approved by the Chester Yacht Club Executive, all classes must have a minimum of five (5) boats to be considered for a separate start. Class breaks and one design fleets will be made at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

5.3 The definition of PHRF-NS Non-Spinnaker Class refers to boats that are sailed by head sail and main only or mainsail only. Head sails are defined by RRS 50.4.

5.4 A boat wishing to register for the Classic Yacht Class must be a Classic Yacht as defined herein. A Classic Yacht is a Yacht launched prior to Dec. 31st 1966 or a replica of a classic or a boat that independently of her launch date was built in conformity with the design of a classic boat launched before December 31st 1966.

5.5 The deadline for registration is 1600 hours, August 9th. Registration consists of a completed entry form, a valid PHRF handicap through Sail Nova Scotia or other jurisdiction for an out of province entry, payment of entry fees and proof of insurance in accordance with 19.1. Registration completed after August 1, 2016 will be subject to a late registration fee.

6 FEES AND REGISTRATION

6.1 The entry fees are as follows (all fees subject to HST):

Before August 1, (after August 1)
Alpha (PHRF-NS <99) \$345.00 (\$445.00)
Bravo (PHRF-NS >99) \$245.00 (\$345.00)
Classic Yachts \$245.00 (\$345.00)
PHRF-NS Non-Spinnaker \$245.00 (\$345.00)
J/24 One Design \$245.00 (\$345.00)
J/70 One Design \$245.00 (\$345.00)
Farr 30 One Design \$245.00 (\$345.00)
Sonar One Design \$245.00 (\$345.00)
International One Design \$245.00 (\$345.00)
Bluenose Class \$245.00 (\$345.00)

Skippers must register online at www.chesterraceweek.com.

6.2 A check-in desk for registered boats and late registration will be set up at the Chester Yacht Club as follows:

Sunday, August 7, 2016 1600 to 1800hrs
Monday, August 8, 2016 1200 to 1600hrs
Tuesday, August 9, 2016 1200 to 1600hrs

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 **Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

1400 First Signal – Practice Day Alpha Course – All Classes Welcome
1830 Skippers Welcoming Reception (by invitation)

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

0900 Official Opening of Chester Race Week
0915 Competitors Meetings
0915-0930 Alpha
0930-0945 Bravo
0945-1000 One Design
1000-1015 Charlie
1015-1030 Delta

Preliminary Racing Schedule: Wed., Aug. 10 – Sat., Aug. 13

ALPHA CLASSES

1200 First Signal

BRAVO CLASSES

1200 First Signal

ONE DESIGN CLASSES

1200 First Signal

CHARLIE CLASSES

1300 First Signal

DELTA CLASSES

1230 First Signal

7.2 Races will be scheduled as follows:

Alpha Up to 8 races

Bravo Up to 8 races

One Design Up to 12 races

Charlie Up to 12 races

Delta 4 races

7.3 Trophy presentations will take place each evening at 1800hrs, weather conditions and protests permitting.

8 HANDICAPS

8.1 Nova Scotian boats wishing to race in Handicap Classes must have a listed handicap rating with Sail Nova Scotia. The Race Committee will not assign a temporary rating for a Nova Scotian boat.

8.2 Visiting boats may have their existing handicap (e.g. PHRF) converted using accepted formulas by the Sail Nova Scotia Handicap Committee Representative. Those visiting boats are asked to contact Mike Morris - mike.morris@live.ca - to arrange such a conversion by August 3, 2016.

8.3 One Design competitors may be asked to present a valid measurement certificate to the Race Committee.

8.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to review and revise provisional handicaps after two days of valid results in consultation with the Sail Nova Scotia Handicap Committee. Modifications to ratings during the regatta will apply for the remainder of the regatta but will not be retroactive.

8.5 Handicap classes will be scored using PHRF-NS formula time on time.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the CYC Registration Desk. They may also be available on www.chesterraceweek.com from July 15, 2016 onwards. The Sailing Instructions are not final until printed and delivered by the CYC Registration Desk. Amendments to the final Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board prior to and during the course of the event.

10 THE COURSES

10.1 The regatta will be sailed on waters in and around Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia. CHS chart numbers 4381 and 4328 are the relevant charts.

10.2 The Alpha and Bravo classes will sail up to 2 “round-the-buoys” races per day. The course length will depend on whether the Race Committee intends to run one or two races on that day.

10.3 J/24, J/70, IOD, Sonar and Farr 30 Classes will race windward/leeward courses on the One Design Race Circle.

10.4 The PHRF-NS Non-Spinnaker Classes and Classic Yacht Class will sail around-the-buoys races. The intended length of these races is 12 to 18 nautical miles.

10.5 Bluenose Class will race on Race Circle Charlie.

10.6 Handicap boats will race in Alpha, Bravo, or Delta classes. The Race Committee will set the limits for each handicap class and post them with the assigned Race Course on the Official Notice Board no later than August 8th, 2016.

11 SAIL NUMBERS

Competitors' attention is drawn to rule 77 and Appendix G. Boats shall register one sail number, and that number shall be displayed on all sails or in accordance with the applicable class rules. Failure to do so may result in a protest by the race committee. Failure could also result in a boat not being scored.

12 EQUIPMENT

With the exception of the carriage requirements of one design boats which must carry the equipment mandated by their class association, all boats, skippers and crews shall comply with the carriage requirements and follow the recreational boating regulations set out in the current Canadian Safe Boating Guide, or their own National regulatory authority -

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/marinesafety/TP-511e.pdf>

Boats must also carry a VHF radio, an operational compass, and a GPS on board.

13 ARBITRATION

For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, a short arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when it may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty”. Rule 44.3 scoring penalty shall not apply. Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties within the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes rule 44.2.

15 SCORING

15.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat’s score shall be the total of her race scores. When five or more races are completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.2 One race will be required to constitute a series.

16 BERTHING & CRANE USAGE

16.1 Berthing or mooring arrangements are the responsibility of the skipper. Moorings will be available to rent for the week. Arrangements can be made through:

Chester Yacht Club, Kim Johnson - CYC Club Manager

cycmanager@chesteryachtclub.ca,

PremiereSEA Ltd. 902 273- 7732

Rope Loft 902 273-3430

South Shore Marine 902 275-3711

Heisler's Boatyard 902 275-2216

16.2 The Chester Yacht Club crane is available for registered boats that weigh less than 4000 lbs.; however, there shall be no launching or hauling after 1500hrs Tuesday, August 9 through 0800hrs on Sunday, August 14.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place daily, and first, second, and third place overall. The Spray Cup will be awarded for the best performance by a first time Chester Race Week skipper. A full list of trophies will be available on the Chester Race Week website. Special prizes may be awarded as desired by the Organizing Authority.

17.2 The Rear Commodore of each club with boats entering the Regatta is invited to enter a team of three boats. Each boat in the team will race in different classes. The winning team will have the lowest cumulative score. The team will win a trophy, and the team members will get keepers. More information on entry will be available on the event website no later than August 1, 2016.

18 RESPONSIBILITY

18.1 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and physically capable crew. The establishment of regulations does not in any way limit the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

18.2 Competitors participate in the series/regatta entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS Rule 4. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the racing.

18.3 The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his/her crew on and off the water. In the event of serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

19 INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000. per occurrence and shall provide proof of such to the Race Committee when registering. Entrants are encouraged to notify their insurance carrier of participation in this event and the rules governing it.

20 LOCAL CONDITIONS

The Chester Yacht Club is located at 44.53N/64.2403W. Temperature during race week is typically 19 degrees C during the day. There is a chance of fog. Rain is possible but usually occurs one in three days of August.

21 PARKING

Participants are asked to honour “No Parking” signs and respect private property.

22 USE OF ALCOHOL

Skippers are expected to be familiar with the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act and to request that crew behave in a respectful way during the event, while on the water or ashore.

23 CONTACT INFORMATION

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E-mail: cycmanager@chesteryachtclub.ca

24 AMENDMENTS

This notice may be amended at any time. Any amendments to this Notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the west side of the CYC clubhouse after Monday, August 1, 2016 and on the event website under "Race Info".

www.chesterraceweek.com
