

“Notice Of Race”

2017 Sailing Season

Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club

1.0 Rules –

- 1.1 The Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club Keel Boat Racing Season will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. (2012 – 2015).
- 1.2 Pre Season Measurement and Fees are to be paid at the SHYC by **Saturday, 10-Jun-2017.**
- 1.3 All Skippers, Owners and Helmsmen are to be members of the Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club.

2.0 Fees –

- 2.1 The required fee(s) for Keel Boats:
 - **\$50** per Keel Boat - the start committee will collect the payment; cash is preferred. If you must pay with debit the start committee need to confirm payment in order to ensure you are registered.
 - All boats that pay \$50 at start of sailing season are eligible to race in Spring Series, Summer Series, Fall Series, and Special Races. This **does not** include **Founders Days**.
 - All boats who wish to take part in Founders Days Regatta are to pay \$25.
 - All **other** boats who wish to take part in Special Races such as Centennial Cup, Race to Lockeport, McNutts Island Race will pay \$15 per race.
 - The only race that is purely for fun and no prizes are awarded is the "All the Marbles Race" - no fee for boats to enter into this race. Boats **still** need to be registered with the Sail Nova Scotia.

3.0 Schedule –

- 3.1 *Please See Attached Calendar.*
- 3.2 There are three (3) series:
 - Spring Series: **Possibility of 7 Races.**
 - Summer Series: **Possibility of 7 Races.**
 - Fall Series: **Possibility of 6 Races.**

3.3 There are a possibility of up to three (3) separate starts and a possibility of three (3) separate race courses.

Each class will have their race course posted 10 minutes before **Start** signal. **The Start Committee will announce the race courses as soon as they are determined. These course numbers will also be posted during the start sequence for the race.**

3.4 Thursday Evening Races – Spring and Summer Series – First Horn **5:45pm.**

- The start of the first race will be 10 minutes after the first horn (5:55pm). The start of the first race will serve as the 10 minute warning for the start of the next race.

3.5 Thursday Evening Race – Fall Series – First Horn **5:30pm.**

- The start of the first race will be 10 minutes after the first horn (5:40pm). The start of the first race will serve as the 10 minute warning for the start of the next race.

3.6 Time Limit Thursday (**Spring and Summer Series**) – 2 hours 45 minutes from start of class race. If at least one boat finishes the race within the time limit, the race will then be extended for 15 more minutes to allow other boats to finish.

3.7 Time Limit Thursday (**Fall Series**) – 2 hours 15 minutes from start of class race. If at least one boat finishes the race within the time limit, the race will then be extended for 15 more minutes to allow other boats to finish.

3.8 Saturday Races – **First Horn – 12:50pm**

- The start of the first race will be 10 minutes after the first horn (1:00pm). The start of the first race will serve as the 10 minute warning for the start of the next race.

3.9 Time Limit Saturday - No Limit on Saturday Races.

3.10 A boat shall not start a race **10 minutes after their starting horn.** A boat failing to start after 10 minutes of their starting horn will be recorded as a Did Not Start (DNS).

4.0 Weather/ Race Cancellations –

4.1 The Race Committee and Starting Committee will decide if a race is cancelled due to the weather as early as possible. Once a decision has been made to cancel a race the Yacht club will be made aware so that anyone that wishes to check that status of the race can do so via telephone.

5.0 Measurements –

5.1 Handicaps

- All participating Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club Boats shall be registered with Sail Nova Scotia prior to **Thursday, 1-June-2017**.
- The SHYC Starting Committee **will be using** the given Sail Nova Scotia PHRF handicaps.
- For the Spring Series; we will be trialing a golf handicap system as outlined in Appendix A. At the end of the Spring series the race committee will decide the handicap system for the Summer and Fall Series.

5.2 Sailing Inventory - Spring, Summer, and Fall Series

- All "A" Class boats must declare a spinnaker
- All boats must declare sail inventory before the series begins

6.0 Scoring –

6.1 There will be one (1) throw away race for each series

- One (1) race will constitute a series.
- If a particular boat has not completed the entire series, her position in the absent races will be counted as the total number of boats in her class plus 1.

7.0 Protest Hearing/Procedure –

7.1 Procedure -

- Each Boat shall be equipped with a Red Flag. Thus, whenever a boat feels they are penalized the Red Flag **must** be flown and at a reasonable opportunity the protesting boat will notify the obstructing boat as per the governing rules.
- Within **30 minutes** after the protesting boat has finished her race she is to notify the Start Committee that they are protesting, at which point they will receive an official protest form from the Start Committee. The protest form is to be filled out within **30 minutes** of receiving it and returned to the Start Committee. Please do not plead your case to the Start Committee.
- Start Committee will then notify the Protest Committee.
- Protests are to be held in the **Sailing School** on the evening/day of which the protest occurred **or** as soon as possible.

8.0 Radio Communication –

- All boats **are to be equipped** with VHF and monitor channel 72 for any information from the Start Committee and/or Race Committee.

9.0 Bay Racing –

9.1 Parameters to be set the day of Racing.

10.0 Committees –

10.1 Race Committee -

- This Committee is responsible for the logistics of sailing at the SHYC.

10.2 Start Committee –

- Responsible for the start sequences, timing and finishing of races.
- **NOT** responsible for protest hearings.

10.3 Protest Committee –

- Responsible for the protest procedures and hearings and is a sub-committee of the Race Committee

11.0 Starting –

11.1 Starting line – This is the imaginary line created by lining by the orange poles on the yacht club deck and the rock across the harbour. If you are on the **south side** of this line you are over the **starting line**. The Race Committee uses this line for starting and finishing the races.

11.2 The “Gate” – The yellow buoys with an orange ring around the top are the “Gate” required to pass through before and ending the race. The furthest west starting buoy will be anchored **more securely** so it lines up with the **start line**(see 11.1).

11.3 Call Back Procedure – If a boat is over early there will be:

- 1) Two (2) sounds of the starting horn and
- 2) The boat(s) will be named by the Starting Committee via the VHF.

12.0 Handicap cut-off per class -

- A class - PHRF 115 and under.
- B Class - PHRF 202 and under.
- C Class - PHRF 203 and up.

- For the Spring series we will only be running with 2 classes: A (PHRF 115 and under) and B (PHRF 116 and above). The race committee will decide the number of classes for Summer and Fall series at the end of the spring series.

13.0 Awards Night – TBD

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14.0 Further Information –

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Appendix A – Golf Handicap

1. Each race a reference boat will be picked. The reference boat will be the boat that finished mid fleet. The race committee will chose the reference.
2. Each boat's corrected finishing time will be compared to the reference boat.
 - a. If a boat has a 3 race average that is equal to or more than +/-5% of the reference boat, then the handicap will be adjusted.
 - b. If the handicap is deemed to be adjusted, then the 3 race average gap in corrected time will be reduced by 50% and the handicap # back calculated.

3. If a boat's finishing position was impacted by an abnormal situation; the race committee will not count that race as part of the 3 race average. This will be the decision of the race committee.
4. A boat's handicap will not be adjusted more than +/- 15 points on the PHRF scale.
5. The base line handicap for any boat will be the handicap given to the boat given by Sail Nova Scotia.
6. Races where boats from all classes are competing in one race; the Sail Nova Scotia handicap will be used.