



Canada Day Race

July 1st, 2024



Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

NOTICE OF RACE

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-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 be a Competitor's Meeting at 1200 outside the Wardroom.

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/regattas.
- 4.3 Persons who have been suspended or expelled from the RNSYS shall not be present on RNSYS property.

5 FEES

The entry fee is \$45 (HST inc.), to be paid upon registration.

6 SCHEDULE

First Signal	1300
Canada Day evening festivities	1700 – 2000

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 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.
- 7.3 Final class splits and boat assignments will be set in the Sailing Instructions (NoR 2). The Race Committee reserves the right to sort boats by parameters other than handicap.

8 VENUE

The regatta is hosted by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron. Visiting yachts will be provided with a marina berth free of charge from Sunday (June 30th) through to Tuesday (July 2nd). 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.

9 COURSES

The race will be sailed in Halifax Harbour and its approaches. The course to be sailed will be constructed from the Sail Nova Scotia course card, available on-line at www.rnsys.com/events?category=Race.

10 SCORING

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

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 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 Race Director at (902) 414-3284 or racedirector@rnsys.com, or the Vice Commodore of Sailing at vcsailing@rnsys.com.