



**St Margaret Sailing Club
2018 Senior Fleet Racing
June 3 to October 6, 2018**

Organizing Authority: St Margaret Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

Date of Issue: May 29, 2018

1. Rules:

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.1.1 This Notice of Race changes Rules 62.1(a) and A5. The Sailing Instructions will make additional changes to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* as permitted by Rule 86.1(b).
- 1.2 PHRF NS ratings will be used for the purposes of calculating corrected times, on a time-on-time basis, except for pursuit ('Bermuda start') races, which will use PHRF NS ratings on a time-on-distance basis.
- 1.2.1 PHRF NS system is changed to allow a boat whose PHRF NS inventory includes a spinnaker to sail without a spinnaker using a no-spinnaker handicap on a race-by-race basis without having to submit an application for a handicap change to PHRF NS.

2. Eligibility and Entry:

- 2.1 The racing is open to boats with a current PHRF-NS Yacht Data Sheet.
- 2.1.1 Exceptionally, a boat not appearing in the PHRF NS Yacht List may enter having previously applied for a handicap with PHRF NS and providing details of the application to the Race Officer or the Senior Fleet Captain at least 48 hours in advance of the race; the finishes of such boats will be recorded, and their series results will be calculated once a PHRF NS rating is published. Such boats will not be eligible for prizes awarded the day of the race. In the event that the boat fails to obtain a PHRF NS rating before October 1, 2018 she shall be scored RET in all races in which she sailed; this changes Rule A5.
- 2.2 The person-in-charge (ordinarily, but not necessarily the entrant) shall be a member of SMSC in good standing (except that visiting boats may participate in SMSC club racing no more than three times per season but will be scored RET for the purposes of series scoring unless the person-in-charge is a member of SMSC in good standing; this changes Rule A5).
- 2.3 For a boat to be eligible to race the owner or person-in-charge is required to complete and sign an entry form and declaration of insurance coverage, available at <http://smc.ca> (navigate to club racing page), and file it with the SMSC Club Manager, SMSC Senior Fleet coordinators, or the on-duty SMSC Race Officer prior to the start of her first race on the season.

3. Classes:

There will be two classes: A, with PHRF NS base rating of less than 160 sec/mi; B, with PHRF NS base rating of 160 sec/mi or more.

4. Schedule:

There will be two Wednesday Night series of four races each (June and July), one Wednesday Night series of 5 races (August), and a Sunday Series of four races ('September') plus five individual races (Club Opener, Father's Day, Ocean Race, Island Race, and Turkey Trot).

Additionally, there will be a race for each of the Ladies Trophy and the Junior Cup (date to be announced), neither of which count towards SMSC Class Championships.

Race Date	Event	First Warning
Sun June 3	Club Opener	1300
Wed June 6	June Series, Race 1	1805
Wed June 13	June Series, Race 2	1805
Sat June 16	Father's Day Race	1300
Wed June 20	June Series, Race 3	1805
Wed June 27	June Series, Race 4	1805
Wed July 4	July Series, Race 1	1805
Wed July 11	July Series, Race 2	1805
Sat July 14	Ladies Cup (The person at the helm for most of the race, but necessarily including the start and all mark roundings, must be a female.)	1300
Wed July 18	July Series, Race 3	1805
Wed July 25	July Series, Race 4	1805
Sat 28 July	Ocean Race (course to include at least one mark, usually a navigation buoy, lying south of lines bearing 090 and 270 degrees Magnetic from the southern extremity of Southwest Island)	1300
Wed Aug 1	August Series, Race 1	1805
Wed Aug 8	August Series, Race 2	1805
Wed Aug 15	August Series, Race 3	1805
Wed Aug 22	August Series, Race 4	1805
Wed Aug 29	August Series, Race 5	1805
Sat Aug 25	Island Race (course including islands within St. Margaret's Bay as rounding marks, in addition to any specified Club or navigational marks. Navigational marks not specified as rounding marks must be passed on their required side. At the discretion of the Race Officer a Bermuda start may be offered)	1300
Sun Sept 2	NO RACE	-
Sun Sept 9	September Series, Race 1	1300
Sun Sept 16	September Series, Race 2	1300
Sun Sept 23	September Series, Race 3	1300
Sun Sept 30	September Series, Race 4	1300
Sat Oct 6	Turkey Trot	1300

5. Sailing Instructions:

Printable versions of the sailing instructions are available electronically at <http://smc.ca> (navigate to club racing page).

6. Racing Areas and Courses:

- 6.1 Racing will take place on St Margaret's Bay.
- 6.2 The courses to be sailed will be as defined on the SMSC Course card or as specified by the on-duty Race Officer using aids to navigation and/or club racing buoys.

7. Scoring:

- 7.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. At least three boats in a given class must start a race, otherwise the race is considered to have been abandoned for official scoring purposes. However, the race proceeds regardless and is scored for the enjoyment of competitors.
- 7.2 For June, July, August and September Series: When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 7.3 For the Class and White Sail Championship Series: Three Wednesday Night series of four races each (June, July, and August), and a Sunday Series of four races ('September') plus five individual races (Club Opener, Father's Day, Ocean Race, Island Race, and Turkey Trot). When fewer than 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores. When 14 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be:
 - 14 races: total of race scores excluding worst score
 - 15 races: total of race scores excluding worst 2 scores
 - 16 races: total of race scores excluding worst 3 scores
 - 17 races: total of race scores excluding worst 4 scores
 - 18 races: total of race scores excluding worst 5 scores
 - 19 races: total of race scores excluding worst 6 scores
 - 20 races: total of race scores excluding worst 7 scores
 - 21 races: total of race scores excluding worst 8 scores
 - 22 races: total of race scores excluding worst 9 scoresIn the case where races are abandoned as noted in 7.1, the list of the number of races in 7.3 is adjusted downward by the number of abandoned races.
- 7.4 Rule A.9 will apply.

8. Prizes:

Perpetual trophies and/or keeper prizes will be awarded at the annual Awards Evening for A and B classes for: the June series, the July series, the August series, the September series, the Club Opener, the Father's Day race, the Ocean Race, and the Island Race. The SMSC Class Championships are awarded for each of A and B classes and boats sailing without spinnakers within A and B class (White Sail Championship). The White Sails Championship includes only those races where boats declared no spinnaker – in the case where the number of boats differs between A and B class, the results will be scaled.

9. VHF Radios:

- 9.1 The sailing instructions will permit the Race Committee make radio transmissions to competitors, allow boats to check in with the Race Committee by radio, and on occasions will *require* boats to make radio transmissions (such as when finishing in absence of the race committee) so boats should carry functioning VHF radios capable of receiving and transmitting on Channel 71.
- 9.2 Communication by VHF radio or mobile telephone is permitted between the Race officer, Senior Fleet Coordinators, and/or the designated Officer of the Day (who may be a

competitor) before, after, or during a race with respect to the conduct of that race. This changes Rue 62.1(a).

10 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority (SMSC) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the SMSC 2018 Senior Fleet races.

11 Insurance:

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

12 Further Information:

For further information please contact the Senior Fleet coordinators at seniorfleet@smc.ca