



Wednesday, August 11 – Saturday, August 14, 2021

Organizing Authority: Chester Yacht Club

Location: Chester, Nova Scotia, Canada

NOTICE OF RACE

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The Race Committee (RC) will use a VHF radio channel to broadcast to the fleet their intentions and to announce OCSs, UFDs and BFDs. Failure to make this broadcast or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS62.1.

2. NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) INFORMATION

All competitors are required to comply with Nova Scotia Health Regulations with regards to Covid-19. Any skippers, crew or boats failing to comply with these regulations are subject to removal from the event as per the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Nova Scotia Provincial health regulations can be found at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>

3. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. [DP]

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all monohull handicap boats, which have a valid Sail Nova Scotia PHRF Handicap and are members of a Sail Canada recognized yacht club and to boats of the Sonar, J/24, J/70, Farr 30, IOD and Bluenose classes who hold valid class measurement certificates and are members of a recognized yacht club.

4.2 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 Kim Johnson- cycmanager@chesteryachtclub.ca- to arrange such a conversion by August 1, 2021.

4.3 Unless otherwise approved by the Regatta Chair, all classes must have a minimum of five (5) boats to be considered for a separate start. Class splits and one design fleets will be made at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4.4 PHRF-NS handicap boats electing to race using their PHRF-NS Non-Spinnaker Rating, PHRF-NS boats whose PHRF-NS Total Rating includes an adjustment based on a declaration of no spinnaker, and PHRF-NS boats whose PHRF-NS Total Rating is the same as their PHRF-NS Non-Spinnaker Rating are eligible to participate in the Classic Fleet.

4.5 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 31, 1996 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 Dec 31, 1996.

4.6 The deadline for registration is 1600, August 1, 2021. 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 NOR 19. Registration completed after August 1, 2021 will be subject to a late registration fee of \$100 and must hold a provisional or valid Sail Nova Scotia Handicap. Entry acknowledgement will be sent to valid entrants shortly after entry receipt. All registrations shall be complete and are final.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fees are as follows (all fees subject to applicable 15% HST):
On or Before August 1st All Classes \$325.00 (late fee \$425.00)

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

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Dates of racing:

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Virtual Competitors' Meetings

1900-1920 One Design Course

1930-1950 PHRF- NS Inshore Course

2000-2020 Classics Course

2030-2050 Bluenose Course

Details of the Virtual Competitors meeting will be emailed to boats who have completed registration.

6.2 Racing Schedule: Wed., Aug. 11 – Sat., Aug. 14, 2021

1200 First Signal PHRF- NS Inshore Racing

1200 First Signal PHRF-NS Distance Racing

1200 First Signal One Design Classes

1300 First Signal Bluenose Class

1215 First Signal Classic Classes

On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6.3 Races will be scheduled as follows:

- PHRF- NS Inshore Racing Classes Up to 8 races
- PHRF-NS Distance Racing Classes Up to 6 races
- One Design Classes Up to 12 races
- Bluenose Class Up to 12 races
- Classic Class Up to 4 races

6.4 Daily Prize and Trophy presentations will take place each evening at 1800, Weather conditions and protests permitting.

7. MEASUREMENTS

Each boat racing in a handicap class shall have a valid PHRF-NS Rating certificate or a provisional conversion provided by the Sail Nova Scotia Handicap Committee Representative. Each boat racing in One Design Classes shall have a valid measurement certificate.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be made available online Sunday August 8th at 1600 at www.chesterraceweek.com.

9. THE COURSES

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

9.2 PHRF- NS Inshore Racing Course 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. Within the PHRF-NS Inshore Racing Course, the Race Committee will set the handicap split for each fleet and post them on Yacht Scoring no later than August 9, 2021.

9.3 PHRF-NS Distance Racing Course will sail up to 2 races per day. The course length will depend on the conditions of the day. The course will be sailed around fixed/inflatable marks. This course is open to PHRF-NS boats carrying a spinnaker. The Race Committee will set the handicap split for each fleet and post them on Yacht Scoring no later than August 9, 2021.

9.4 One Design Classes will race windward/leeward courses on the One Design course.

9.5 The Classic Yacht Class will sail pursuit style races.

9.6 PHRF-NS Boats not carrying a spinnaker will race pursuit style races on the Classics Course

9.7 Bluenose Class will race Windward/Leeward Races on the Bluenose Course.

10. ARBITRATION

Appendix T Arbitration will apply.

11. EQUIPMENT

11.1 With the exception of the equipment requirements of one design boats which must carry the equipment mandated by their class rules, 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 rules. [NP] [DP]

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 PHRF-NS Inshore Racing Circle and PHRF-NS Distance Racing Circle will be scored using PHRF-NS formula time on time.

12.5 The Classic Racing class will be scored based on their pursuit race finishing order.

12.6 Corrected times will be rounded to the nearest second.

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

East River Shipyard 902 299-3511

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 from 1200 Tuesday, August 10 through 0800 on Sunday, August 15.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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. [DP]

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, or according to NOR 1.2, 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. [DP] [NP]

17. PRIZES

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 RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material Damage, 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

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 Organizing Authority when registering. Entrants are encouraged to notify their insurance carrier of participation in this event and the rules governing it.

20. Additional 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. [NP]

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. This changes World Sailing Regulation 20.

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 winning team will be awarded the Gordon W. Bethune Cup, and the team members will be given keepers. More information on entry will be available on the event website no later than August 1, 2021.

For further information please contact

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