



Halifax Metro Regatta 2014

August 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron



NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- 1.3 Boats shall be in compliance with their Sail Nova Scotia PHRF certificate.
- 1.4 Boats racing in a one design class shall abide by the class rules applicable to that boat.
- 1.5 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 open to all boats with a valid Sail Nova Scotia PHRF handicap. One-design classes with five (5) or more boats have the option of being identified as a class.
- 2.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to place boats into the following classes based upon their spinnaker handicap:

Course	PHRF-NS band	Name
Alpha Course	< 90	A
	90 - 150	B
	150 +	C
Bravo Course	Non-spin	Non-spin
	< 90 Sport Boat	SB A
	90 + Sport Boat	SB B
	One Design	One Design

Sport Boat as defined by the Sail Nova Scotia PHRF committee. See Attachment A.

- 2.3 Final class splits and boat assignments shall be adjusted in the Sailing Instructions (NoR 6) and after final registration/check-in (NoR 4.1). The Race Committee reserves the right to sort boats by parameters other than handicap.
- 2.4 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the registration form either on line (<http://rnsys.com/regatta-registration.html>) or in person and paying the required entry fee before in-person registration closes. All competitors must check in at the registration desk to confirm entry, sign the waiver and receive the skipper's package as per the Schedule (NoR 4.1).

3 FEES

The entry fee for all yachts is \$75

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Check in and in-person registration shall take place on Friday, August 1st from 1700hrs to 2100hrs at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron. A competitor's meeting will be held following registration at 2100hrs. There will be no daily competitors meetings.

4.2 Number of races:

<i>Course</i>	<i>Number</i>
Alpha	up to 3
Bravo	up to 11

4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for all days is 1300hrs for Alpha course competitors and 1200 for Bravo course competitors.

5 HANDICAPS

Handicap yachts shall have a valid Sail Nova Scotia PHRF rating listed on the Sail Nova Scotia yacht database. Boats not listed on this database shall be given a provisional handicap at the time of in-person registration (NoR 4.1). This provisional handicap cannot be contested during the course of the regatta.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions shall be available on line no later than Wednesday, July 30th and at the registration desk during registration/check in (NoR 4.1).

7 VENUE

7.1 The regatta is jointly hosted by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, Waterfront Development and the Waterfront Warehouse. Berthing is provided downtown just south of the Svitzer wharf (opposite Waterfront Warehouse) free of charge. The berthage is very sheltered from wave action while shore based security guards will ensure peaceful nights. See Attachment B.

7.2 Berthing is available from Friday, August 1st to Tuesday, August 5th. Space limitations will require boats to raft up so please have adequate equipment available and use common sense and cooperation when mooring.

8 COURSES

8.1 There shall be two (2) race courses, Alpha and Bravo, each with its own Race Committee including separate signal boats and starting areas.

8.2 Alpha Course shall run one race each day, courses being selected from the marks on the Sail Nova Scotia Course Card. Bravo Course shall run windward/leeward courses using inflatable marks.

9 SCORING

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

9.2 (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 five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 HAUL OUT AND DIVING RESTRICTIONS

- 10.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the prior written permission of the race committee.
- 10.2 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.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Mobile telephones shall not be used to obtain information relevant to the race that is not available to all boats.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes shall be awarded after racing on Monday.
- 12.2 Overall prizes for the regatta shall be awarded for the top three (3) finishers in each class consisting of six (6) or more boats. Overall prizes for the regatta shall be awarded for the top two (2) finishers in each class consisting of less than six (6) boats.

13 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.

14 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.

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>) and Twitter feed (@RNSYS).
- 15.2 For further information please contact RNSYS Race Director at racedirector@rnsys.com or (902) 477-5653 ext.109 or the Vice Commodore of Sailing at vc sailing@rnsys.com.

Attachment A (NoR 2.2)

Sport Boats as defined by the Sail Nova Scotia handicap committee.

1d35

Columbia 30 Sport

J70

J80

Melges 24

Melges 32

Farr 30

Rocket 22

Soto 40

Viper 640

Viper 830

Attachment B (NoR 7.1)

