

CHESTER RACE WEEK

AUGUST 16 – 19, 2017



CANADA'S LARGEST KEEL BOAT REGATTA – SINCE 1908

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Wednesday, August 16 – Saturday, August 19, 2017

Organizing Authority: Chester Yacht Club

Location: Chester, Nova Scotia, Canada

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2017-20 edition of The Racing Rules Sailing.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all monohull 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.
- 3.2 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 - <mailto:mike.morris@live.ca> - to arrange such a conversion by August 8, 2017.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 The definition of PHRF-NS Non-Spinnaker Class refers to boats that are sailed by headsail and main only or mainsail only. Head sails are defined by RRS 50.4.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 The deadline for registration is 1600 hours, August 15th, 2017. 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 8th, 2017 will be subject to a late registration fee of \$100.



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4. FEES

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

Before August 8 (after August 8)

- Alpha (PHRF-NS 99 and under) \$355.00 (\$455.00)
- Bravo (PHRF-NS 100 and over) \$255.00 (\$355.00)
- Classic Yachts \$255.00 (\$355.00)
- PHRF-NS Non-Spinnaker \$255.00 (\$355.00)
- J/24 One Design \$255.00 (\$355.00)
- J/70 One Design \$255.00 (\$355.00)
- Farr 30 One Design \$255.00 (\$355.00)
- Sonar One Design \$255.00 (\$355.00)
- International One Design \$255.00 (\$355.00)
- Bluenose Class \$255.00 (\$355.00)

4.2 Skippers must register on-line at www.chesterraceweek.com

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 LATE REGISTRATION AND REGISTERED BOAT CHECK-IN:

SUNDAY August 13th 1600 to 1800 Hrs

MONDAY August 14th 1200 to 1600 Hrs

TUESDAY August 15th 1200 to 1600 Hrs

5.2 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION FOR RELEVANT CLASSES:

Tuesday August 15th, 2017 1000 to 1800 Hrs

5.3 DATES OF RACING:

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 Practice race

1400 First Signal – Practice Day Alpha Course – All Classes Welcome

1830 Skippers Welcoming Reception (by invitation)

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

0900 Official Opening of Chester Race Week

Competitors Meetings

- 0915-0930 One Design
- 0930-0945 Alpha
- 0945-1000 Bravo

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- 1000-1015 Delta
- 1015-1030 Charlie

5.4 PRELIMINARY RACING SCHEDULE: WED., AUG. 16 – SAT., AUG. 19, 2017

- 1200 First Signal ALPHA CLASSES
- 1200 First Signal BRAVO CLASSES
- 1230 First Signal BRAVO NON SPINN
- 1200 First Signal ONE DESIGN CLASSES
- 1200 First Signal DELTA CLASSES
- 1300 First Signal CHARLIE CLASSES

5.5 RACES WILL BE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

- ALPHA CLASSES Up to 8 races
- BRAVO CLASSES Up to 8 races
- BRAVO NON SPINN Up to 4 races
- ONE DESIGN CLASSES Up to 12 races
- CHARLIE CLASS Up to 12 races
- DELTA CLASS Up to 4 races

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

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement and rating certificate.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the skippers meeting.

8. THE COURSES

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

8.2 Alpha and Bravo classes will sail up to 2 races per day. The course length will depend on the conditions of the day. Some may be "Windward Leeward Courses.

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

8.4 The PHRF-NS Non-Spinnaker Classes will sail around-the-buoys races. Boats with a handicap of 150 or under shall race on the Bravo course. Boats with handicaps of 151 or higher shall race on the Delta course.

8.5 The Classic Yacht Class will sail around-the-buoys races starting on the Delta Course.

8.6 Bluenose Class will race on Race Circle Charlie.

- 8.7** 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 15th, 2017.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1** The penalties are as follows:
9.2 For all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
9.3 There will be on-the-water judging for the Bluenose Fleet only, with further details to follow in the Sailing Instructions.

10. ARBITRATION

- 10.1** 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.

11. EQUIPMENT

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

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

- 11.2** Boats must also carry a VHF radio, an operational compass, and a GPS on board unless stated otherwise by one design class regulations.

12. SCORING

- 12.1** The scoring system is as follows:
12.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
12.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
12.4 Handicap classes will be scored using PHRF-NS formula time on time.

13. BERTHING & CRANE USE

- 13.1** 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

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13.2 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 1200hrs Tuesday, August 15 through 0800hrs on Sunday, August 20.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.

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.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18.2 Skippers must complete registration by acknowledging the waiver of responsibility during the on-line registration process.

19. INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 CDN per incident or the equivalent 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.

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20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1** 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 your bottle and can recycling, reducing paper and garbage, as well as preventing any waste in our waters. Rule 55 will be in effect.
- 20.2** 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
- 20.3** Competitors grant the organizing authority the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and/or image for any text, photograph or video footage 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.
- 20.4** 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 team will win the Gordon W. Bethune Cup, and the team members will get keepers. More information on entry will be available on the event website no later than August 1, 2017.

For further information please contact.

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