



St Margaret Sailing Club 2023 Keelboat Racing

Organizing Authority: St Margaret Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

Date of Issue: May 16th, 2023

1. Rules

- 1.1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024* (RRS)
- 1.1.2 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.
 - 1.2.2 Boats shall compete with equipment that is compliant with their Sail Nova Scotia PHRF certificate.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The racing is open to SMSC Member 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, Keelboat Fleet Captain, or Rear Commodore 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 any prizes awarded the day of the race. In the event that the boat fails to obtain a PHRF NS rating before October 1st, 2023 it shall be scored RET in all races in which it sailed; this changes Rule A5.
- 2.2 The person-in-charge (ordinarily, but not necessarily the entrant) shall be a full-member of SMSC, in good standing. There are two exceptions to this rule:
 - i. Visitor Racing Membership - If you are not a boating member of a Sail Nova Scotia member club, then you can enter your boat into a maximum of three races per season, subject to prior approval of the Keelboat Fleet Captain. You can participate in all of the same-day SMSC member activities, will not be scored for series results, and can only enroll in this membership twice (two seasons). The Visitor Racing Membership fee is \$75 annually.
 - ii. Social Membership - If you are a Social Member at SMSC and would like to race your sailing boat, you can do so under the same conditions as above for a reduced fee of \$30 in addition to

your regular Social Membership fee. Contact SMSC Operations Manager at operations@smc.ca to apply for racing under either of these options

- 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 electronically at <http://www.smc.ca/keelboat-racing>, and file it with the SMSC Operations Manager prior to participation in their first race of the season.

3. Entry Fees

There is no entry fee for this event

4. Classes

- 4.1 There will be two classes: A, with PHRF NS base rating of less than 160 sec/mi; B, with PHRF NS base rating of 150 sec/mi or more. For boats with PHRF NS base ratings from 150 –160sec/mi, skippers may request from the Keelboat Fleet Captain to sail in their preferred class.
- 4.2 Boats sailing without spinnakers within A or B class, will be recognized as an additional single class for scoring of the White Sail Championship series.
- 4.3 Novice skippers (without significant racing experience, and who have sailed less than three races in the previous season) may be offered a separate start by the Race Committee, but will be scored within A or B classes.

5. Schedule

- 5.1 There will be two Wednesday Night series of four races each (June and July), one Wednesday Night series of five races (August) and a Sunday Series of four races ('September'), plus six individual races (Club Opener, Father's Day, Ocean Race, Double Handed Race, Island Race, and Turkey Trot). Additionally, there will be a race for the Ladies Cup Trophy, although does not count towards SMSC Class Championships.
- 5.2 The organizing authority may cancel a scheduled race for safety or other operational reasons.

| Race Date | Event | First Warning |
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| Sunday June 4 | Club Opener | 1300 |
| Wed. June 7 | June Series, Race 1 | 1805 |
| Wed. June 14 | June Series, Race 2 | 1805 |
| Saturday June 17 | Father's Day Race | 1300 |
| Wed. June 21 | June Series, Race 3 | 1805 |
| Wed. June 28 | June Series, Race 4 | 1805 |
| Wed. July 5 | July Series, Race 1 | 1805 |
| Sunday July 9 | Ladies Cup (The person at the helm for most of the race, but necessarily including the start and all mark roundings, must be female.) | 1300 |
| Wed. July 12 | July Series, Race 2 | 1805 |
| Wed. July 19 | July Series, Race 3 | 1805 |
| Sunday July 23 | 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 |

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| Wed. July 26 | July Series, Race 4 | 1805 |
| Sunday July 30 | Double Handed Race (One- or Two-person Crew. All sailors must wear an approved PFD while racing. Single handed racers may use autopilots.) | 1300 |
| Wed. Aug 2 | August Series, Race 1 | 1805 |
| Wed. Aug 9 | August Series, Race 2 | 1805 |
| Sat. 12 – Sun. 13 Aug | <i>(The St. Margaret’s Bay Regatta – not part of the SMSC Racing Series)</i> | |
| Wed. Aug 16 | August Series, Race 3 | 1805 |
| Wed. Aug 23 | August Series, Race 4 | 1805 |
| Sunday Aug 27 | Island Race (The course includes 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 |
| Wed. Aug 30 | August Series, Race 5 | 1805 |
| Sunday Sept 10 | September Series, Race 1 | 1300 |
| Sunday Sept 17 | September Series, Race 2 | 1300 |
| Sunday Sept 24 | September Series, Race 3 | 1300 |
| Sunday Oct 1 | September Series, Race 4 | 1300 |
| Saturday Oct 7 | Turkey Trot <i>(Note: our intention is to have awards presented in the clubhouse immediately following this race.)</i> | 1300 |

6. Sailing Instructions

Printable versions of the sailing instructions are available electronically at <http://www.smsc.ca/keelboat-racing>.

7. Racing Areas and Courses

- 7.1 Racing will take place on St Margaret’s Bay.
- 7.2 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.

8. Scoring

- 8.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. At least two 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 may proceed and is scored for the enjoyment of competitors.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 For the Class Championship and White Sail Championship series: The Series includes three Wednesday Night series of four or five races each (June, July, and August), a Sunday Series of four races (‘September’) plus five individual races (Club Opener, Father’s Day, Ocean Race, Double Handed Race, Island Race, and Turkey Trot). (Total: 23 planned in 2023.)

Races may be abandoned as noted in 8.1 or cancelled as noted in 5.2.

A boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores, excluding worst scores for approximately 1/3 of races completed, as follows:

- 12 races: total of race scores excluding worst 4 scores
- 13 races: total of race scores excluding worst 4 scores
- 14 races: total of race scores excluding worst 5 scores
- 15 races: total of race scores excluding worst 5 scores
- 16 races: total of race scores excluding worst 5 scores
- 17 races: total of race scores excluding worst 6 scores
- 18 races: total of race scores excluding worst 6 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 7 scores
- 22 races: total of race scores excluding worst 7 scores
- 23 races: total of race scores excluding worst 8 scores

8.4 Each series shall be scored according to rule A5.3.

9. 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

The SMSC White Sail Championships are awarded for each of A and B classes for boats sailing without spinnakers throughout the season.

10. Radio Communication

10.1 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 or retiring from a race), so boats shall carry functioning VHF radios capable of receiving and transmitting on Channel 71.

10.2 Communication by VHF radio or mobile telephone is permitted between a Race Officer, Fleet Captain (who may be a competitor), 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 Rule 62.1(a).

11 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 Senior Fleet races.

12 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.

13 Further Information

For further information, visit the SMSC Keelboat Racing web page (<http://www.sMSC.ca/keelboat-racing>) or contact the Keelboat Fleet Captain at seniorfleet@smSC.ca