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(the Absolute Bloody Final race)
October 12th, 2019

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 2017-20*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all keelboats.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form in person during registration (NoR 4). No online registration here, we're going old skool.
- 2.3 Persons who have been suspended or expelled from the RNSYS shall not be present on RNSYS property.

3 FEES

The entry fee will be \$35 per boat. We gotta cover the costs somehow.

4 SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 12th

Registration	1145hr – 1215hr
Competitors Meeting	1230hr
First Signal	1300hr
Prize Presentation	1700hr

5 HANDICAPS

Yachts shall have a valid Sail Nova Scotia PHRF rating listed on the Sail Nova Scotia yacht database. Boats not listed on this database will be given a provisional handicap at the time of registration. This provisional handicap cannot be contested during the course of the regatta. We'll do our best to come up with something reasonable for you without upsetting everyone else.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions shall be available at registration (NoR 4) and online before that.

7 VENUE

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 (October 11th) through to Monday (October 14th). 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. Wayne loves this bit.

8 THE COURSE

The race will be sailed in Halifax Harbour and its approaches. The course to be sailed shall be constructed from the Sail Nova Scotia course card, available on-line (<http://www.rnsys.com/sailing/race-documents.html>) and at registration. It'll be blast from the past with a start and finish at the breakwater.

9 SCORING

One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. Mobile telephones and other wireless devices shall not be used to obtain information relevant to the race that is not available to all boats.

11 PRIZES

Whatever we have left. Yes, we're going to pull together the excess goodies from the past to present to as many boats as we can.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 4 "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 (<http://www.rnsys.com>), RNSYS e-mail blasts, through the RNSYS Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/rnsys>) and on Twitter (@RNSYS).

14.2 For further information please contact the Race Director at (902) 414-3284 or racedirector@rnsys.com, or the Vice Commodore of Sailing at vc sailing@rnsys.com.