



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron
Sept 27th & 28th, 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- 1.3 All aspects of the current RNSYS Constitution and Bylaws shall apply.
- 1.4 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is by invitation only to RNSYS members according to the criteria below (NoR 2.7).
- 2.2 Entry will be limited to 12 teams. Two additional teams may place themselves on standby to be entered should a team withdraw or fail to show up.
- 2.3 All teams shall consist entirely of RNSYS members in good standing.
- 2.4 Crews can consist of either three (3) competitors of any weight OR four (4) competitors that have a total weight under 275kg/605 lb.
- 2.5 The named Person in Charge of the competing team must be the owner or the Person in Charge of the boat during the qualifying event in the 2014 season.

2.6 Qualification Criteria

- 2.6.1 Yachts that finish in the top 3 in their class in the following events qualify for invitation:
 - Wednesday Night Race Series I
 - Wednesday Night Race Series II
 - Wednesday Night Race Series III
 - Wednesday Night Race Series IV (first 3 races)
 - Ocean Squadron Regatta
 - Canada Day Race
 - Route Halifax St. Pierre
 - Prince of Wales Trophy
 - Wenonah Cup
 - Bluenose Offshore Racing Circuit (first 3 races)
- 2.6.2 The top RNSYS crew from the One Design Racing and Women's Racing (up to week 3 of session 2) programs shall also qualify for invitation.

- 2.6.3 First place yachts shall receive an invitation immediately following the event in which they placed and will be required to respond promptly. Second and third place yachts will be asked for an expression of interest and also required to respond promptly.
- 2.6.4 Second place yachts shall receive invitations once the first place yachts have responded for all events and third place yachts after the second place yachts have responded. Due to time constraints at the end of the season notice could be short and prompt responses required.

3 FEES

- 3.1 There is no entry fee for this regatta.
- 3.2 Each team must acknowledge and commit to paying a \$500 per incident damage claim in the event they are found at fault. This will be required at check-in on Saturday morning.

4 SCHEDULE AND NUMBER OF RACES

- 4.1. The regatta format will be a round robin Qualifying Series followed by a three (3) race series for the top six (6) teams (Gold Fleet).
- 4.2 The event will use the club J/22s and so each race in the qualifying and final races will have a maximum of six (6) boats.
- 4.2 The provisional schedule of races shall be:
Saturday Sept. 27th, 2014
 Races 1-8 of Qualifying Series
Sunday Sept 28th, 2014
 Races 9-12 Qualifying Series
 Races 1-3 Gold Fleet
- 4.3 If the above formats are not possible within the allotted time, the Race Officer will announce the best course of action. The format chosen will be at the sole discretion of the Race Officer and may be changed at any time without posting notices to competitors.

4.4 Event Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 27th	
Check-in	0900hrs - 1045hrs
Competitors Meeting	1100hrs
First Signal	1200hrs
Sunday, Sept 28th	
Competitors Meeting	1100hrs
First Signal (Qualifying Series)	1200hrs
First Signal (Gold Fleet)	~1430 hrs
Prize Giving & Awards	1800hrs

5 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

Club J22s will be provided for competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way. Each team will be assigned a boat for each race of the Qualifying Series. Teams qualifying for Gold Fleet will be assigned the same boat for all the final races.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions shall be available at check-in on Saturday.

7 VENUE

Racing will take place in the Northwest Arm or at its approaches in Halifax Harbour.

8 SCORING

8.1 One (1) race per team is required to complete the Qualifying Series. One (1) race is required for the Gold Fleet to complete the event.

8.2 The average score from the round robin shall carry forward from the Qualifying Series to the Gold Fleet series.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

10 PRIZES

The top team will be awarded the Club Championship Trophy, have a framed picture of their crew displayed in the main clubhouse and be assigned the designated Club Champion parking spot from the date of the event until the Club Championships in 2015 or October 15, 2015, which ever is earlier. The parking spot is to be used by one of the winning crew only.

11 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.

12 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.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 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 via Twitter (@RNSYS).

13.2 For further information please contact RNSYS Race Director at 477-5653 ext.109 or racedirector@rnsys.com.