

2024 Wednesday Night Race Series

May 1st – September 25th

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron



NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
- 1.2 All aspects of the RNSYS Constitution and Bylaws shall apply.
- 1.3 Boats shall compete with equipment that is compliant with their Sail Nova Scotia PHRF certificate.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line at www.rnsys.com/events?category=Race.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.rnsys.com/events?category=Race.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 72.
- 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.
- 3.4 There will not be a skippers meeting.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to RNSYS yachts that hold a current Sail Nova Scotia PHRF certificate.
- 4.2 Yacht owners and the Persons In Charge (if different) shall be members of the RNSYS in good standing (RRS 46). Crews need not be members, but skippers should encourage their crew to join either as full members or as privileged crew.
- 4.3 Persons who have been suspended or expelled from the RNSYS shall not be present on RNSYS property.

5 ENTRY FEES

There is no entry fee for this event.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Dates and times of racing:

SERIES I

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Signal</u>
May 1 st	1830
May 8 th	1830
May 15 th	1830
May 22 nd	1830
May 29 th	1830
June 5 th	1830
June 12 th	1830
June 19 th	1830

SERIES II

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Signal</u>
June 26 th	1830
July 3 rd	1830
July 10 th	1830
July 17 th	1830
July 24 th	1830
July 31 st	1830
August 7 th	1830

SERIES III

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Signal</u>
August 21 st	1800
August 28 th	1800
September 4 th	1800
September 11 th	1800
September 18 th	1800
September 25 th	1800

6.2 Up to eight (8) races are scheduled for the first series, up to seven (7) races are scheduled for the second series and up to six (6) races are scheduled for the third series.

6.3 **Note that the starts move back to 1800 for the whole of Series III starting August 21st.**

7 HANDICAPS & CLASS SPLITS

7.1 Yachts shall compete with handicaps supplied by the RNSYS Handicap Committee. If no handicap is supplied by the RNSYS Handicap Committee then the current Sail NS PHRF-NS handicap shall be used. These handicaps cannot be contested during the course of the series.

7.2 Boats shall notify the Race Director of any changes to their rating.

7.3 Yachts shall be placed in classes according to their spinnaker rating. Should a yacht choose not to fly a spinnaker it shall not change the class in which she races.

7.4 It is the intention of the Race Committee to place boats into the following classes:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Rating Band</i>
A	< 56
B	56 - 130
C	> 130

7.5 The Race Director may place boats in classes using criteria other than handicap.

7.6 Any one design class with four (4) or more registrants may request to be scored separately. The decision shall be made and communicated prior to the start of the series and shall last for the duration of the series

8 COURSES

8.1 The regatta will be sailed in the waters of Halifax Harbour and Approaches.

8.2 Starts will be from the signal boat in Halifax harbour. The start area will be located south of Lighthouse Bank if the weather permits. For Series III the starts will be in the vicinity of Middle Ground.

8.3 Courses for the series may consist of a combination of windward-leeward, triangle and around-the-buoy courses using marks as laid out in the Sail Nova Scotia Course Card and in the SIs.

8.4 The Sail Nova Scotia Course Card, available at www.rnsys.com/events?category=Race, shows the marks to be used for the courses.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for incidents outside the zone around a mark.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 10.3 Each series shall be scored according to rule A5.3.

11 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class for each race. Prizes will also be awarded to the overall top finisher in each class at the Annual Awards Banquet and Prize Presentations (November 2nd). Additional prizes may also be awarded at that time.

12 RISK STATEMENT

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, the owner, person in charge and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 3 "Decision to Race"; that the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors, or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron vessels, or from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

13 INSURANCE

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.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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