



AUGUST 14-17, 2019

4 days, 5 courses

15 fleets, 120 boats, 1,200 sailors

MEDIA RELEASE

Day 4: Highly-competitive one-design fleets see neck-and-neck racing

*Bedford's Crutcher makes clean sweep to claim C&C 99 North American Championship
Chester's Creaser defeats J/Boat co-founder Johnstone in J/35*

CHESTER, NOVA SCOTIA (August 17, 2019) – With a full four days of ideal weather including steady south-east winds - unheard of in recent Chester Race Week memory - sailors were understandably tired, but ready to give their best effort on the fourth and final day.

The C&C 99 Fleet held its North American championships during Chester Race Week and *Agent 99* skipper Rob Crutcher out of Bedford Basin Yacht Club came first all seven races in the Inshore 2 Fleet to claim the championship title in a clean sweep. C&C 99 Fleet Association President Rod Stright, skipper of *Equinox 99*, came in second overall behind Crutcher and says he was really pleased with how consistently close the boats were all week.

“We were able to draw five of the six C&C 99s from Nova Scotia where we had a great few days of racing and there were some really close finishes. We’re looking to grow a solid fleet and we’re starting to see that happen. My vision is to see more C&C 99s taking part from Ontario and other parts of Canada.

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PHOTO: 2019 C&C 99 North American Championships winner Agent 99 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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For the event's last six years, Rodney Johnstone, well-known co-founder, designer and builder of J/Boats, has skippered the J/35 *J'ai Tu* with four members of his original crew from 30 years ago. They keep coming back to Chester every summer because of the great conditions, and because they enjoy competing against other J/35s. Johnstone placed fourth overall in the Distance 2 Fleet which was won by Chester Yacht Club's Larry Creaser, his two sons and crew in their J/100 *Young Blood*.

"Every summer we have a crew reunion at Chester Race Week because there are lots of J/Boats here and the competition is strong," said Johnstone. "In fact, J/Boats make up 24 per cent of the boats registered in Chester Race Week this year and won six of the seven fleets they were in, so we must be doing something right. Mahone Bay and these awesome conditions remind us a lot of where we sail at home in Stormington, Connecticut, and we really enjoy sailing the longer legs in the Distance fleets. It's more fun than sailing around buoys all the time."

OVERALL 2019 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] -1 -2 ; 45
2. Privateer, Bluenose 22.5, Connor Mraz , Brooklyn, NY, USA - [12] -3 -3 -2 -4 -4 -9 -5 -5 -8 -9 -1 ; 53
3. Faster, Bluenose 23.5 ft, Chris von Maltzahn , Halifax, Nova Scotia, CAN - 1 -11 -6 -[18] -7 -10 -1 -3 -1 -9 -4 -5 ; 58

Classics (Pursuit - 8 Boats)

1. Seneca, Classic 48, David Creighton , Chester, NS, CAN - 1 -1 -1 -2 ; 5
2. Virginia, Wm Gardner Q 46, John Wurts , Chester, NS, USA - 2 -2 -2 -1 ; 7
3. Hayseed IV, Wm Gardner P 54, Christopher Wurts , Chester, NS, CAN - 3 -3 -4 -3 ; 13

Distance 1 (PHRF_ToT - 7 Boats)

1. Ramillies, Beneteau First 44.7 44.7, David Wilson , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -2.5 -1 -1 -1 -3 ; 9.5
2. Deviation, J 120 40, Stu McCrea , Halifax, NS, CAN - 6 -1 -2 -2 -3 -2 ; 16
3. Chaos, Farr 395 39.5, Mark Gosine , Halifax, NS, CAN - 2 -6 -3 -3 -2 -4 ; 20

Distance 2 (PHRF_ToT - 11 Boats)

1. Young Blood, J 100 33, Larry Creaser , Chester, NS, CAN - 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -3 ; 8
2. DogParty, J 100 32, Terry McKenna , Charlottetown, PEI, CAN - 5 -4 -2 -2 -3 -1 ; 17
3. HELOC, J 35 35, Andrew Childs , Halifax, NS, CAN - 2 -6 -3 -4 -4 -2 ; 21

Distance 3 (PHRF_ToT - 9 Boats)

1. Poohsticks, J 92 30, Colin Mann , Lunenburg, NS, CAN - 1 -1 -2 -2 -1 -1 ; 8
2. Scotch Mist IV, J 29 29, Chris MacDonald , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -2 -1 -4 -2 -4 ; 16
3. Paradigm Shift, J 29 29, Don Williams , Halifax, NS, CAN - 2 -3 -4 -1 -4 -3 ; 17

Distance 4 (PHRF_ToT - 9 Boats)

1. Just Add Water, J 30 30, Jesleine Baker , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -4 -2 -2 -3 -3 ; 15
2. Gersemi, Viking 33 33, Paul Bezanson , Halifax, NS, CAN - 7 -1 -1 -1 -4 -6 ; 20
3. Apres Ski, Laser 28 28, Tony Thompson , Bedford, NS, CAN - 6 -2 -5 -5 -1 -1 ; 20

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Distance 5 (PHRF_ToT - 7 Boats)

1. Afterhours, custom 23'8, Charles Walker , Chester, Nova Scotia, CAN - 2 -1 -2 -1 -2 -2 ; 10
2. Foxy Lady, Chaser 29 29, Bob Cragg , Chester, NS, CAN - 1 -2 -1 -5 -1 -1 ; 11
3. Roguewave, Viking 28 28, Elizabeth Whyte , Halifax, NS, CAN - 4 -3 -3 -4 -3 -4 ; 21

Distance 6 (PHRF_ToT - 4 Boats)

1. sea breaker, C&C 25 25, bruce nunn , dartmouth, nova scotia, can - 1 -1 -1 -1 -3 -2 ; 9
2. To'Mater 3, C&C 25 25, Warren Webber , Rhodes Corner, NS, Canada - 2 -3 -3 -5 -1 -1 ; 15
3. Nesbitt, Thunderbird 25' 6, Anthony Rosborough , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -2 -2 -2 -4 -3 ; 16

Inshore 1 - J105 (PHRF_ToT - 5 Boats)

1. MacMac, J105 34.5', Sean / Rory McDermott / MacDonald , Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, CAN - [1] -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 ; 6
2. MOJO, J 105 34, James Mosher , Lunenburg, Select State, CAN - 2 -3 -3 -3 -2 -2 -[4] ; 15
3. Buzz, J 105 35, Barry Eisener , lunenburg, NS, CAN - 3 -[4] -2 -2 -3 -4 -3 ; 17

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 -1 ; 6
2. Equinox 99, C&C 99 33, Rod Stright , Halifax, NS, CAN - [2] -2 -2 -2 -2 -2 -2 ; 12
3. Showgirl2, C&C 99 32.5, Drew Bethune , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -3 -3 -[4] -4 -3 -4 ; 20

Inshore 3 (PHRF_ToT - 7 Boats)

1. Painkiller, J 29 29, Jane Filbee , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -[2] -2 -2 -1 -1 -2 ; 9
2. Head Games, J 29 29.5, Terry Schnare , Chester Basin, NS, CAN - 2 -1 -1 -1 -2 -2 -[4] ; 9
3. Unlimited Data, Etchells 30.5 feet, Alan Chandler , Chester, NS, CAN - [3] -3 -3 -3 -3 -3 -3 ; 18

Inshore 4 (PHRF_ToT - 6 Boats)

1. Hoonigan, Soling 27, Ivan Fitch , Chester, NS, CAN - 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -[4] ; 6
2. Cheap Thrill, J 22 22, Karen Fowler , dartmouth, NS, CAN - 2 -2 -2 -2 -2 -[3] -3 ; 13
3. Hotspur, Santana 23 23, Tyson Hynes , Halifax, NS, CAN - 4 -4 -3 -[5] -4 -2 -1 ; 18

Sonar (One Design - 6 Boats)

1. Ping, Sonar 23, Andreas Josenhans , Lunenburg, Ns, Can - 2 -1 -[6] -2 -2 -1 -1 -3 -1 -1 -4 -2 ; 20
2. Barbarian, Sonar 23, Rob Barbara , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -[3] -1 -3 -1 -2 -2 -1 -3 -3 -3 -3 ; 23
3. Echo, Sonar 23, John Franklin , Chico, CA, USA - 3 -2 -[4] -1 -3 -4 -3 -2 -2 -2 -1 -4 ; 27

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 -3 -2 -2 -2 -[5] -3 -3 ; 19
2. Yardsail, Farr 30 30, Roby Douglas , Boutillier's Point, Nova Scotia, CAN - 5 -[6] -2 -3 -1 -3 -1 -3 -1 -2 -1 ; 22
3. Matador, Farr 30 30, Gregory Blunden , Halifax, NS, CAN - [4] -4 -3 -2 -2 -1 -3 -1 -3 -1 -4 ; 24

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 -1 -2 -4 -[10] ; 28
2. Enigma, IOD 33, Steve Bush , Los Ranchos, NM, USA - [5] -4 -2 -3 -3 -3 -2 -2 -2 -3 -5 -3 ; 32
3. Squall, IOD 33, Peter Wickwire , Halifax, Nova Scotia, CAN - 2 -[10] -10 -2 -1 -1 -1 -3 -10 -1 -1 -1 ; 33

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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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