

The Chester Classic Series

**Friday August 9th
through
Sunday August 11th, 2018**

**Chester, Nova Scotia
Sailing Instructions
07/16/19**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Chester Classics races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 This regatta will be governed by the rules on the Racing Rules of Sailing. The prescriptions of the Canadian National Authority, Sail Canada, will apply. The Sail Canada prescriptions can be found on the Sail Canada website: www.sailins.ca

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event page on www.yachtscoring.com

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on flagpole upland of Debbie Winsor's dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races is published in the Chester Classics Notice of Race available at event page on www.yachtscoring.com
- 5.2 Number of races will be published in the Chester Classics Notice or Race available at event page on www.yachtscoring.com
- 5.3 The scheduled start time of the first race each day is published on the event page on www.yachtscoring.com
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an announcement of channel 73 and one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made

6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1 The Chester Yacht Club [CYC] Course Card of 2017 shows the location of racing areas. The CYC Course Card is available at the CYC website at: <https://chesteryachtclub.ca>

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The CYC Course Card shows the approximate location of the CYC Race Marks and their names. The CYC Course Card shows the courses, the order of the marks to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the course will be announced on channel 73 and on or on a signal boat near to the Winsor wharf.

8 MARKS

8.4 Marks are described on the CYC Course Card available at the CYC website page:
<https://chesteryachtclub.ca/>

8.5 The starting and finishing line will be a line from the flagpole upland of the Winsor wharf and an anchored race mark to the East in the vicinity of “Chester Rock” MAA.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: the mooring field in front of CYC and along the Peninsula, Coachman Shoal.

9.2 Boats sailing vicinity of the Tancook Ferry are asked to stay out of her way.

10 THE START

10.1 This event will use “pursuit” style races and timed starts. Each boat will be assigned a unique starting time based on her rating. Signals MAY be given for individual boat’s starting time however the R/C is not obligated to do so. The R/C will use the local cellular phone time as the reference time for the event. The starting times will be posted daily on the event page on www.yachtscoring.com

10.2 In the event groups of three or more one design boats share a starting time, the R/C may run a standard RRS 26 five minute sequence for that group’s starting time.

10.3 The starting line will be between the Winsor wharf, about ½ way out the Peninsula, and an anchored race mark to the East in the vicinity of “Chester Rock” MAA.

10.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her start signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule RRS A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 Change of Course will be signaled before the leading yacht has begun the leg and announced on channel 73.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between the Winsor wharf and an anchored race mark to the East in the vicinity of “Chester Rock” MAA.

12.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 A yacht who realizes after finishing, but before protests are heard, that she has broken a rule of Part 2 while racing, may choose to accept a 20% scoring penalty. Such penalty shall not be less than two places except with classes with less than 5 entries when it shall be one place. Acceptance of this penalty must be communicated to the RO in writing, prior to any protests being heard.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for finishing all races will be two hours after the first finisher.

14.2 A yacht who does not finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Guidance from the organizers is for boats to attempt to avoid protest situations as this is a fun, Corinthian style event.

15.2 Protest forms are available on the wall inside the lower level of the CYC clubhouse, next to the Mahone BayChart in the southwest corner. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the CYC Bar within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 min. after the last boat in their class has finished the race.

15.4 Notices will give to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the CYC.

15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16 SCORING

16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Check-In: Prior to the first start each day, every boat intending to race shall give the RC the boat's sail number and number of people aboard. Check-ins may be by: confirmed radio transmission, cell phone if the RC provides such, or by passing by and hailing the RC at the Winsor dock or aboard a nearby signal boat as noted by the presence of an RC flag.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by contacting the Race Committee on VHF Ch 73 or by phone to RC if the RC provides such.

17.3 Skippers racing singlehanded must wear a Personal Flotation Device when racing. This changes Rule 40.

18 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

18.1 Boats will be permitted to change their declared sail inventory and their PHRF accordingly. They must notify the Racing Committee prior to the start of the first race in the series. This handicap and sail inventory must be kept for the entire series. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 TRASH DISPOSAL

19.1 Trash must be kept on the boat until racing is done and then disposed of properly ashore. See 44 of RS

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 Except in an emergency or check-in by cell phone to the RC, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

20.2 The race committee will use VHF channel 73 for communication. The Race Committee will make best effort to respond to communications but is not required to respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, protests or requests for emergency assistance.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes may be awarded to each yacht placing first, second or third in a race or series of races with at least four boats scored.

21.2 When fewer than four boats are scored, the prizes may be awarded equal to one less than the number of boats scored.

21.3 In the event groups of three or more one design or other boats register with the event and notify the organizers, prizes may be made available for these groups as well as overall.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 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 or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

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