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## 2014 NOTICE OF RACE

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### 1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Regatta Organizing Committee of the Chester Yacht Club presents Chester Race Week 2014. The official event website address is:  
[www.chesterraceweek.com](http://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 The national prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.

2.3 NOR Attachment A shall apply for the J/24 One Design class only and NOR Attachment B shall apply for the Farr 30 One Design class only.

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

### 3 ADVERTISING

3.1 Advertising is permitted, unless class rules do not permit, in accordance with ISAF 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.

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

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 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 J/29, J/24, J/70 and Bluenose classes. The regatta is open to out of province boats that have handicaps from other racing authorities.

4.2 All classes must have a minimum of 5 boats to be considered for a separate start. Class breaks and one design fleets will be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

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#### SPONSORS



4.3 The International 14 skiff has been named as the Demonstration Class for 2014. A limited number of invitations will be offered through the Race Management Sub-committee. Interested parties may apply for an invitation by emailing Principal Race Officer Elizabeth Shaw at [elizabethrshaw@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethrshaw@gmail.com) no later than July 1, 2014.

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

4.4 A boat wishing to register for the Classic Yacht Class must be either a Classic Yacht or a Classic Yacht Replica. A Classic Yacht is a boat launched before December 31, 1954. A Classic Yacht Replica is a boat, that independent of her launch date, was built in conformity with a design existing prior to December 31, 1954.

4.6 The deadline for registration is August 1, 2014. Registration consists of a completed entry form, a valid PHRF handicap through Sail Nova Scotia, payment of entry fees and proof of insurance received by the Race Committee before midnight August 1, 2014. Registration may be completed after August 1, 2014 but will be subject to a late registration fee.

## 5 FEES AND REGISTRATION

5.1 The entry fees are as follows (All fees subject to HST):

Before Aug. 1    After Aug. 1

Alpha 1-2 (PHRF-NS <99)	\$315.00	\$415.00
Farr 30	\$340.00	\$440.00
Distance A (PHRF-NS <99)	\$315.00	\$415.00
Bravo 1-3 (PHRF-NS >98)	\$215.00	\$315.00
Distance B (PHRF-NS >98)	\$215.00	\$315.00
Classics	\$215.00	\$315.00
PHRF-NS Non-Spinnaker	\$215.00	\$315.00
J/24 One Design	\$240.00	\$340.00
J/29 One Design	\$215.00	\$315.00
J/70 One Design	\$215.00	\$315.00
International 14 Demo Class	\$215.00	\$315.00
Bluenose	\$195.00	\$295.00

Skippers must register online at [www.chesterraceweek.com](http://www.chesterraceweek.com).

5.2 A check-in desk for registered boats and those choosing to register late will be set up at the Chester Yacht Club as follows:

Sunday, August 10, 2014	1600 to 1800
Monday, August 11, 2014	1200 to 1600
Tuesday, August 12, 2014	1200 to 1600
Wednesday, August 13, 2014	0800 to 1000

## 6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Tuesday, August 12, 2014

1300 First Signal - Practice Day Alpha Course - all classes welcome

1830 Skippers Welcoming Reception (by invitation)

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

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. 13 – Sat., Aug. 16

ALPHA COURSE

1200 First Signal for Alpha Course Classes

BRAVO COURSE

1200 First Signal for Bravo Course Classes

ONE DESIGN COURSE

1200 First Signal for One Design Course Classes

CHARLIE COURSE

1330 First Signal for Bluenose Class

DELTA COURSE

1230 First Signal for Delta Course Classes

6.2 Races will be scheduled as follows:

Alpha 12 races for all classes except 4 races for Distance Class

Bravo 12 races for all classes except 4 races for Distance Class

One Design 12 races

Charlie 10 races

Delta 4 races

6.3 Trophy presentations will take place each evening at 1830h, weather conditions and protests permitting.

## 7 HANDICAPS

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

7.2 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 Keith Johnson at [kjohnsoncyc@gmail.com](mailto:kjohnsoncyc@gmail.com) to arrange such a conversion by August 7, 2014.

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

7.4 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.

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

## 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the CYC Registration Desk. They may also be available on [www.chesterraceweek.com](http://www.chesterraceweek.com) from July 15, 2014 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.

## 9 THE COURSES

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

9.2 The Distance Classes will sail around-the-buoys races daily on both the Alpha Race Circle and the Bravo Race Circle. The intended length of the Distance Class races are approximately 15+ nautical miles (weather permitting).

9.3 J/29, J/24 and J/70 Classes will race windward/leeward courses on the One Design Race Circle.

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

9.5 Bluenose Class will race on Race Circle Charlie.

9.6 Handicap boats will race on Alpha, Bravo, or Delta. 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 12th.

## 10 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.

## 11 EQUIPMENT

All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio and must carry an operational compass and an operating GPS unit on board.

## 12 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.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are change 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

## 14 SCORING

14.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing Low Point System Appendix A4 will be in effect with the following modifications.

14.2 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.

14.3 One race will be required to constitute a series.

## 15 BERTHING

Berthing or mooring arrangements are the responsibility of the skipper. Moorings will be available to rent for the week. Arrangements can be made through the Chester Yacht Club, Kim Johnson - CYC Club Manager [cycmanager@chesteryachtclub.ca](mailto:cycmanager@chesteryachtclub.ca), PremiereSEALtd. 902 273-7732, South Shore Marine 902 275-3711, Heisler's Boatyard 902 275-2216 or the Rope Loft, 902 275-3430.

## 16 PRIZES

16.1 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.

16.2 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, 2014.

## 17 RESPONSIBILITY

17.1 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.

17.2 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.

17.3 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.

## 18 INSURANCE

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.

## 19 AMENDMENTS

This notice may be amended any time prior to the time the Sailing Instructions are printed. Any amendments to this Notice will be posted on the web-site and on the Official Notice Board on the west side of the CYC clubhouse after Sunday, August 3, 2014 and on the event website under "Race Info".

## 20 CONTACT INFORMATION

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## 21 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.

## 22 PARKING

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

## 23 USE OF ALCOHOL

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

[www.chesterraceweek.com](http://www.chesterraceweek.com)

## Attachment A - Applicable to the J/24 One Design Class Only

- A1. Chester Race Week 2014 is designated by the J/24 Class Atlantic District as the 2014 J/24 Canadian National Championship.
- A2. The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class will apply.
- A3. Racing rules 42.3 and 61.1 (a) will be changed as follows:  
- Rule 42.3: Changed by IJCA class rule 8.2.  
- Rule 61.1 (a) is changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.
- A4. Under rule 87, IJCA rule 5.3 is changed as follows: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the jury and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- A5. The regatta is open to J/24 Class boats that are members of the IJCA for 2014.
- A6. At registration, each boat shall present the following items to be eligible and qualify to compete: 1) A valid J/24 measurement certificate issued by IJCA or CJCA including Part C - Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment; 2) Standard registration procedures as defined by the Organizing Authority; 3) Proof of IJCA membership in the country they represent for the owner and helmsperson; 4) A Crew Weight & Liability Release form completed at designated crew weigh-in times validated by a Chester Race Week representative. Crew weigh-in times shall be during registration check-in times only (as described in NOR 5.2)
- A7. Random boat and equipment inspections may be conducted prior to, between races and after racing each day to check for compliance with Class Rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- A8. Rule 64.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit penalties other than disqualification for breaking some IJCA rules.
- A9. Boats shall be afloat no later than Tuesday, August 12 at 1800hrs and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee.



Attachment B - Applicable to the Farr 30 One Design Class Only

B1. Chester Race Week 2014 is designated by the Farr 30 Class Atlantic District as the 2014 Farr 30 Canadian National Championship.

B2. The regatta is open to all Farr 30 Class boats as defined by the Class Rules.

B3. Boats shall comply with the 2012-2013 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4 as amended by Appendix 3 of the Farr 30 Class Rules. In the event of conflict, designer and manufacturers original standards shall prevail.

B4. The regatta is open to all Farr 30 Class boats as defined by the Class Rules. Owners, Charterers and Alternate Helmsmen shall be current members of the Farr 30 International One Design Class Association.

B5. At registration, each boat shall present the following items or have items completed to be eligible and qualify to compete: 1) Standard registration procedures as defined by the Organizing Authority; 2) Valid 2014 One Design Certificate; 3) Confirmation that Owner, Charterer, and Helmsperson are members of the Class with 2014 dues paid; 4) A Crew Weight & Liability Release form completed at designated crew weigh-in times validated by a Chester Race Week representative. Crew weigh-in times shall be during registration check-in times only (as described in NOR 5.2); 5) Completed and verified crew classification form; 6) Completed sail declaration form

B6. Random boat and equipment inspections may be conducted prior to, between races and after racing each day to check for compliance with Class Rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

B7. In reference to support boats, competitors' attention is drawn to Class Rule 33.

B8. Boats shall be afloat no later than Tuesday, August 12 at 1800hrs and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee.