

# NStYA Strait Challenge



**July 25-29, 2016**

**Organizing Authority – Northumberland Strait Yachting Association**

**Racing completed in four legs in the warm waters of the scenic Northumberland Strait**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. RULES**

- a. The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 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. ADVERTISING**

- a. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- a. The regatta is open to all mono-hull handicap yachts which have a membership to the NStYA and have a current NSYA Data Sheet on record. 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.
- b. NStYA Memberships can be attained by completing the online application form found on the NStYA website. <http://nstya.com>
- c. Or NStYA Memberships can be attained by completing the NStYA membership form and sending it, together with the required fee, to

**NStYA  
c/o Greg Bowles,  
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- d. NStYA membership registration may be completed at the host club prior to the start of an NStYA sanctioned race.
- e. NStYA Strait Challenge entry form must be complete, signed and submitted to the host club race committee before the start of the leg/race.
- f. A sailboat racing for the first time in the NStYA or visiting yachts without a valid NSYA PHRF rating will complete a NStYA temporary declaration form. The race committee will assign a temporary PHRF handicap as per NSYA base rating yacht database.

## **4. 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

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## 5. DIVISIONS

- a. There will be a Racing and Cruising (non racing) Divisions.
- b. **Racing class** are divided into 4 classes which are NSYA PHRF Base Ratings.
  - I. **A Class** – PHRF ratings 144 and lower
  - II. **B Class** – PHRF ratings between 145 and 190 inclusive
  - III. **C Class** – PHRF ratings 191 and higher
  - IV. **D Class** – PHRF Non spinnaker rating
- c. **Cruising Class** is a rally/cruise class that will have a pursuit start. Cruising class participant will start before the racing classes.

## 6. FEES

- a. Registration Fees for the NStYA Strait Challenge as follows:
- b. All participants must be a NStYA Member cost is \$25.00
- c. Northumberland Strait Challenge cost is \$75.00 for 4 races or \$25.00 for each race/leg
- d. Cruising Class(non-racing member) cost is \$10.00
- e. There will be additional fees for scheduled events to be held at NStYA member yacht clubs

## 7. SCHEDULE

a. <u>Date</u>	<u>Leg / Race distance</u>	<u>Start / Finish Destinations</u>
July 25 – Monday	1 / 30 nm	Shediac to Summerside
July 26 – Tuesday	2 / 45 nm	Summerside to Charlottetown
July 27 – Wednesday	Layover Day	Charlottetown
July 28 – Thursday	3 / 30 nm	Charlottetown to Barrachois
July 29 – Friday	4 / 35 nm	Barrachois to Pictou

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## b. Skippers meetings

Strait Challenge Skippers meeting - Sunday July 24th - 6:30 pm.

Leg 1 - 0830 July 25 at Point de Chene Yacht Club

Leg 2 - 0800 July 26 at Summerside Yacht Club

Leg 3 - 0830 July 28 at Charlottetown Yacht Club

Leg 4 - 0830 July 29 at Barrachois Yacht Club

- c. The scheduled time of the warning signal is 0955, unless otherwise indicated in the sailing instructions.
- d. The scheduled time of the cruising class pursuit calls will be 0930, unless otherwise indicated in the sailing instructions.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. The sailing instructions will be available at on July 26 at the Point de Chene Yacht Club. It may be provided electronically on the NStYA web site prior to this date.

## **9. 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 website.

## **10. 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.

## **11. SAFETY**

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

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## **12. SCORING**

- a. The low point scoring system of Appendix A in the RRS will be used for each leg/race of the NStYA Strait Challenge. Each leg/race will be scored.
- b. The boat with the lowest point total will be the winner of the NStYA Strait Challenge. Low point system will apply after the completion of 4 races.
- c. The boats with the lowest score in each class will be the winner of the class.
- d. An overall winner of both the NStYA Shediac - Charlottetown and Charlottetown - Pictou Race will be presented to the boat with the combines lowest points in Leg 1&2 (Shediac to Charlottetown) and 3&4 (Charlottetown to Pictou).
- e. Sailwave Scoring Software will be used. In the event of a tie in the series ISAF Appendix A – 8.1 will apply.

## **13. BERTHING**

- a. Boats shall be either berthed or provided anchorages based on availability and direction from each Club / Marina.

## **14. 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).

## **15. PRIZES**

- a. The Overall NStYA Strait Challenge award will be presented to the yacht that has the lowest score based on racing the four legs of the race.
- b. Presentations will be made at the completion of each leg. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers of each class will receive an NStYA pennant.

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- c. There will be one NStYA Challenge Flag that will be presented to and flown by the overall first place finisher of each leg. The flag will be presented and flown at the conclusion of each leg.
- d. At the conclusion of the event the Flag will be presented to the Overall winner of the event.
- e. The closing ceremonies will present; 1<sup>st</sup> Overall Flag, 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> overall pennants and overall best finish for each provincial registered boat.
- f. There will be an overall winner of the NStYA Shediac - Charlottetown and Charlottetown - Pictou Races. This will be presented to the boat with the combines lowest points in Leg 1&2 (Shediac to Charlottetown) and 3&4 (Charlottetown to Pictou).

## **16. 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.

## **17. 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

## **18. Further Information**

- a. For further information please visit the NStYA website or contact the NStYA President or member club representative.

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