

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**COASTAL NIGHT RACE**  
**Supported by Boxing Rock Brewing**  
Sail Nova Scotia

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*Organizing Authority: Sail Nova Scotia*

## **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the 2025 – 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replaces RRS Part 2 from 2000 Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT) (UTC – 3 hr.) until 0800 ADT each day, and when visibility is reduced.
- 1.3 When RRS 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by hailing on VHF 16.
- 1.4 The minimum crew size shall be 2.

## **2 Sailing Instructions**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than June 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon and can be found [here](#)

## **3 Communication**

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the Sail Nova Scotia website [here](#)
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 12, 14, 16, and 72.
- 3.3 The race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio on channel 72
- 3.4 While racing, a boat may make voice or data transmissions and may receive voice or data communication provided no tactical, strategic or other technical advice is received.
- 3.5 In RRS 41 (c) (OUTSIDE HELP) the term 'freely available' as defined by the Royal Yachting Association case 2005/5 will apply. It states "Information available at no cost other than subscribing to and using a generally available and non-specialized service through which it is obtained is 'freely available'."

## **4 Eligibility, Entry, and Fees**

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid PHRF-NS
- 4.2 Eligible boats must comply with Transport Canada Small Vessel Regulations found [here](#)
- 4.3 Eligible boats may register at on the [Sail Nova Scotia Checkclick page here](#).
- 4.4 Early bird registration is \$100+HST per boat if registered before June 1st
- 4.5 Registration will increase to \$125+HST from June 2nd until June 12th.

- 4.6 The Coastal Night Race is open to eligible participants described listed above, only if a minimum of 3 paid registrations is received by 1200hr's on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. If two or less boats are registered, entries will be refunded in full.

## **5 Schedule**

- 5.1 Skippers meeting will be held virtually on [Google Meet on June 11th at 7pm](#)
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class to start is Friday, June 12th at 1900hr's.
- 5.3 The time limit for all classes to finish is Saturday, June 13th at 0700hr.

## **6 Venue**

- 6.1 The event is hosted by Sail Nova Scotia with the club on record being the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.
- 6.2 Yachts requiring a spot on the Halifax Waterfront can contact [Build Nova Scotia](#) to reserve.

## **7 Handicaps & Class Splits**

- 7.1 Handicap yachts shall have a valid PHRF-NS rating listed on the Sail Nova Scotia yacht database. Boats not listed on this database will be given a provisional handicap. Boats not listed on the Sail Nova Scotia yacht database shall give at least one week notice of intent to compete so that a handicap can be assigned. This provisional handicap cannot be contested during the course of the event.
- 7.2 Should registrations warrant, competitors will be split into two classes (A and B). The split will attempt to create equal fleets and minimize the handicap spread. Details will be sent to all registrants prior to the race.

## **8 Course**

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be in Halifax Harbor and its approaches. The course will be made available in the sailing instructions
- 8.2 The start and finish area will be at Bishop's Landing on the Halifax Waterfront.
- 8.3 target time is 5 to 6 hours

## **9 Scoring**

- 9.1 One (1) race is required to constitute a series
- 9.2 The corrected time will be calculated using time-on-distance scoring using the course rhumb line as determined by the Race Committee.

## **10 Risk Statement**

- 10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other

boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

## **11 Insurance**

- 11.1 Participating yachts shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## **12 Prizes**

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers, the top boat with a female skipper & the team with the youngest average age
- 12.2 Awards will be presented on Saturday, June 13 at 4 p.m. at Bishops Landing

## **13 Further Information**

- 13.1 For further information please contact Sail Nova Scotia at [office@sailnovascotia.ca](mailto:office@sailnovascotia.ca)