



## Notice of Race (NoR)

**Amended on August 8, 2023 – Modification of 10.3, Addition of 13.5.**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *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 from granting redress. This changes RRS62.1
- 1.3 Sail Canada Prescriptions will apply.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after August 1, 2023 at [chesterraceweek.com](http://chesterraceweek.com).

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at [Yachtscoring](http://Yachtscoring).
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 16, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4 [DP] [NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all monohull handicap boats, which have a valid Sail Nova Scotia PHRF handicap and to boats of the Sonar, J/24, J/70, Farr 30, IOD, and Bluenose classes who hold valid class measurement certificates.
- 4.2 Boats must enter the event by registering online at [Yachtscoring](#).
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees, including registration of their crew prior to August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 4.4 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: a late entry fee will apply to boats who register after July 31, 2023.
- 4.5 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: a minimum of five (5) boats must be registered in a class to be considered for a separate start unless otherwise approved by the regatta chair.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee until July 31, 2023	Late entry fee
<i>All classes</i>	<i>375 + HST</i>	<i>450 + HST</i>

- 5.2 Other fees:

Five (5) event bracelets will be provided with a boat's registration. An additional ten (10) event bracelets for entry to social events can be purchased in advance by contacting [cycmanager@chesteryachtclub.ca](mailto:cycmanager@chesteryachtclub.ca) for a price of \$15 plus HST per bracelet or through Yacht Scoring. This offer is valid until August 10th, 2023. Bracelets will be available to the general public to purchase from the Yacht Club for \$25 inclusive of HST.

Mooring balls can be rented from Chester Yacht Club on a first come first serve basis by contacting [cycmanager@chesteryachtclub.ca](mailto:cycmanager@chesteryachtclub.ca) for a price of \$150 plus HST. Mooring balls can only be reserved by boats who have completed all the registration requirements excluding registration of crew.

## 6 ADVERTISING

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

## 7 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 7.1 The Bluenose fleet may consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

## 8 SCHEDULE

8.1 The in-person registration times will be confirmed by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

8.2 Racing will be Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>.

8.3 Number of races:

Class	Number	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
<i>PHRF-NS Inshore</i>	8	2	3
<i>PHRF-NS Distance</i>	6	1	2
<i>One Design</i>	12	3	4
<i>Bluenose</i>	12	3	4
<i>Classic</i>	4	1	2

8.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal:

Class	Warning Signal
<i>PHRF-NS Inshore</i>	1200
<i>PHRF-NS Distance</i>	1200
<i>One Design</i>	1200
<i>Classics</i>	1230
<i>Bluenose</i>	1300

8.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530.

## 9 VENUE

9.1 NoR Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas.

## 10 COURSES

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

10.2 PHRF- NS Inshore Racing Course will sail up to 3 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 14, 2023.

**10.3** 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. The Race Committee will set the handicap split for each fleet and post them on Yacht Scoring no later than August 14, 2023. Boats wishing to sail White Sail only are recommended to register for this fleet and notify the Organizing Authority of their intention to sail White Sail.

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

**10.5**

The Classic Yacht Class will sail pursuit style races.

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

## **11 ARBITRATION**

**11.1** Appendix T Arbitration will apply.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**12.1** There will be Direct Judging for the Bluenose Class only, with further details to follow in the Sailing Instructions.

## **13 SCORING**

**13.1** One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**13.2** PHRF-NS Inshore and PHRF-NS Distance will be scored using PHRF-NS formula time on time.

**13.3** For PHRF-NS Distance, Classics, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

**13.4** For PHRF-NS Inshore, One Design, and Bluenose boat's series score shall be:

(a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from five to twelve races (if applicable) have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**13.5** For fleets using The Time Correction Factor, the TCF shall be calculated using an A factor of 650 and a B factor of 550.

## **14 EQUIPMENT**

- 14.1** 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.

## **15 BERTHING & CRANE USE**

- 15.1** Berthing or mooring arrangements are the responsibility of the skipper.
- 15.2** 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 15 through 0800 on Sunday, August 20.

## **16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

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

## **17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 17.1** 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 event.
- 17.2** Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

## **18 RISK STATEMENT**

- 18.1** RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **19 INSURANCE**

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

## **20 PRIZES**

- 20.1** 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.

**20.2** A daily prize draw will occur 1830.

## **21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

**21.1** 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]

**21.2** 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.

**21.3** 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.

**21.4** 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, 2023.

**21.5** For further information contact:  
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NOR Addendum A

