



# Chester Race Week 2018

AUGUST 15-18, 2018

4 days, 5 courses, 15 fleets, 120 boats, 1,200 sailors

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### Day 2 light winds and heat drive races further offshore, test technical skills

*Women making their presence felt in male-dominated regatta*

**CHESTER, NOVA SCOTIA (August 16, 2018)** – After a long day on Wednesday, sailors arrived refreshed and ready for their second day of racing. Weather was calm and hot, with light winds, so race officers set the courses further offshore to find the most wind.

[See Day 2 drone footage here.](#)

“Sailors got the chance to test themselves in lighter wind conditions today,” said Patricia Nelder, Chair-water for 2018 Helly Hansen Chester Race Week. “Our race officers decided to move further out into the bay where winds ran about 8-10 km/hour. Light-wind sailing is a whole different skill, so it put their technical skills to the test.”

Women skippers and all-women crews have been making inroads at Race Week over the years.



PHOTO: Sail Nova Scotia’s 2017 Female Sailor of the Year, Lesley Taylor, skippered the Sonar *Model T* to a third-place finish on day 2 of 2018 Helly Hansen Chester Race Week in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia which is

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seeing more women skippers and all-women crews in a male-dominated sport. (Credit: © 2018 Tim Wilkes / www.timwilkes.com, high-res image available on request)

Three women living in Ontario with Nova Scotia connections made plans at last year's Chester Race Week to sail together this summer. Rhonda Joyce (helm), Jennifer Paterson (main) and Julia Carroll (jib) sailed together on the Bluenose *Sandpiper* out of Chester. Despite only one hour of practice, their first day went even better than expected.

"We didn't get involved with any of the competitive drama that happens in a race. Instead we waited for the other boats to crowd around the marks. We were able to round quickly and smoothly once the confusion was over," said Joyce. "By thinking it through and being consistent, we were able to finish in the top third of the fleet."

Karen Fowler from Bedford Basin Yacht Club led a 4-woman crew to sail her J/22 *Cheap Thrill*.

"You see a lot of men sailing in these types of regattas, so the chance to pull together a group of talented female sailors and sail as hard as we can feels great. We're working really well as a team, and we pulled in some great results on both days," Fowler said.

Support for amateur Canadian athletes was the focus of the [Canadian Athletes Now \(CAN\) Fund](#)'s presence at the Chester Yacht Club this weekend. The charitable organization is collecting donations and selling clothing and artworks created by founder Jane Roos. All proceeds collected during Chester Race Week will go toward Nova Scotia athletes, including sailors. Since 2003, the organization has supported 80 percent of Olympians representing Canada.

### DAY 2 RESULTS

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

##### Bluenose (One Design - 21 Boats)

1. Wahoo, Bluenose 23, Henry Demone , Chester, NS, CAN - [9] -1 -1 -3 -9 -3 ; 17
2. Shaken Knot Stirred, Bluenose 22, Malcolm Fraser , Chester, NS, CAN - 4 -4 -5 -6 -4 -[12] ; 23
3. Rebel, Bluenose 23, Thomas Murphy , Chester, NS, CAN - [22] -6 -3 -11 -3 -1 ; 24

##### Classics (Pursuit - 7 Boats)

1. pursuit, custom peterson 46 46, bob belliveau , chester, CAN - 2 -1 ; 3
2. Seneca, Classic 48, David Creighton , Chester, NS, CAN - 1 -3 ; 4
3. Hayseed IV, Wm Gardner P 54, Christopher Wurts , Chester, NS, CAN - 5 -2 ; 7

##### Distance 1 (PHRF\_ToT - 9 Boats)

1. Deviation, J 120 40, Stu McCrea , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -2 -1 ; 4
2. Rebel Rebel, X-Yacht X-35 35, Sarah / Greg Hardy , Halifax, NS, CAN - 6 -1 -5 ; 12
3. Wandrian , Taylor 41 41, Bill Tucker , Halifax, NS, CAN - 4 -5 -3 ; 12

##### Distance 2 (PHRF\_ToT - 7 Boats)

1. Young Blood, J 100 32', Larry Creaser , Chester, NS, CAN - 1 -1 -2 ; 4
2. HELOC, J 35 35, Andrew Childs , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -2 -1 ; 6
3. J'ai Tu, J 35 35, Rodney Johnstone / Gary Bennett , Storrs, CT, USA - 2 -4 -3 ; 9

##### Distance 3 (PHRF\_ToT - 5 Boats)

1. Poohsticks, J 92 30, Colin Mann , Lunenburg, NS, CAN - 4 -1 -1 ; 6

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2. Persistence, Frers 33 33.25, Mike / Heather Hoyt , Herring Cove, NS, CAN - 2 -3 -2 ; 7  
3. Wildthing VI, Beneteau 42s7 42, Greg/Liz Hammond , Glen Margaret, NS, CAN - 1 -4 -4 ; 9  
Distance 4 (PHRF\_ToT - 7 Boats)

1. Just Add Water, J 30 30, Jesleine Baker , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -1 -1 ; 5  
2. Flux, J 30 30, Jordan MacNeil , Halifax, NS, CAN - 2 -2 -3 ; 7  
3. Highlander, Dehler DB1 33, Dan Pride , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -4 -4 ; 9

Distance 5 (PHRF\_ToT - 12 Boats)

1. Patience, Nonsuch 30 Ultra 30, Bruce Flinn , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -6 -1 ; 8  
2. Rougewave, Viking 28 28, Elizabeth Whyte , Halifax, NS, CAN - 5 -2 -4 ; 11  
3. Foxy Lady, Chaser 29 29, Bob Cragg , Chester , NS, CAN - 3 -1 -11 ; 15

Inshore 2 - J105 (PHRF\_ToT - 5 Boats)

1. McMac, J 105 10.5m, Sean McDermott / Rory MacDonald , Dartmouth, NS, CAN - 2 -1 -1 ; 4  
2. MOJO, J 105 35, James Mosher , Lunenburg, NS, CAN - 1 -3 -2 ; 6  
3. Buzz, J 105 35, Barry Eisener , Lunenburg, NS, CAN - 3 -2 -5 ; 10

Inshore 1 (PHRF\_ToT - 9 Boats)

1. Painkiller, J 29 29.5, jane filbee , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -1 -1 -2 -[3] ; 5  
2. Scotch Mist IV, J 29 29, Chris MacDonald , Halifax, NS, CAN - [4] -2 -2 -1 -1 ; 6  
3. Head Games, J 29 29.5, Terry Schnare , Chester Basin, NS, CAN - 2 -3 -3 -[5] -5 ; 13

Inshore 3 (PHRF\_ToT - 9 Boats)

1. Apres Ski, Laser 28 28, Tony Thompson , Bedford , NS, CAN - 2 -3 -1 -1 ; 7  
2. Hummin, Soling 26, Bill Haliburton , Halifax, NS, can - 1 -2 -4 -2 ; 9  
3. Hoonigan, Soling 27, Ivan Fitch , Chester, NS, CAN - 4 -1 -3 -4 ; 12

Distance (Starting on the Inshore Course) - C&C99 (PHRF\_ToT - 4 Boats)

1. Agent 99, C&C 99 33, Rob Crutcher , Bedford, NS, CAN - 1 -1 -1 ; 3  
2. Equinox 99, C&C 99 33, Rod Stright , Halifax, NS, CAN - 2 -2 -2 ; 6  
3. Demons Dance, C&C 99 32.5, Andrew Watts , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -4 -3 ; 10

Sonar (One Design - 8 Boats)

1. Barbarian, Sonar 23, Rob Barbara , Halifax, NS, CAN - [2] -1 -2 -1 -1 -1 ; 6  
2. Ping, Sonar 23, Andreas Josenhans , Lunenburg , NS, CAN - 1 -2 -1 -[6] -3 -2 ; 9  
3. Model T, Sonar 23, Lesley Taylor , Halifax, NS, CAN - [5] -3 -4 -3 -2 -3 ; 15

Farr 30 (One Design - 7 Boats)

1. Head First 3, Farr 30 30, Peter Toombs , Charlottetown, PEI, CAN - [1] -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 ; 5  
2. One More Time, Farr 30 30, Rob Gale , Halifax, NS, CAN - 2 -2 -[6] -5 -2 -2 ; 13  
3. Goose, Farr 30 30, Ben Maloney , Bedford, NS, CAN - 3 -3 -3 -2 -[5] -3 ; 14

International One Design (One Design - 10 Boats)

1. Bella, IOD 30, Evan Petley-Jones , Halifax, NS, CAN - 2 -1 -1 -[5] -2 -1 ; 7  
2. Restless, IOD 33', Ted Murphy , Halifax, NS, CAN - 1 -[6] -4 -2 -4 -2 ; 13  
3. Squall, IOD 33, Peter Wickwire , Halifax, NS, CAN - 3 -4 -[5] -3 -1 -4 ; 15

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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 North America's largest annual keel boat race week (4 days of sailing) and plays host to more than 130 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 in Mahone Bay on Nova Scotia's scenic South Shore to compete in one of 15 fleets racing simultaneously on five different race courses - from a 0.5 nautical mile windward-leeward course for the Bluenose class in front of the Chester Yacht Club, to the 20-plus-nautical-mile-long, offshore distance course for big boats. The fleets can accommodate everyone from competitive one-design hulls to classic wooden boats and cruising boats racing without spinnakers.

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](http://www.ChesterRaceWeek.com)

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