

AUGUST 14-17, 2019

4 days, 5 courses

15 fleets, 120 boats, 1,200 sailors

MEDIA RELEASE

Day 3: Highly-competitive one-design fleets see neck-and-neck racing

CHESTER, NOVA SCOTIA (August 16, 2019) – More beautiful weather greeted sailors on Day 3 of Helly Hansen Chester Race Week 2019 with sunny skies and brisk winds reaching courses across Mahone Bay.

“We couldn’t have asked for better weather for sailing this year. The winds are consistent and just strong enough to make things interesting,” said Dan Conrod, principal race officer, Chester Race Week. “The sailors are warmed up, focused and showing great teamwork, so we’re seeing some really competitive races, especially from the one design fleets.”

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PHOTO: Chester Yacht Club’s Peter Wickwire steers *Squall* ahead of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squardon’s Ted Murphy’s *Restless* in Day 3 competition in the International One Design fleet at 2019 Helly Hansen Chester Race Week in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada. (Credit: © 2019 Tim Wilkes / www.timwilkes.com, high-res image available on request)

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There are 43 one design boats registered for Helly Hansen Chester Race Week 2019. The Bluenose fleet is bigger than ever with 22 boats. There are nine International One Designs (IODs), six Farr 30s and six Sonars. Most boats in these classes are based in Nova Scotia and race regularly during the summer months.

Shawn Mulrooney, owner of South Shore Marine in Chester, works with fibreglass expert Paul Benoit to build new IOD hulls and convert Bluenose hulls for racing. He says one-design boats are increasingly popular because of their sleek designs and the fact you can race on a level playing field with boats of the same specifications.

“With one design boats it’s all about sailing talent. You can make some tweaks to the rigging and tune your sails, but mostly it’s about the decisions you make as a skipper and how your crew performs. I think that’s why we’re seeing more people ordering IODs and converting Bluenoses for racing,” explained Mulrooney, who sails on his own IOD *Piper*. “It’s just fun to sail with other people who are, literally, in the same boat. We all have a friendly rivalry.”

Rob Barbara is owner and skipper of a Sonar named *Barbarian* and races regularly with his fleet out of nearby Lunenburg Yacht Club. Barbara says racing in a one-design fleet is more competitive because of the level playing field.

“With our fleet there’s almost no drama, probably because we’re all well past that phase. We all know each other well and respect each other’s capabilities and experience. It’s very gratifying to race against others when you’re all on the same exact boat. It means you can focus on strategy, sail trim and making the best decisions on the course. It’s competitive, but in a fun, positive way.”

DAY 3 RESULTS

Place, Yacht Name, Type, Owner/Skipper, Hometown, Results, Total Points

Bluenose (One Design - 22 Boats)

1. Wahoo, Bluenose 23, Henry Demone , Chester, NS, CAN - 4 -4 -1 -1 -3 -11 -2 -9 -7 -[12] ; 42
2. Privateer, Bluenose 22.5, Connor Mraz , Brooklyn, NY, USA - [12] -3 -3 -2 -4 -4 -9 -5 -5 -8 ; 43
3. Faster, Bluenose 23.5 ft, Chris von Maltzahn , Halifax, Nova Scotia, CAN - 1 -11 -6 -[18] -7 -10 -1 -3 -1 -9 ; 49

Classics (Pursuit - 8 Boats)

1. Seneca, Classic 48, David Creighton , Chester, NS, CAN - 1 -1 -1 ; 3
2. Virginia, Wm Gardner Q 46, John Wurts , Chester, NS, USA - 2 -2 -2 ; 6
3. Hayseed IV, Wm Gardner P 54, Christopher Wurts , Chester, NS, CAN - 3 -3 -4 ; 10

Distance 1 (PHRF_ToT - 7 Boats)

1. Ramillies, Beneteau First 44.7 44.7, David Wilson , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -2.5 -1 -1 ; 5.5
2. Deviation, J120 40, Stu McCrea , Halifax, NS, CAN - 6 -1 -2 -2 ; 11
3. Chaos, Farr 395 39.5, Mark Gosine , Halifax, NS, CAN - 2 -6 -3 -3 ; 14

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Distance 2 (PHRF_ToT - 11 Boats)

1. Young Blood, J 100 33, Larry Creaser , Chester, NS, CAN - 1 -1 -1 -1 ; 4
2. DogParty, J 100 32, Terry McKenna , Charlottetown, PEI, CAN - 5 -4 -2 -2 ; 13
3. J'ai Tu, J 35 35, Rodney Johnstone / Gary Bennett , Storrs, CT, USA - 3 -3 -5 -3 ; 14

Distance 3 (PHRF_ToT - 9 Boats)

1. Poohsticks, J 92 30, Colin Mann , Lunenburg, NS, CAN - 1 -1 -2 -2 ; 6
2. PARADIGM SHIFT, J29 29, Don Williams , Halifax, NS, CAN - 2 -3 -4 -1 ; 10
3. Scotch Mist IV, J 29 29, Chris MacDonald , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -2 -1 -4 ; 10

Distance 4 (PHRF_ToT - 9 Boats)

1. Just Add Water, J 30 30, Jesleine Baker , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -4 -2 -2 ; 9
2. Gersemi, Viking 33 33, Paul Bezanson , Halifax, NS, CAN - 7 -1 -1 -1 ; 10
3. Flux, J 30 30, Jordan MacNeil , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -5 -4 -3 ; 15

Distance 5 (PHRF_ToT - 7 Boats)

1. Afterhours, custom 23'8, Charles Walker , Chester, Nova Scotia, CAN - 2 -1 -2 -1 ; 6
2. Foxy Lady, Chaser 29 29, Bob Cragg , Chester, NS, CAN - 1 -2 -1 -5 ; 9
3. Roguewave, Viking 28 28, Elizabeth Whyte , Halifax, NS, CAN - 4 -3 -3 -4 ; 14

Distance 6 (PHRF_ToT - 4 Boats)

1. sea breaker, c&c 25 25, bruce nunn , dartmouth, nova scotia, can - 1 -1 -1 -1 ; 4
2. Nesbitt, Thunderbird 25' 6, Anthony Rosborough , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -2 -2 -2 ; 9
3. To'Mater 3, C&C 25, Warren Webber , Rhodes Corner, NS, Canada - 2 -3 -3 -5 ; 13

Inshore 1 - J105 (PHRF_ToT - 5 Boats)

1. McMac, J105 34.5', Sean / Rory McDermott / MacDonald , Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, CAN - [1] -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 ; 5
2. MOJO, J 105 34, James Mosher , Lunenburg, Select State, CAN - 2 -[3] -3 -3 -2 -2 ; 12
3. Buzz, J 105 35, Barry Eisener , lunenburg, NS, CAN - 3 -[4] -2 -2 -3 -4 ; 14

Inshore 2 - C&C 99 (PHRF_ToT - 5 Boats)

1. Agent 99, C&C 99 33, Rob Crutcher , Bedford, NS, CAN - [1] -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 ; 5
2. Equinox 99, C&C 99 33, Rod Stright , Halifax, NS, CAN - [2] -2 -2 -2 -2 -2 ; 10
3. Showgirl2, C&C99 32.5, Drew Bethune , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -3 -3 -[4] -4 -3 ; 16

Inshore 3 (PHRF_ToT - 7 Boats)

1. Painkiller, J 29 29, Jane Filbee , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -[2] -2 -2 -1 -1 ; 7
2. Head Games, J 29 29.5, Terry Schnare , Chester Basin, NS, CAN - [2] -1 -1 -1 -2 -2 ; 7
3. Unlimited Data, Etchells 30.5 feet, Alan Chandler , Chester, NS, CAN - [3] -3 -3 -3 -3 -3 ; 15

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Inshore 4 (PHRF_ToT - 6 Boats)

1. Hoonigan, Soling 27, Ivan Fitch , Chester, NS, CAN - [1] -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 ; 5
2. Cheap Thrill, J 22 22, Karen Fowler , dartmouth, NS, CAN - 2 -2 -2 -2 -2 -[3] ; 10
3. Waverunner, J 24 24, Steven Countway , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -3 -[4] -3 -3 -4 ; 16

Sonar (One Design - 6 Boats)

1. Ping, Sonar 23, Andreas Josenhans , Lunenburg, Ns, Can - 2 -1 -[6] -2 -2 -1 -1 -3 -1 -1 ; 14
2. Barbarian, Sonar 23, Rob Barbara , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -[3] -1 -3 -1 -2 -2 -1 -3 -3 ; 17
3. Echo, Sonar 23, John Franklin , Chico, CA, USA - 3 -2 -[4] -1 -3 -4 -3 -2 -2 -2 ; 22

Farr 30 (One Design - 6 Boats)

1. One More Time, Farr 30 30, Rob Gale / Ed Steeves , Halifax, Nova scotia, Can - 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -[3] -2 -2 -2 -3 -3 ; 16
2. Matador, Farr 30 30, Gregory Blunden , Halifax, NS, CAN - [4] -4 -3 -2 -2 -1 -3 -1 -1 -1 ; 18
3. YARDSAIL, FARR 30 OD 30, Roby Douglas , Boutilier's Point, Nova Scotia, CAN - 5 -[6] -2 -3 -1 -3 -1 -3 -2 -2 ; **22**

International One Design (One Design - 9 Boats)

1. Bella, IOD 36, Evan Petley-Jones , Halifax, NS, CAN - [4] -2 -1 -1 -2 -4 -3 -4 -2 -2 ; 21
2. Squall, IOD 33, Peter Wickwire , Halifax, Nova Scotia, CAN - 2 -[10] -10 -2 -1 -1 -1 -3 -1 -1 ; 22
3. Enigma, IOD 33, Steve Bush , Los Ranchos, NM, USA - [5] -4 -2 -3 -3 -3 -2 -2 -3 -3 ; 25

About Helly Hansen Chester Race Week

Hosted by the Chester Yacht Club in the picturesque South-Shore Nova Scotia village of Chester in mid-August each year, Helly Hansen Chester Race Week is Canada's largest keelboat regatta (four days of sailing) and plays host to more than 120 boats from near and far.

Named one of Sailing World magazine's 14 greatest sailing events in North America, each August, 1,200-plus sailors arrive on Nova Scotia's scenic Mahone Bay to compete in one of 15 fleets racing simultaneously on five different race courses. Our fleets accommodate everyone from offshore big boats and one-designs, to classic wooden boats, club racers and no-spinnaker cruising boats.

Chester's sailing regattas were first documented in 1856 and, since then, tourists and locals alike have taken in the natural beauty of the area by both land and sea. A community-based, volunteer-driven event, Helly Hansen Chester Race Week boasts a full schedule of public-friendly events with live music, great food, yacht races, plus racing seminars from internationally renowned sailors, tacticians, boat builders and sailmakers. Visit www.ChesterRaceWeek.com

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