

CHESTER YACHT CLUB

21 South St. Chester, NS

HOST CLUB and ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

MARITIME BLUENOSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday August 22 and Sunday August 23, 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the RACING RULES OF SAILING.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association will apply. These may be found on the CYA website under the title Racing Rules.
- 1.3 The Racing Rules of the Nova Scotia Bluenose Class Association will apply, except as modified by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, which in case of conflict, will take precedence. These may be found on the NS Bluenose Class Association website.
- 1.4 RRS 35 will be amended to provide that boats not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored " Did Not Finish " without a hearing.
- 1.5 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and for requesting that a hearing be reopened on the last day of racing.
- 1.6 RRS A4.1 will be changed to provide that a boat failing to check in at the RC boat prior to the Warning signal of the first race of the day will be scored the same as a boat not starting in that race without a hearing.
- 1.7 For Protests involving a breach of a Rule of Part 2 of the RRS, a mediation hearing may be held. See Section 11.

2. ADVERTISING

No advertising shall be permitted without the express written consent of the NS Bluenose Class Association. Builders and sail makers marks shall be permitted as per ISAF Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 3.1 The Regatta will be open to all yachts of the Bluenose Class
- 3.2 Owners and/or skippers must be a current member of the CYA or other recognized National Sailing/Yachting Authority and members in good standing of the Nova Scotia Bluenose Class Association.

4. CLASSES

- 4.1 White Sail
- 4.2 Spinnaker
- 4.3 Overall

5. FEES and REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Both Classes - \$50.00 per boat registered.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration – A registration Desk will be open at Chester Yacht Club on Saturday August 22nd from 0800 hrs to 0930 hrs immediately followed by the NS Bluenose Class Association AGM.
- 6.2 Early Registration may be carried out by contacting Sandy Morash 1 902 275 4441 or by Email at s.morash@ns.sympatico.ca after August 8th.
- 6.3 Competitors Meeting will be held at Chester Yacht Club on Saturday August 22nd immediately following the Bluenose Class Association Annual General Meeting
- 6.4.1 The first Warning Signal is scheduled for 1255 hrs on both Race Days. Note: both Classes will start at the same time.
- 6.4.2 No Warning signal will be given after 1530 hrs on Sunday, Aug 23.
- 6.5 Yachts registered in one class will not be permitted to change their class after the registration desk closes.

7. Measurements

All yachts entered shall conform to the Nova Scotia Bluenose Class Association requirements as per the class bylaws, constitution, rules and regulations.

8. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at time of Registration.

9. Venue

The Race Course Area is Chester Harbour, as shown on Canada Dept of Fisheries and Oceans Chart 4381.

10. The Courses

The courses will be Windward/Leeward.

11. Penalty System and Protests including Mediation

- 11.1 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2 For Protests under a rule of Part 2, where there is no damage, and in which there are no more than two boats involved, there may be a short mediation hearing. Protests not resolved in mediation will be referred to the Protest Committee for a full hearing.
- 11.3 After the protest has been filed, one designated representative from each boat shall testify before a mediator. No witnesses will be permitted. The mediator will decide on the validity of the protest.
- 11.4 A boat, which accepts the opinion of the mediator that she has broken a rule, shall receive a 40% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3 (c). This amends rule A2.
- 11.5 When in the opinion of the mediator one boat has broken a rule and that boat accepts a penalty, her decision shall be binding upon the other party to the protest and the protest shall not be referred to a protest committee. This amends rule 63.1.
- 11.6 When in the opinion of the mediator both boats have broken a rule and both boats accept a penalty, the protest shall not be referred to a protest committee. If only one boat

- accepts a penalty, the protest committee shall not penalize it further. This amends rule 63.1.
- 11.7 The mediator may also approve the withdrawal of a protest. This amends rule 63.1.
- 11.8 The mediator may attend the full hearing.
- 12.1 **Scoring**
The Low point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply, modified so that the series score will be the total of each boat's race scores, with her worst score excluded if more than 5 races are completed.
- 12.2 Three races must be completed to constitute a Championship Series. Additional races may be started on Saturday and/or Sunday.
13. **Haul Out Restrictions**
Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to written permission from the Race Committee.
14. **Communications**
No boat shall make or receive communications that are not available to all competitors. This would be particularly applicable to Cell Phone Use.
15. **Prizes will be given as follows:**
- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place yachts in each class. In addition, the Russell-Youla trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
16. **Disclaimer of Liability.**
Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and host club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta
17. **Insurance**
Each Participating yacht shall be insured with third-party liability insurance with a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 (One Million)
18. For further information, please contact Sandy Morash at 902-275-4441 or by email at s.morash@ns.sympatico.ca