

North 44 Yacht Sales

RNSYS Regatta

June 8th & 9th, 2024



NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021- 2024*.
- 1.2 All aspects of the current RNSYS Constitution and Bylaws shall apply.
- 1.3 Handicap fleet boats shall compete with equipment that is compliant with their PHRF-NS certificate.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RNSYS website (www.rnsys.com/events/rnsys-regatta) in the week prior to the event.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.rnsys.com/events/rnsys-regatta.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 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 relevant to the races and shall not receive voice or data communication relevant to the races that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid PHRF-NS handicap.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at www.rnsys.com/events/rnsys-regatta.
- 4.3 Persons who have been suspended or expelled from the RNSYS shall not be present on RNSYS property.

5 FEES

Prior to Monday, 3rd June the entry fee will be \$80 (HST inc.). From Monday, 3rd June the entry fee will be \$95 (HST inc.).

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 A competitor's meeting will be held outside the Ward Room at 1000 on Saturday.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1200 on Saturday and Sunday.

- 6.3 For A class the event shall consist of one day of up to two (2) windward/leeward races and one (1) distance race and one day of a single distance race for the Wenonah Cup. The day of the Wenonah Cup race shall be announced on the Thursday prior to the event.
- 6.4 For B and C classes the event shall consist of up to two (2) windward/leeward races and one (1) distance race each day.

7 HANDICAPS & CLASS SPLITS

- 7.1 Handicap yachts shall have a valid PHRF-NS rating listed on the Sail Nova Scotia yacht database. Boats not listed on this database will be given a provisional handicap. Boats not listed on the Sail Nova Scotia yacht database shall give at least one week notice of intent to compete so that a handicap can be assigned. This provisional handicap cannot be contested during the course of the event.
- 7.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to place boats into the following classes based upon their spinnaker handicap:

| PHRF-NS band | Name | Restrictions |
|--------------|------|--------------------------|
| < 91 | A | 9m (29.5') or longer LOA |
| 91 – 135 | B | |
| >136 | C | |

- 7.3 Boats that would fall into A class but which do not meet the length restrictions shall race in B class.
- 7.4 Boats wishing to race without a spinnaker shall declare as such at time of registration. Those boats shall be placed in classes based on their non-spinnaker handicap.
- 7.5 Final class splits and boat assignments will be adjusted in the Sailing Instructions (NoR 2) and before the Competitors Meeting on Saturday (NoR 6.1). The Race Committee reserves the right to sort boats by parameters other than handicap.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The regatta is hosted by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron. Visiting yachts will be provided with a marina berth or mooring free of charge from Friday (7th June) through to Monday (10th June). Visiting yachts should contact the RNSYS Dockmaster before or upon arrival by VHF Channel 68 or by phone at (902) 477-5653 ext. 110 to be assigned a marina.
- 8.2 Racing will take place in Halifax Harbour and its Approaches.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward and buoy races. Courses shall be made up of marks included on the Sail Nova Scotia Course Card and as described in the SI. All fleets will use the same start/finish lines.
- 9.2 The Wenonah Cup course will be determined by the Race Committee such that it meets the requirements of the deed of gift for the Wenonah Cup.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 A minimum of seven (7) boats in are required to start the Wenonah Cup race for that race to be scored.

- 10.2 The Wenonah Cup race shall be scored using the PHRF Time on Distance handicap process. All other races shall be scored using the Time on Time handicap process.
- 10.3 For the Wenonah Cup race the distance used shall be the rhumb line course as calculated by the Race Committee.

11 HAUL OUT AND DIVING RESTRICTIONS

- 11.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 11.2 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.

12 RISK STATEMENT

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.**

13 INSURANCE

Participating yachts shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes shall be awarded after racing on Sunday.
- 14.2 Overall prizes for the event shall be awarded for the top three (3) finishers in each class.
- 14.3 The Wenonah Cup shall be awarded to the winner of the Wenonah Cup race.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 Additional information may be provided via the RNSYS website (<http://www.rnsys.com>), RNSYS e-mail blasts and through the RNSYS Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/rnsys>).
- 15.2 For further information please contact the RNSYS Race Director at racedirector@rnsys.com or (902) 414-3284 or the Vice Commodore of Sailing at vcsailing@rnsys.com.