



2015 NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Regatta Organizing Committee of the Chester Yacht Club presents Chester Race Week 2015. The official event website can be found at 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 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 Sonar, J/24, J/70, Farr 30 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 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.

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

4.4 A boat wishing to register for the Classic Yacht Class must either be a Classic Yacht or a Classic Yacht Replica. A Classic Yacht is a boat launched before December 31, 1955. 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, 1955.

4.5 The deadline for registration is August 1, 2015. 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 registration team before midnight August 1, 2015. Registration may be completed after August 1, 2015 but will be subject to a late registration fee.

SPONSORS



5 FEES AND REGISTRATION

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

	Before Aug. 1	After Aug. 1
Alpha (PHRF-NS <99)	\$345.00	\$445.00
Bravo (PHRF-NS >99)	\$245.00	\$345.00
Classics	\$245.00	\$345.00
PHRF-NS Non-Spinnaker	\$245.00	\$345.00
J/24 One Design	\$245.00	\$345.00
J/70 One Design	\$245.00	\$345.00
Farr 30 One Design	\$245.00	\$345.00
Sonar One Design	\$245.00	\$345.00
International One Design	\$245.00	\$345.00
Bluenose Class	\$225.00	\$325.00

Skippers must register online at 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 9, 2015	1600 to 1800hrs
Monday, August 10, 2015	1200 to 1600hrs
Tuesday, August 11, 2015	1200 to 1600hrs

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Tuesday, August 11, 2015

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

1830 Skippers Welcoming Reception (by invitation)

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

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. 12 – Sat., Aug. 15

ALPHA CLASSES

1200 First Signal

BRAVO CLASSES

1200 First Signal

ONE DESIGN CLASSES

1200 First Signal
CHARLIE CLASSES
1330 First Signal
DELTA CLASSES
1230 First Signal

6.2 Races will be scheduled as follows:

Alpha	Up to 8 races
Bravo	Up to 8 races
One Design	Up to 12 races
Charlie	Up to 10 races
Delta	4 races

6.3 Trophy presentations will take place each evening at 1800hrs, 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 to arrange such a conversion by August 6, 2015.

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 from July 15, 2015 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 Alpha and Bravo classes will sail up to 2 “round-the-buoys” races per day. The course length will depend on whether the Race Committee intends to run one or two races on that day.

9.3 J/24, J/70, Sonar and Farr 30 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. 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 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 11th, 2015.

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.

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15 BERTHING & CRANE USAGE

15.1 Berthing or mooring arrangements are the responsibility of the skipper. Moorings will be available to rent for the week. Arrangements can be made through the Chester Yacht Club, Kim Johnson - CYC Club Manager 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.

15.2 The Chester Yacht Club crane is available for registered boats that weigh less than 4000lbs., however, there shall be no launching or hauling after 1500hrs Tuesday, August 11 through 0800hrs on Sunday, August 16.

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, 2015.

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.

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