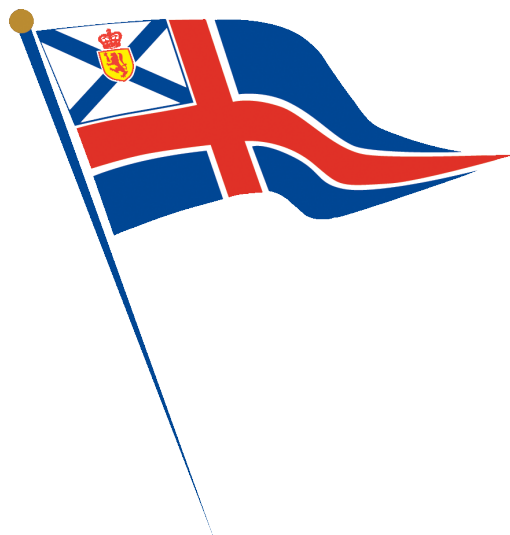


2016 RNSYS Ocean Regatta

Sponsored by Ocean Yacht Sales

May 28th & 29th

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 All aspects of the current 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 all boats with a valid Sail Nova Scotia PHRF handicap.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form either on line (<http://www.rnsys.com/regatta-registration>) 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).
- 2.3 Persons who have been suspended or expelled from the RNSYS shall not be present on competing yachts in any capacity.
- 2.4 Entry for the Big Boat Rumble is restricted to boats with a displacement of more than 15,000 lbs. and approximately 40' or more.

3 FEES

The entry fee is \$75. Entry fee for the Big Boat Rumble is \$30.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Check in and in-person registration will take place on Saturday, May 28th from 0930hrs to 1030hrs. A competitor's meeting will be held in or near the Ward Room at 1030hrs on Saturday and Sunday for all classes.
- 4.2 The regatta shall consist of up to six (6) races.
- 4.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1200hrs on both days.
- 4.4 The Big Boat Rumble race is scheduled for Saturday, May 28th only.

5 HANDICAPS

- 5.1 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 will be given a provisional handicap at the time of registration. This provisional handicap cannot be contested during the course of the regatta.

- 5.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to place boats into the following classes based upon their spinnaker handicap:

<u>PHRF-NS band</u>	<u>Name</u>
< 60	A
61 - 120	B
121 - 180	C
J/24 One design	J/24
Big Boat Rumble	BBR

- 5.3 Final class splits and boat assignments will be adjusted in the Sailing Instructions (NoR 6) following closure of on-line registration (NoR 2.2). The Race Committee reserves the right to sort boats by parameters other than handicap.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RNSYS website (<http://www.rnsys.com>) and at the registration desk during registration/check in (NoR 4.1).

7 VENUE

- 7.1 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 (May 27th) through to Monday (May 30th). 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.
- 7.2 Racing will take place in Halifax Harbour and its Approaches.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses shall be a mix of windward/leeward and buoy races. Courses shall be made up of marks included on the Sail Nova Scotia Course Card. All fleets will use the same start/finish line.
- 8.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to set only windward/leeward courses for the J/24 fleet.
- 8.2 The Race Committee will set only a single distance course for the Big Boat Rumble that will feature long legs and be approximately 15 NM total, weather dependent.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (no drops).
- 9.3 One design classes other than the J/24 class will race with their respective handicap fleets but may be scored separately if four (4) or more boats register.

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

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions 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 Sunday
- 12.2 Overall prizes for the regatta shall be awarded for the top three (3) finishers in each class.
- 12.3 The top finisher in one design classes other than the J/24 class will be recognized.
- 12.4 The top finisher in the Big Boat Rumble will be recognized.

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