

The Chester Classic Series
Friday August 10th through Sunday August 12th,
2018
Chester, Nova Scotia

NOTICE OF RACE

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 In pursuit races, the Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be 20%.
- 1.5 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.6 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all mono-hull handicap boats.
- 2.2 All boats must have a valid Sail Nova Scotia PHRF Handicap or may request a rating to be assigned by the organizer and which is valid only for this event.
- 2.2 Registration will be available online at www.yachtscoring.com and linked from the www.chesterclassics.com website. Entry acknowledgement will be sent to valid entrants shortly after early entry receipt. All registrations shall be complete and are final.
- 2.3 The entry deadline is 24:00 (ADT) August 9, 2018. Entries received after 24:00 August 9th, 2018 will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of Chester Classics.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Required entry fee is \$50.00 per Boat.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Dates of racing: Aug. 10th, 11th, 12th 2018 with a maximum number of three (3) races – limited to 1 race each day
- 4.2 All racing is planned to be “pursuit style” and the scheduled time of the first start warning signal will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.3 The full list of specific starting times as calculated from handicap ratings for each boat will be published and made available online at www.yachtscoring.com.

4.3 A Skippers Meeting and briefing will be held at 10:00AM on Friday August 10th at The Chester Yacht Club. In the event a competitor can not attend, please notify us at the contacts below and we will do our best to accommodate updating everyone.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the Skippers Meeting and will be posted on the event site on www.yachtscoring.com

6 THE COURSES

6.1 Courses will be selected from the numbered CYC Club courses as per the 2018 Chester Yacht Club Course Card or using a list of marks from the CYC Course Card. All courses consist of Government Marks and Chester Yacht Club Marks situated in Mahone Bay.

6.2 More than one Course may be used based on a ratings split, e.g. a shorter course for smaller boats may be in place for one band of ratings while a longer course for larger boats may be in place for another band of ratings. This will be specified in the list of start times and at the Skippers Meeting.

6.3 Courses will be provided by announcement on VHF Channel 73 and will be displayed on a board on Debbie Winsor's Dock and/or nearby signal boat.

6.4 The starting area will be to the east of Debbie Winsor's Dock. The starting line is expected to be between the Winsor's upland flag pole and a large inflatable drop mark in the vicinity of "Chester Rock" MAA.

6.5 Racing boats shall not enter the mooring field area within 5 minutes of their starting time. Observation of racing boats in the mooring field during their five minute warning period will result in a DSQ by the R/C.

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

7.1 The US Sailing prescription RRS Appendix V (ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES) will apply

8 SCORING

8.1 Primary scoring for 2018 will be done using SNS (aka NSYA) PHRF as per the official ratings database published at: <https://www.sailnovascotia.ca/phrf-ns-ratings-of-yachts.html>

8.2 If a yacht does not have an NS PHRF, the RC will assign a rating at registration for use only at this event.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION

9.1 Except in an emergency or for RC check-in, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all competitors. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Official boats will monitor VHF channel 73.

9.2 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 73. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10 PRIZES

10.1 The "Sir Christopher Ondaatje Chester Classics Cup" will be awarded to first place overall for the Chester Classics fleet in this event.

10.2 A replacement for The "Classics Gold Cup", donated by Jay Hooper and returned to him for posterity, may be given at the end of Chester Race Week to the overall winner of the combined: Chester Classics Yachts in this regatta and Chester Race Week Classic's Division. 1 drop will be allowed if more than 5 races are sailed.

10.3 In the event that three or more tiny classic boats, as defined by the Chester Classics sponsors register, the "John W Wurts Jr Tiny Classics Cup" will be awarded to the winning tiny boat. The course for such racing may be separate from the course for the rest of the fleet.

10.4 In the event that more than three boats of a one design or other organized fleet participate and notify the organizers of their group by July 31st, the top place for the series overall will be awarded a prize

10.5 In the event that more than three IODs participate, the "Rick's Roaring Racing Cup" will be awarded at the end of Chester Race Week to the IOD which is the overall winner of the combined score for for IODs in this event and IODs in Chester Race Week. 1 drop will be allowed if more than 5 races are sailed.

10.6 Additional prizes may awarded to the winners of groups of boats who registere for the event, for example if more than three one design boats, e.g. J24s, Bluenoses, etc. or other organized group of boats, e.g. NonSuch Club, participate in the event.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12 INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent. Proof of insurance should be supplied with entry.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information please contact **chesterclassics@gmail.com**, **twurts@me.com**, or **john.wurts@me.com**