



# NOTICE OF RACE

**REVISION 1, 19-May-2010**

Organizing Authorities (OA)

**Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (RNSYS)  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Canada**

**Yacht Club de Saint-Pierre  
(YCSP)  
Saint-Pierre et Miquelon  
France**

**Start: Saturday July 10, 2010**

**Prize Giving: Friday July 16, 2010**

**Route Halifax Saint-Pierre (RHSP 2010) offers seaworthy yachts the opportunity to compete in an ocean race from Halifax to Saint-Pierre (RHSP) and a course race, the Allianz Grand Prix, at Saint-Pierre. The intention of the event is to create relationships between sailors from Europe and North America, to celebrate the sea and to enjoy the truly French environment at Saint-Pierre.**

**A cordial invitation is extended to yachts to enter RHSP 2010.**

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2** The following prescriptions of the *Canadian Yachting Association* (CYA) will apply: rules 61.2, 68 and the preamble to appendix F. These can be found at:  
<http://www.sailing.ca/files/racing/rules/CYAPrescriptions2009-12.pdf>.
- 1.3** After 2000 on the day of the start, the *International Rules for Preventing Collision at Sea* (IRPCAS) will apply, at which point RRS Part 2 will no longer govern. An excerpt of IRPCAS is included as CYA RRS Appendix Q. A more detailed document is available from the International Maritime Organization at:  
[http://www.imo.org/Conventions/contents.asp?doc\\_id=649&topic\\_id=257](http://www.imo.org/Conventions/contents.asp?doc_id=649&topic_id=257)
- 1.4** The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) *Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 2 Monohulls* (OSR) will apply to monohulls and *Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 2 multihulls* will apply to multihulls. These can be found at:  
<http://www.sailing.org/documents/special-regs.php>
  - (a) Scantlings: Provided that the requirements of OSR 3.03.1, 3.03.2 or 3.03.3 have not been refused due to unsuitability of the yacht, replace the word 'shall' by the word 'should' in OSR 3.03.4. This changes OSR 3.03.04.
  - (b) Lifelines: Lifelines installed after January 1, 2005 may be coated provided the coating is removed in the vicinity of terminal fittings to allow inspection of the cable to fitting joint. This changes OSR 3.14.6.
  - (c) Navigation Lights: Non-incandescent navigation lights are permitted provided they emit the government approved luminescent levels appropriate for the size of yacht. This changes OSR 3.27.

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- (d) AIS Transponder: OSR 3.29.1 (n) will not apply, however an AIS transponder to both signal and receive vessel identities and navigational information is strongly recommended.
- (e) Liferrafts: After OSR 4.20.2 a) insert new clause “a1) Liferrafts shall comply with the Canada Shipping Act (except Open reversible platform liferafts) or shall meet the equivalent US Coast Guard Approval. Any ISAF required equipment (see section 2 Equipment in *OSR Appendix A part 1* available at <http://www.sailing.org/1927.php>) not packed with the liferaft shall be packed in the grab bag OSR 4.21.2. or”
- (f) Storm Trysail: Provided a yacht meets OSR 4.26.4 (e) and (f), she will not be disqualified for failing to meet OSR 4.26.4 (c) provided she meets Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 3 rule 4.26.4 (g). OSR category 3 documents can be found at: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/special-regs.php>
- (g) Lifejackets: After OSR 5.01.1 (a) insert new clause “Flotation devices approved by the appropriate government authority of the yacht’s nationality will be accepted.”
- (h) Crotch or Thigh Strap: OSR 5.01.1 (b) will not apply, however lifejackets fitted with a crotch strap or thigh straps are strongly recommended.
- (i) Survival Training: A certificate gained at an ISAF Approved Offshore Personal Survival Training Course or at a US Sailing – Sanctioned Safety at Sea Symposium will be accepted as evidence of compliance with OSR 6.01. At the sole discretion of the OA, other training may be accepted.
- (j) First Aid Certificate: An ISAF Approved Offshore Personal Survival Training Course certificate issued by ‘Survival Systems’ prior to January 1, 2008 will be accepted as meeting the First Aid requirements of OSR 6.04.1.
- (k) Heavy Weather Jib: A yacht will not be disqualified for failing to meet OSR 4.26.4 (f). A jib meeting this regulation is strongly recommended.

### 1.5 Minimum Size and Stability:

- (a) A monohull yacht of less than 9.5m (31’-2”) in hull length:
  - (i) Shall have a minimum displacement of 3.0 tonnes (6,600 lb) and shall meet at least one of the following:
  - (ii) Design Category A under ISO 12217-2 and an Angle of Vanishing Stability (AVS) greater than  $(130 - (2 \times \text{mass}))$  where mass is the minimum sailing displacement in tonnes, but always greater than  $100^\circ$ , or
  - (iii) Minimum RORC-STIX of 32, or
  - (iv) Minimum RORC Stability & Safety Screening Numeral (SSSN) of 28, or
  - (v) Minimum ORR Stability Index (STBIX) of 110, or
  - (vi) Class rules if those rules have been previously accepted by the OA, in which case 1.5 (a) (i) above does not apply.
- (b) A monohull yacht of 9.5m in hull length and over:
  - (i) Shall have a minimum displacement of 3.0 tonnes and
  - (ii) Should meet one of 1.5 (a) (ii) (iii), (iv), or (v) above and
  - (iii) Shall meet 1.5 (a) (vi) above.
- (c) A multihull shall have a minimum hull length of 9.5m.

### 1.6 Rules of the classes will govern as follows:

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- (a) For *Division I IRC* the *IRC Rule* parts 1, 2 and 3 shall govern. These can be found at: [http://www.ircrating.org/images/stories/pdf/2010/irc\\_rule\\_2010\\_english.pdf](http://www.ircrating.org/images/stories/pdf/2010/irc_rule_2010_english.pdf)  
Unendorsed certificates will be accepted.
  - (b) For *Division II PHRF-Racing the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Nova Scotia* (PHRF-NS) class rules will apply. These can be found at: <http://www.nsy.ns.ca/>  
under menu item *PHRF Racing, Handicap Manual (pdf)*.
  - (c) For *Division III PHRF-Non Spinnaker the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Nova Scotia* (PHRF-NS) class rules will apply. These can be found at: <http://www.nsy.ns.ca/>  
under menu item *PHRF Racing, Handicap Manual (pdf)*. The headsails on a yacht competing in this class shall be of windward genoa design and shall be flown fully attached to the headstay or roller furling luff wire.
  - (d) For *Multihulls the New England Multihull Association* (NEMA) class rules will apply. These can be found at: [http:// www.nemasail.org/](http://www.nemasail.org/)
- 1.7** Division III PHRF – Non Spinnaker yachts are permitted to use power winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical self-steering devices. This changes RRS 52 and may change class rules.
- 1.8** Doublehanded entrants are permitted to use mechanical and electro-mechanical self-steering devices. This changes RRS 52 and may change class rules.
- 1.9** Racing Rules 28, 32, 35, 41(c), 42(h), 52, A, A4 and A4.1 will be changed as follows:
- (a) 28 – the penalty for OCS will be less than DSQ;
  - (b) 32 - RHSP will not be shortened;
  - (c) 35 and A4 – there will be a time limit at the finish;
  - (d) 41(c) – yachts are permitted to use an outside source to relay ‘Freely available’ information;
  - (e) 42(h) - motors will be permitted to avoid ships;
  - (f) 52 – self steering devices or powered winches may be used on some yachts.
  - (g) A – in order to be scored in either race the yacht shall compete in both.
  - (h) A4 – there will be a time limit at the start;
  - (i) A4.1 – there will be a penalty for failing to return a position transponder;
- The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions (SI).
- 1.10** If there is a conflict between the SI and this Notice of Race, the SI will take precedence.
- 1.11** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 2 ADVERTISING**
- 2.1** Advertising shall be in governed by ISAF regulation 20 except as modified by class or rating system rules. ISAF regulations can be found at: <http://www.sailing.org/20162.php>

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- 2.2** Entrants are expected to allow the OA to apply the event sponsor's decal(s) on the bow of their yacht. If there is a valid reason, such as risk of damage to a freshly painted hull, the OA may waive this requirement.
- 2.3** Entrants are expected to fly sponsors' flags from the rigging when in port, when motoring to the starting area and when motoring from the finishing area. Flags and instructions for flying them will be included in the skipper's kit.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY, CLASSES AND ENTRY**

- 3.1** The event is open to yachts meeting the rules of Section 1 above. There will be at least one class in these divisions:
- (a) Division I – IRC.
  - (b) Division II – PHRF - Racing.
  - (c) Division III – PHRF - Non Spinnaker.
  - (d) Multihulls as a demonstration class (may become a division subject to 3.6 below).
- Other classes wishing to be considered for eligibility should contact [info@routehalifaxsaintpierre.com](mailto:info@routehalifaxsaintpierre.com)
- 3.2** Eligible yachts may enter as instructed at:  
[http://www.routehalifaxsaintpierre.com/new\\_site/register/info\\_form.html](http://www.routehalifaxsaintpierre.com/new_site/register/info_form.html)
- 3.3** The race committee may divide the divisions into classes. Class assignments will be announced at the Competitors' Information meeting.
- 3.4** Yachts who wish to race the Allianz Grand Prix in a division different from that sailed in RHSP must register this change by 1000 on the day of the start.
- 3.5** The OA will not accept claims for damages in the event that it, under its sole discretion, rejects an entry under Rule 76.1.
- 3.6** Provided a minimum of 3 yachts have entered, paid their fees and submitted valid certificates by June 1, 2010, there will be a Multihull division. Failing that multihulls may race in a demonstration class.

### **4 FEES**

- 4.1** The entry fee if received before June 1, 2010 is \$250 (Canadian funds in all cases). Yachts withdrawing prior to June 1 are entitled to a 50% refund.
- 4.2** As of June 1, the entry fee is \$350.
- 4.3** Eligible boats must register, and fees must be received, before July 7, 2010. The organizing authority may, at its sole discretion, accept entries until the start of the competitors' information meeting (see NOR 5.3 below).

### **5 SCHEDULE**

- 5.1** Mandatory equipment inspections: A schedule will be announced at a later date. Under OSR 2.02 a yacht may be inspected any time.
- 5.2** Mandatory check-in at the RNSYS registration desk:  
Thursday, July 8 from 1400 to 1800  
Friday, July 9 from 0900 to 1400

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- 5.3 Competitors' information meeting and weather briefing at RNSYS is Friday, July 9 starting at 1500.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for each race is at 1155.
- 5.5 The scheduled day for the RHSP start is Saturday July 10.
- 5.6 The Allianz Grand Prix will be held on Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> or Friday July 16<sup>th</sup>. The notice announcing the day of the Allianz Grand Prix will be posted by 2000 on the day before the start.

## **6 MEASUREMENTS**

- 6.1 Each yacht racing under IRC shall produce a valid rating certificate.
- 6.2 Each yacht racing under PHRF-NS shall have her rating listed on the Nova Scotia Yachting Association Yacht Database web page by the end of check-in (5.2 above).

## **7 TRACKING DEVICES**

- 7.1 Each yacht shall carry aboard and operate continuously a tracking device supplied by the OA. A yacht in which such a unit fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports in accordance with the SI. This changes RRS 41 (d).
- 7.2 A deposit against loss or damage, taken as a credit card imprint, may be required at check-in.
- 7.3 The transponder is provided solely for entertainment purposes.

## **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be included in the skipper's kit at registration. Copies of amendments will be available at the Competitors' Information Meeting.

## **9 VENUE**

- 9.1 The start for RHSP will be off the Halifax city waterfront.
- 9.2 The start for the Allianz Grand Prix will be in the outer harbour at Saint-Pierre.

## **10 COURSES**

- 10.1 The RHSP will race to the outer harbour of Saint-Pierre per the SI. The course length is approximately 360 nautical miles.
- 10.2 The Allianz Grand Prix will be a course race in the outer harbour at Saint-Pierre.

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 The corrected time for all IRC and PHRF classes will be calculated using time-on-time scoring. For PHRF, the Time Correction Factor (TCF) will be calculated using the formula:  
$$\text{TCF} = 580 / (480 + \text{PHRF})$$
Calculated to the nearest 0.001 (0.0005 to be rounded upward).
- 11.2 In order to be scored in RHSP yachts must compete in the Allianz Grand Prix race.
- 11.3 In order to be scored in the Allianz Grand Prix race yachts must compete in either RHSP or the Ocean One Race.

## **12 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

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- 12.1** 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'."
- 12.2** Yachts are permitted to use an outside source to relay 'freely available' information. Any other tactical advice, strategic advice or other technical advice is a violation of the rules. This changes RRS 41 (c).

### 13 PHOTOGRAPHY

For and in consideration of participation in RHSP 2010, each of the yacht's owner(s)/charterer(s) and crew consents to allowing Route Halifax Saint-Pierre Race Committee and their partners non-exclusive rights to use his/her name, likeness, photograph, voice, video, recordings and depictions in and for Route Halifax Saint-Pierre Race publicity and related promotional purposes, including but not limited to the production of websites, print and other advertising material, electronic press kits and in any other manner and media and permission to modify, edit and alter the material produced for all uses and purposes for the Route Halifax Saint-Pierre Race 2010 and future races at the sole discretion of Route Halifax Saint-Pierre Race Committee.

### 14 PRIZES

Note that IRC yachts are eligible to compete for (e), (f) and (h) below provided they also have a valid PHRF rating.

Prizes will be given as follows:

- (a) The *André H. Paturel Trophy* will be awarded to the first Monohull to finish RHSP on elapsed time.
- (b) For RHSP Divisions with more than one class, a prize will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place in division on corrected time.
- (c) For RHSP a prize will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class except for a demonstration class.
- (d) For Allianz Grand Prix a prize will be awarded to:
  - (i) 1<sup>st</sup> in each class except a demonstration class.
  - (ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class, except a demonstration class, having a minimum of 5 entrants.
- (e) The *Founders' Trophy* will be awarded to the best team of two yachts in RHSP scored under PHRF. Further information can be found at:  
<http://www.routehalifaxsaintpierre.com/updates/rhsp2010founders.pdf>
- (f) The *Trophée de la Ville de Saint-Pierre* and a \$1,000 discount from Victory Sails of Dartmouth NS will be awarded to the best armed services or military academy yacht in RHSP scored under PHRF. Further information can be found at:  
<http://www.routehalifaxsaintpierre.com/updates/rhsp2010armedforces.pdf>
- (g) The *George A. W. Acland Trophy* will be awarded to a crew member or associated person (not a skipper) who demonstrates outstanding effort, seamanship skills or Corinthian actions. Further details will be provided at check-in.
- (h) For RHSP the *Etat Français* trophy will be awarded to the best yacht in any monohull division sailed by a crew of two in RHSP scored under PHRF.

### 15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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All competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. The *Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron* and *Yacht Club Saint-Pierre*, (hereinafter called the organizing authority) do not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained before, during, or after this race.

Compliance with the offshore special regulations, inspections and the minimum stability regulations, in no way absolves the owner or skipper of any boat for their responsibility for the safety of the vessel and the crew.

Yachtsmen are reminded of Rule 4, of the **Racing Rules of Sailing: 4 DECISION TO RACE**, the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is [his/] hers alone. 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 [race].

### 16 INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 per event or the equivalent. Proof of valid insurance shall be provided at check-in. Entrants are encouraged to notify their insurance carrier of participation in this event and the rules governing it.

### 17 FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact information, press releases, links to related sites, updates to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be available at the RHSP web site:

<http://www.routehalifaxsaintpierre.com/>

The race director can be contacted at:

[racedirector@routehalifaxsaintpierre.com](mailto:racedirector@routehalifaxsaintpierre.com)

Entry forms are attached or are available by contacting the:

Route Halifax Saint Pierre 2010 Registrar  
c/o the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron  
376 Purcell's Cove Road  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3P 1C7  
Telephone (902) 477-5653

Moorage at RNSYS can be arranged by contacting the Yard Office at:

[dockmaster@rnsys.com](mailto:dockmaster@rnsys.com)

Telephone (902) 477-2595

**Route Halifax Saint-Pierre 2010**  
**ATTACHMENT A - SKIPPERS DECLARATION & RACE ENTRY FORM**

This form shall be completed and delivered to the Registrar by the end of Check-in (NOR 5.2).

**YACHT**

Name: _____	Hull Length: _____	<p style="text-align: center;">Choose 1 Division</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> IRC</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PHRF Racing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PHRF Non-Spin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Double-Handed</p>
Sail Number: _____	Rating: _____	
Design: _____		
Hull Colour: _____		
Yacht Club: _____	(in full, the race committee will abbreviate)	
Yacht Phone No: _____	(number where the race committee can contact the yacht during the race or leave a message which will be received during the race)	

**SKIPPER**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (B): \_\_\_\_\_ (C): \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

To be signed by the skipper:

I have read and understood and agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, in particular RRS Fundamental Rule 4, and all other rules governing the race. I agree that I am acting as the "owner's representative" in the Offshore Special Regulation 1.02.

I understand that yacht racing can be dangerous. I agree that the RNSYS, YCSP and persons working for or on behalf of the above, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to crewmembers or others or for the loss of or damage to any vessel or property.

Before the start of the race I will ensure that all crewmembers are aware of the undertaking in this Declaration.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

