

Club Races 2026
Chester Yacht Club Chester, NS

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The CYC races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Canadian National Authority, Sail Canada, will apply. The Sail Canada prescriptions can be found on the Sail Canada website www.sailing.ca.
- 1.3 Racing Rule(s)
 - a. RRS 35, A4 and A5 will be changed as follows: SI 15.1.
 - b. RRS 40 will be changed as follows: SI 18.3. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - c. If there is a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: *World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code*.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The racing is open to all boats with a **helmsperson** that is a **member of CYC** in good standing.
 - a. Exceptions are Mahone Bay Opener, Outer Islands, and Indian Point Race when boats are representing a different club.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the following:
 - a. **Registration on Clubspot**

Club Handicap Races <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/FmFShR3oaZ>

Bluenose <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/95HfimLuNm>

Mahone Bay Opener <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/ZE8Cy0d1mx>

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Outer/Middle Islands <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/eXahUknb2T>

Tureky Bowl <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/8hRPM5BoIY>

b. **The registration form** is also available at the bar.

c. **A list of yachts' regular crew is to be presented in registration with a contact number or email.**

d. Changes made by competitors to PHRF on Clubspot through your previous registration.

3.3 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: Only races that the boat has raced in after submitting the form from NOR 3.2 will be scored.

3.4 Boats must submit written proof of current **third-party liability insurance** to the Race Committee before racing to be scored. This can be passed through Clubspot registration or into the bar or emailed to CYCScoring@gmail.com

3.5 Boats with a handicap of **150 or lower** will race in A-Class and boats with a handicap of **151 or higher** will race in B Class. Any B-Class boat wishing to race in A-class will take a handicap of 150 and advise the RC before the race of their intentions.

3.6 Boats can elect to race Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker handicap in series races at the **beginning of the series or their first race by stating this at Clubspot or on their race form.**

3.7 Boats must have **sail numbers** on their mainsails that belong to their boat or are **different from all other racers.**

3.8 Must be two or more boats checked in for the fleet to have a start.

4 CLASSIFICATION

4.1 All boats must be registered in the Sail Nova Scotia PHRF-NS Rating Database with a valid and up-to-date PHRF rating.

5 FEES

5.1 Helmspersons must have fully paid their CYC membership before racing. Non-CYC Boats registered for Chester Race Week may also participate in the Outer Islands Race.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Dates of racing can be found in the current **CYC Racing Schedule** under the Racing tab on the CYC web page.
- 6.2 The number of races and scheduled time of the first start is found on the current **CYC Racing Schedule** under the Racing tab on the CYC web page.
- 6.3 Races designated as Spin/Non-spin on the **CYC Racing Schedule** will have a Free For All (FFA) start for Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker fleets together. Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker boats will be together, with one winner.
 - a. In a series designated as Spin/Non-spin skippers must declare whether they will be racing in the Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker fleet before their first race. Skippers/Owners can do this by indicating on their race form or email the race committee cycscoring@gmail.com. **Boats may not switch mid-series**; boats registered in the white sail fleet and fly a spinnaker will not be scored.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available through a link on the Clubspot page.

8 VENUE

Attachment CYC Course Card shows the location of the racing areas.

9 THE COURSES

There is a new Number 1 Mark CYC Mark 25m southeast of Chester Rock.

The courses to be sailed will be as follows; as indicated on the CYC Course Card or a set course posted by the Race Committee. CYC Course Card can be found on the Clubspot Website

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.
- 10.2 For the Bluenose Class, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty unless handicap racing.

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- 10.3 A yacht that realizes, after finishing, but before protests are heard, that she has broken a rule of Part 2 while racing, may choose to accept a 20% scoring penalty. Such penalty shall not be less than two places except with classes with fewer than 5 entries; it shall be one place. Acceptance of this penalty must be communicated to the RO in writing prior to any protests being heard.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 11.3 DNF will be scored as the number of Boats started in the race plus one place.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 A boat that is racing shall not transmit or receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats for the purpose of gaining an advantage or helping another boat gain an advantage. This does not change RRS 41.
- 12.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 71 for communication. The Race Committee may choose not to respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, protests or requests for emergency assistance.
- 12.3 The Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes may be awarded to each yacht placing first, second or third in a race or series of races with at least four boats scored.
- 13.2 When fewer than four boats are scored, the prizes may be awarded equal to one less than the number of boats scored.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the club racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.