



# 2016 Wednesday Night Race Series I

May 4<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>

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 2013 - 2016*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- 1.3 All aspects of the RNSYS Constitution and Bylaws shall apply.
- 1.4 Boats shall compete with equipment that is compliant with their Sail Nova Scotia PHRF certificate.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to RNSYS yachts that hold a current Sail Nova Scotia PHRF certificate.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line (<http://www.rnsys.com/regatta-registration>) and submitting it no later than 1.5 hours prior to the start of racing.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 Persons who have been suspended or expelled from the RNSYS shall not be present on competing yachts in any capacity.

### 3 ENTRY FEES

There is no entry fee for this event.

### 4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Dates and times of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Signal</u>
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	1830 hrs
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	1830 hrs
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	1830 hrs
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	1830 hrs
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	1830 hrs
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	1830 hrs
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	1830 hrs

- 4.2 Up to seven (7) races are scheduled for this series.

## 5 HANDICAPS

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Each boat shall verify on their entry form that the yacht data on file with Sail Nova Scotia is current and shall notify the Race Director of any changes to their rating during the series.
- 5.3 Class splits shall be determined by the spinnaker rating of each yacht. If a yacht decides to not fly a spinnaker (see NOR 5.5) and the change in rating would place her in another class, she shall be scored within her original class.
- 5.4 It is the intention of the Race Committee to place boats into the following classes:
- | <i>Class</i> | <i>Rating Band</i> |
|--------------|--------------------|
| A            | < 80               |
| B            | 80 - 150           |
| C            | > 151              |
- 5.5 For each race in the series yachts shall be assumed to be flying a spinnaker and rated as such unless the Signal Boat is informed to the contrary via VHF or voice and a confirmation is received before the start of that race as per the procedure laid out on the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.6 The Race Director may place boats in classes using criteria other than handicap.
- 5.7 One design classes with four (4) or 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.

## 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line (<http://www.rnsys.com/sailing/race-schedule/item/1822.html>) or from the Race Director.

## 7 COURSES

- 7.1 The regatta will be sailed in the waters of Halifax Harbour and Approaches.
- 7.2 Courses for the series may consist of a combination of windward-leewards, triangle and around-the-buoy courses using marks as laid out in the Sail Nova Scotia Course Card and in the SIs.
- 7.3 The Sail Nova Scotia Course Card (available <http://www.rnsys.com/sailing/race-documents.html>) shows the marks to be used for the courses.

## 8 SCORING

- 8.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2 (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) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.3 The series shall be scored according to rule A9 (RACE SCORES IN A SERIES LONGER THAN A REGATTA) except that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did come to the starting area for that race.

## 9 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 three finishers in each class at the Annual Awards Banquet and Prize Presentations (November 5<sup>th</sup>).

## **10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 A waiver and release of liability will be required to be affirmed at registration as well as affirmation of proof of insurance and liability coverage.

## **11 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.

## **12 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 12.1 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>).
- 12.2 For further information please contact the RNSYS Race Director at (902) 477-5653 ext. 109 or [racedirector@rnsys.com](mailto:racedirector@rnsys.com) or the Vice Commodore of Sailing at [vcsailing@rnsys.com](mailto:vcsailing@rnsys.com).

