

August 04-05, 2018

NStYA East Race/Cruise Weekend

Organizing Authority – Northumberland Strait Yachting Association

NOTICE OF RACE/CRUISE (Pursuit Start)

1. RULES

- a. The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 and the prescriptions of Sail Canada.
- b. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI will take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all cruisers and racers. [NStYA Membership form](#) must be completed prior to the first skippers meeting at 1930 on Aug 3rd. The online application form can be found on the NStYA website. <http://nstya.com>. Please submit any payment (if applicable) via e-Transfer to gregbowles@eastlink.ca
- b. Or NStYA Memberships can be attained by printing, completing the online NStYA membership form and sending it, together with any required fee, to:

**NStYA
c/o Greg Bowles,
60 Harvard Street, Summerside, PE,
C1N 1P4**

- c. The following eligibility criteria shall apply to racers only:
 - i. The racing portion of the regatta is open to all monohull handicap yachts which have a membership to the NStYA and have a current NSYA Data Sheet on record. Boats not having an official PHRF rating from Sail Nova Scotia may obtain one by filling out an online form [here](#).
 - ii. Yachts from out of area must have a PHRF handicap certificate on file from their governing association. Should there be a difference in handicaps between governing associations, a boat's handicap will be adjusted to conform to the NSYA database.
 - iii. A sailboat racing for the first time in the NStYA or visiting yachts without a valid NSYA PHRF rating will complete an NStYA temporary declaration form. The race committee will assign a temporary PHRF handicap as per NSYA base rating yacht database.

3. CLASSIFICATION

- a. The following classification will apply: **NStYA Category A Race.**

- b. **NStYA Category A Races Required Equipment:** All pleasure craft vessels racing or traveling in the Northumberland Strait shall adhere to equipment required by [Transport Canada's Safe Boating Guide](#).
- c. A boat or equipment may be inspected before or after racing for compliance with the NStYA class rules and sailing instructions.
- d. Equipment for NStYA Category A Race. In Addition, the following shall be carried:
 - I. All yachts must all carry a fixed mount VHF transmitters/marine radio and be capable of transmitting a minimum of 20 nautical miles.
 - II. Jacklines that meet the requirements of ORC Category 3
 - III. Safety harnesses available for all crew members on deck after dark
 - IV. Man Overboard Pole mounted and in reach of helmsman
 - V. Parts to facilitate repairs to rigging and/or vessel if necessary

4. DIVISIONS

- a. There will be a Racing and Cruising (non-racing) Divisions.
- b. **Racing class** are divided into 3 classes which are NSYA PHRF Base Ratings.
 - I. **A Class** – PHRF ratings 144 and lower
 - II. **B Class** – PHRF ratings between 145 and higher
 - III. **D Class** – PHRF Non spinnaker rating
- c. **Cruising Class** is a rally/cruise class that may start before racing classes, unless otherwise indicated in the sailing instructions.

5. FEES

- a. Registration Fees for the NStYA East as follows:
- b. All participants must be a NStYA Member cost is \$25.00
- c. Cruising Class (non-racing member) may pay \$10.00 toward the NStYA (optional)
- d. There may be additional fees for scheduled events to be held at NStYA member yacht clubs

6. SCHEDULE

a. <u>Date</u>	<u>Leg / Race distance</u>	<u>Start / Finish Destinations</u>
Aug 4 – Saturday	1 / 20 nm	Barrachois to Wood Islands
Aug 5 – Sunday	2 / 20 nm	Wood Islands to Pictou

b. NStYA East Skippers meetings:

Leg 1 - 1930 Aug 3rd at Barrachois Yacht Club

Leg 2 - 1930 Aug 4th at Wood Islands

- c. The scheduled start time of Legs 1 and 2 is 0900 for the slowest boat. Other boats will start according to their official start times based on their Sail Nova Scotia PHRF rating, and whether they have declared white sail or spinnaker.
- d. Cruising Class may start before racing classes, unless otherwise indicated in the sailing instructions.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions will be available on or before 1930 pm on Aug 3rd at the Barrachois Yacht Club. It may also be provided electronically via the [NStYA Facebook page](#) prior to this date.

8. VENUE

- a. The host Clubs / Marinas will be hosting the after race award celebrations and parties. The particulars of the events at each will be provided on the [NStYA Facebook page](#).

9. COURSES

- a. The courses to be sailed will be described in detail in the SI. Specific navigation aids at each port will be identified in the SI's and are to be honoured.
- b. Starting and finishing lines are in close proximity to the Clubs/Marinas.

10. SAFETY

- a. A boat that retires from a Leg shall notify the RC as soon as possible on VHF channel #68.

11. SCORING

- a. The low point scoring system of Appendix A in the RRS will be used for each leg/race of the NStYA East. Both legs/races will be scored separately.
- b. The boats with the lowest score in each class will be the winner of the class.
- c. Sailwave Scoring Software will be used. In the event of a tie in the series ISAF Appendix A – 8.1 will apply.

12. BERTHING

- a. Boats shall be either berthed or provided anchorages based on availability and direction from each Club / Marina. In Wood Islands, skippers will be responsible for arranging berthing with the Wood Islands harbour authority.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. Except in an emergency or notification of retiring from the race, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- b. Each boat shall monitor the VHF channels designated in the sailing instructions (or Channel 68).

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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

- a. 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

16. Further Information

- a. For further information please visit the [NStYA website](#), [Facebook page](#), or contact the NStYA East event organizer or member club representative.

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