

NStYA East Race/Cruise Weekend
August 04-05, 2018

Organizing Authority – Northumberland Strait Yachting Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race (for the purposes of the RRS, there will be two separate races, identified herein as “legs”) will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada 2017-2020 will apply.
- 1.3 NStYA Category A Regulations as detailed in the Notice of Race will apply.
- 1.4 Container, ferry and cruise ship traffic have right of way. Any boat that interferes and found guilty, as noted in Sailing Instruction (SI) 13.5 could be assessed a disqualification (DSQ) for that leg.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at each NStYA member Yacht Club (YC).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change(s) to the SI will be posted by 1930 the night prior to each leg; same time as Skippers meeting.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 4.1 Date Course Start / Finish Destinations

August 4	Leg 1	Barrachois (BHYC) to Wood Islands
August 5	Leg 2	Wood Islands to Pictou (PYC)

- 4.2 The scheduled start time of Leg 1 is 0900 and leg 2 is 0930 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.

5 CLASSES

- 5.1 Racing class are divided into 3 classes, based on the NSYA PHRF Base Ratings.

- 5.2 Classes will be SPINNAKER A, B and NON-SPINNAKER “D”

- A Class – PHRF ratings 144 and lower
- B Class – PHRF ratings between 145 and higher
- D Class – PHRF Non spinnaker rating

6 RACING AREAS

6.1 The waters of the Northumberland Strait, starting in Barrachois, NS, proceeding to Wood Islands, PEI, and finishing in Pictou, NS.

7 COURSES

7.1 NStYA Strait Challenge skippers shall obey all navigational aids of the SI.

7.1.1 Leg 1 is 24 nm, Barrachois to Wood Islands

a) The starting line will be located at the following coordinates: N 45 44.588 W063 15.198. The starting line consists of two red buoys approximately 200 metres apart.

b) After starting, competitors must honour navigational buoys, Chambers Point UD4 (Red), UD3 (Green) UE6 (Red), then proceed to around Cape John and towards Wood Islands.

c) When approaching Wood Islands, competitors must use caution navigating around Indian Rocks.

d) The Finish buoy will be located to the west of the Wood Islands ferry terminal at the following coordinates: N 45 56.644 W 62 45.632. The finish mark will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.

7.1.2 Leg 2 is approximately 19 nm, Wood Islands to Pictou

a) The starting buoy will be located to the east of the Wood Islands ferry terminal at the following coordinates: N 45 56.644 W 62 44.500. The start mark will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.

b) When approaching Caribou, competitors must keep Gull Rock SQ (Red), and Skinners Reef SQ2 (Red) to starboard.

c) When approaching Pictou Harbour competitors must honour all navigational buoys, MacDonald's Reef SP6 (Red), Coles Reef SJ4 (Red), SJ6 (Red) and SJ7 (Green), then proceed to the finish line located at the PYC.

d) The Finish line will be between the RC Flag Staff located at the PYC club house and the race mark #3. A spacer buoy will be used, all boats finishing must keep the spacer buoy between their boat and the RC flag staff.

OR

7.1.2 Leg 2 is approximately 25 nm, Wood Islands to Pictou

a) The starting buoy will be located to the east of the Wood Islands ferry terminal at the following coordinates: N 45 56.644 W 62 44.500. The start mark will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.

b) Competitors must navigate around the EAST side of Pictou Island, leaving east cardinal buoy to starboard.

c) When approaching Pictou Harbour competitors must honour all navigational buoys, MacDonald's Reef SP6 (Red), Coles Reef SJ4 (Red), SJ6 (Red) and SJ7 (Green), then proceed to the finish line located at the PYC.

d) The Finish line will be between the RC Flag Staff located at the PYC club house and the race mark #3. A spacer buoy will be used, all boats finishing must keep the spacer buoy between their boat and the RC flag staff.

8 MARKS

9.1 NStYA Strait Challenge will use Transport Canada navigational marks with the exception of start and finish marks at each member club.

9 THE STARTS

9.1 Skippers are to check in with the RC at each leg's skippers meeting.

LEG 1 - The start buoy at Barrachois will be located at the following coordinates: N 45 44.588 W 063 15.198.. The start mark will be an orange buoy that must be left to Starboard upon starting at the designated time.

LEG 2 - The start buoy at Wood Islands will be located to the east of Wood Islands ferry terminal at the following coordinates: N 45 56.644 W 62 44.500. The start mark will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron that must be left to Starboard upon starting at the designated time..

9.2 Leg 1 start time will be 0900 (GPS Time) for the slowest boat. Leg 2 start time will be 0930 for the slowest boat. Other boats will start according to their assigned start times (GPS Time). Each start time is based on the Sail Nova Scotia PHRF rating, and whether they have declared white sail or spinnaker.

10 THE FINISH

LEG 1 - to the West of Wood Islands at the following coordinates: N 45 56.644 W 62 45.632. The finish mark will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron that must be left to starboard upon finishing. Each boat will record her own finish position and present this information to the race committee upon arrival in Wood Islands.

LEG 2 - between the RC flagstaff located at the PYC and PYC race mark #3. A spacer buoy will be used, all boats finishing must keep the spacer buoy between their boat and the RC flagstaff.

11 PENALTIES

11.1 A boat having made no attempt to satisfy the OSR requirements may be disqualified.

11.2 Boats in the vicinity of Northumberland Ferries Ltd, Cruise Ships or Commercial ships shall not impede their passage by steering a course converging or one that could cross ahead. Any interference reported will be interpreted as a serious breach of these instructions and a penalty could be assessed, up to DSQ.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protest forms are available from the RC located at each YC. Completed protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

12.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes.

12.3 Jury deliberations will start no later than 2030 hours.

12.4 If a hearing involving potential prize-winners is not decided by 1800 hours, then the daily prize-giving for the affected class will be held over till the next night.

13 SCORING

13.1 Results will be determined for each class.

13.2 Daily results will be determined for overall fleet (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes combined) placement. The overall placement is the order in which the boats cross the finish line across the entire fleet. The total two leg positions will be added together for the final overall position standings for the NStYA East Regatta.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 A boat that retires from a leg shall notify the RC as soon as possible on VHF #68.

15 EQUIPMENT CHECK

15.1 A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the NOR and SI.

16 TRASH DISPOSAL

16.1 RRS #55.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- Legs 1 and 2: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place pennants awarded in each class.

b) Overall Fleet Placement

- The NStYA Black Flag will be awarded to the winner for the entire fleet placement.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4. The Organizing Authority (OA) emphasizes that competitors participate in "NStYA Strait Challenge" entirely at their own risk. Responsibility for the safety of each vessel and crew and the decision whether to start a race or to continue racing ultimately rests with the skipper. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the "NStYA East Regatta" event.

19 INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000.00 CAN or US.

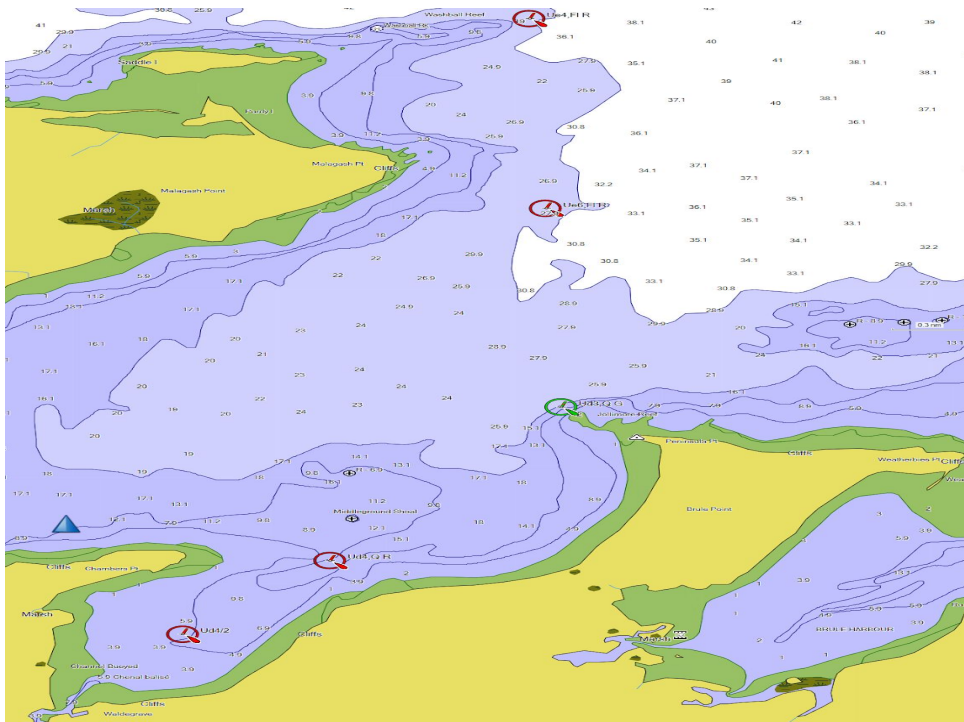
20 SKIPPERS MEETING AND REGISTRATION

Registration will take place at 1900 hrs on Friday August 3rd at the Barrachois Yacht Club Gazebo.

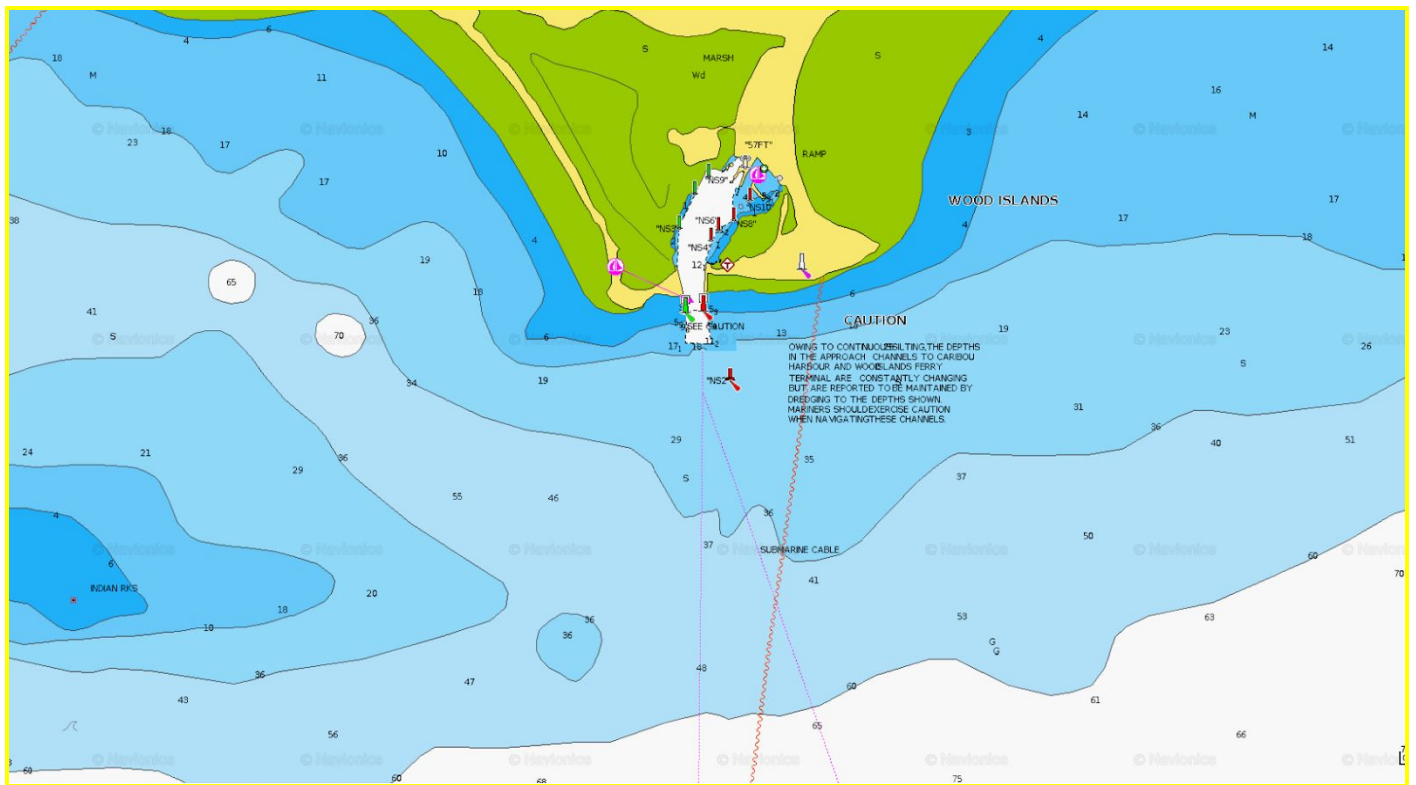
Skippers meeting will follow registration at 1930 hrs on Friday August 3rd at Barrachois Yacht Club Gazebo.

Please be advised the following charts are not for navigational purposes and are not to scale

Barrachois / Amet Sound



Wood Islands



Pictou Harbour

