



**Wednesday Night Race Series (WNR)
May 8th – Oct 9th, 2024, Notice of Race (NOR)
Issued May 10, 2024**

1. Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) This series shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024. b) All aspects of the DYC By-laws shall apply. c) Boats shall compete with equipment that is compliant with their Sail Nova Scotia Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (“PHRF”) certificate and safety equipment in accordance with the Transport Canada Safe Boating Guide. d) If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
2. Organizing Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Dartmouth Yacht Club is the organizing authority for this regatta.
3. Sailing Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line at https://www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca/dyc-racing at least one week prior to the event.
4. Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The official notice board is located in the DYC clubhouse. There will be no skippers’ meeting for MNR or WNR. b) On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 68. c) From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions relevant to the races and shall not receive voice or data communication relevant to the races that is not available to all boats.
5. Registration and Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) On the day of the race, register with the race officer prior to the event, either at the club or on the water VHF Ch 68. b) There shall be no entry fee for this event.
6. Eligibility and Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The event is open to DYC member-owned yachts that hold a current Sail Nova Scotia PHRF certificate. Yacht owners shall be current DYC members in good standing to participate. b) Crew members need not be members. c) Persons who have been suspended or expelled from DYC shall not be present on DYC property. d) On race day, eligible boats must register with the race officer, either in person at the DYC clubhouse before the race or on the water over VHF 68 during the official check-in call with the Race Committee boat (the “RC Boat”) the day of.
7. Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Up to eight races are scheduled for each of the spring, summer, and fall series. Note that the first signal times will be adjusted at a point during the fall series to account for the earlier sunset.

- b) Wednesday August 14 (Chester Race Week CRW in progress) will be a fun race only and not part of the series.
 c) Dates and times of racing are:

Spring Series		Summer Series		Fall Summer	
Date	1 st Warning Signal	Date	1 st Warning Signal	Date	1 st Warning Signal
1. May 8	6:30pm	1. June 26	6:30pm	1. August 21	6:30pm
2. May 15	6:30pm	2. July 3	6:30pm	2. August 28	6:30pm
3. May 22	6:30pm	3. July 10	6:30pm	3. Sept 4	6:15pm
4. May 29	6:30pm	4. July 17	6:30pm	4. Sept 11	6:15pm
5. June 5	6:30pm	5. July 24	6:30pm	5. Sept 18	6:15pm
6. June 12	6:30pm	6. July 31	6:30pm	6. Sept 25	6:15pm
7. June 19	6:30pm	7. August 7	6:30pm	7. October 2	6:15pm
		August 14 (CRW)	6:30pm	8. October 9	6:15pm

<p>8. Handicap and Class Splits</p>	<p>a) Sail NS PHRF handicaps shall be used. These handicaps cannot be contested or changed during a series. Sail NS PHRF handicaps can be obtained through Sail Nova Scotia at the following link: https://www.sailnovascotia.ca/racing/yacht-database/ who organizes the handicap committee which includes a representative from DYC.</p> <p>b) Wednesday night racing will include a spinnaker class and a white sail class. Those classes may be further subdivided by PHRF rating based on class participation. The race committee may at its discretion adjust the class splits based on the PHRF range and number of participating boats in a series.</p> <p>c) A minimum of three boats must race a minimum of three times to make a class for each series.</p>
<p>9. Venue and Courses</p>	<p>a) Races will be sailed in the waters of Bedford Basin. Starts will be from the race committee boat, which normally will be positioned in the vicinity of Mark 11.</p> <p>b) Courses may consist of a combination of windward-leeward, triangle, and around-the-buoy courses using marks as laid out in the DYC Course Card and in the SIs. The DYC Course Card, available on the https://dartmouthyachtclub.ca/sailboat-racing/course-card shows the marks to be used for the courses.</p>

10. Scoring	<p>Each series shall be scored according to Appendix A 5.3 of the <i>RRS 2021-2024</i> subject to the following modifications: WNR notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. b) A race will only be scored if a minimum of three boats race on a particular date in a particular class. c) When five races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. d) When six races have been completed per series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding one worst score. e) When seven or more races have been completed per series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding two worst scores. f) The Wed race during the CRW will not be scored to encourage racers to attend Chester Race Week.
11. Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Results will be announced in the DYC clubhouse by the Race Committee each evening following racing once the Race Committee Boat returns to shore and tabulates the results. b) Results will not be posted online until after they are announced in person at the DYC clubhouse. c) All sailors are encouraged to attend the in person for results and to support our club.
12. Prizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Prizes will not be awarded but trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class at an Awards ceremony in the fall.
13. Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) DYC member owned yachts are subject to the insurance coverage and proof of insurance requirements as provided in the DYC bylaws and policies.
14. Risk Statement and release of Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In accordance with the RRS # 3 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes. b) Dartmouth Yacht Club 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 Dartmouth Yacht Club and parties mentioned above.
15. Additional information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Additional information may be provided via the DYC website www.dartmouthyachtclub.ca or DYC email blasts. b) For further information please contact the Rear Commodore at rearcommodore@dartmouthyachtclub.ca or the Race Officer at raceofficer@dartmouthyachtclub.ca