



6th Biennial
**Notice
of Race**

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

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

Time Zone: Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT) (UTC – 3 hr)

**Yacht Club de Saint-Pierre
(YCSP)**

**Saint-Pierre, Saint-Pierre et Miquelon
France**

Saint-Pierre & Miquelon Daylight Time (SPMDT) (UTC - 2 hr)

Friday July 6 to Friday July 13, 2012

Route Halifax Saint-Pierre (RHSP 2012) 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 and by joining the Bastille Day celebrations on July 14th.

A cordial invitation to enter RHSP 2012 is extended to sailors everywhere.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the *Canadian Yachting Association* (CYA) will apply. These can be found at: <http://www.sailing.ca/files/racing/rules/CYAPrescriptions2009-12.pdf>, or <http://www.sailing.ca/files/racing/rules/CYAPrescriptions0912FRE.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/ourwork/safety/navigation/pages/preventing-collisions.aspx>
- 1.4 The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) *Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 2 Monohulls* (OSR), <http://www.sailing.org/documents/special-regs.php> or <http://www.ffvoile.org/ffv/web/services/RSO.asp>, including CYA prescriptions, http://www.sailing.ca/images/uploads/CYA_OS_2012_Prescriptions.pdf, will apply with the following modifications:
 - (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, 2007 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) 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.
 - (d) Under OSR 4.11.1 a yacht shall carry no less than the following paper charts (Canadian unless otherwise indicated):
 - (i) 1 – Symbols, Terms and Abbreviations
 - (ii) 4203 – Halifax Harbour – Black Point to Point Pleasant
 - (iii) 4237 – Approaches to Halifax Harbour
 - (iv) 4643 or French chart 982 – Île Saint-Pierre (France)
 - (v) 4013 – Halifax to Sydney
 - (vi) 4015 – Sydney to Saint-Pierre

The index of Atlantic charts can be found at:

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<http://www.charts.gc.ca/charts-cartes/paper-papier/pdf/atlantic-index.pdf>

Notices to Mariners and the List of Lights can be found at:

<http://www.notmar.gc.ca/go.php?doc=eng/index>

- (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 Sails: A yacht shall carry either:
 - (i) A storm trysail under OSR 4.26.4 c) and a heavy weather jib under OSR 4.26.4 f), this deletes OSR 4.26.4 e), or
 - (ii) Mainsail reefing under OSR 4.26.4 g) for category 3 and a storm jib under OSR 4.26.4 e), this deletes OSR 4.26.4 c).
 - (g) 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.
- 1.5 Minimum Stability: A yacht shall meet Design Category A under ISO 12217-2.
A yacht for which the ISO designation cannot be found shall:
- (a) Adhere to the rules of an offshore class which has previously been accepted by the OA, or
 - (b) Shall have a minimum displacement of 3.0 tonnes (6,600 lb) and shall meet at least one of the following:
 - (i) Minimum IRC-STIX of 32 and an Angle of Vanishing Stability (AVS) greater than $(130 - (0.002 \times m))$ where m is the minimum sailing weight in kg, but always greater than 100°, or
 - (ii) Minimum ORR or ORC Stability Index (STBIX) of 110, or
 - (iii) Minimum Stability & Safety Screening Numeral (SSSN) of 28. The OA may at its sole discretion accept an SSSN of less than 28 based upon other evidence of seaworthiness of the yacht or the sailing experience of the crew.
- 1.6 Rules of the classes will govern as follows:
- (a) For *Division I IRC* the *IRC Rule* parts 1, 2 and 3 shall govern. The IRC rule can be found at: http://www.ircrating.org/images/stories/pdf/2012/irc2012_rule_final_111101.pdf, or http://ircrating.org/images/stories/pdf/2012/irc2012_regle_fra.pdf
 - (i) Unendorsed certificates will be accepted.
 - (ii) Under IRC rule 21.6.1(b) a boat may carry one more spinnaker of area not greater than SPA than shown in her current IRC certificate without an increase in rating.
 - (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.nsva.ns.ca/> under menu item *PHRF Racing, Handicap Manual (pdf)*.
 - (c) For *Division III PHRF-Non Spinnaker* the PHRF-NS class rules will apply. 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.
- 1.7 Division III PHRF – Non Spinnaker yachts are permitted to use power winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical self-steering devices. This changes rule 52 and may change class rules.
- 1.8 Doublehanded entrants are permitted to use mechanical and electro-mechanical self-steering devices. This changes rule 52 and may change class rules.
- 1.9 Except for doublehanded entrants the minimum crew size shall be 4.
- 1.10 Racing Rules 28, 32, 35, 41(c), 42(h), 49.2, 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) 42(h) - motors will be permitted to avoid ships;
 - (e) 49.2 - change the word “wire” to “wire or Dyneema®”.

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- (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).

- 1.11 If there is a conflict between the SI and this Notice of Race, the SI will take precedence.
- 1.12 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall be 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>
- 2.2 Entrants are expected to allow the OA to apply the event sponsor's decal(s) on the bow and/or boom 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.Other classes wishing to be considered for eligibility should contact
racedirector@routehalifaxsaintpierre.com
- 3.2 Eligible yachts may enter as instructed at:
http://www.routehalifaxsaintpierre.com/new_site/register/info_form.html
- 3.3 A yacht shall declare her choice of division by July 1st, 2012.
- 3.4 The OA may divide the divisions into classes. Class assignments will be announced at the Competitors' Information meeting.
- 3.5 A yacht wishing to race the Allianz Grand Prix in a division different from that sailed in RHSP shall register this change by 0900 on the day of the start. The AGP class splits and starting sequence will be posted by 1000.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee if received by the RNSYS office before June 1, 2012 is \$450 (Canadian funds in all cases). The fee will be fully refundable until that date.
- 4.2 As of June 1, the entry fee is \$550.
- 4.3 Eligible boats shall register, and fees shall be received, before July 1st, 2012. The organizing authority may, at its sole discretion, accept entries until the start of the competitors' information meeting (see 5.4 below).

5 SCHEDULE

Applications for a PHRF-NS rating should be made no later than June 9th.

- 5.1 Saturday, June 30 - Entry deadline and deadline for declaring choice of division.
- 5.2 Mandatory equipment pre-inspections: A schedule will be announced at a later date. Under OSR 2.02 a yacht may be inspected any time.
- 5.3 Mandatory check-in at the RNSYS registration desk:

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Friday, July 6 from 1400 to 1800

Saturday, July 7 from 0900 to 1500

The following items are required to complete registration:

- (a) Entry fee
- (b) Attachment A – Captain's Declaration & Race Entry Form
- (c) Attachment B – Crew list signed by every person on board
- (d) Rating:
 - (i) IRC Certificate if racing IRC
 - (ii) Listing on the NSYA PHRF listing if racing PHRF
- (e) OSR Equipment Checklist
- (f) Survival Training certificate (see OSR 6)
- (g) Medical Training certificate (see OSR 6.05)
- (h) EPIRB registration form showing that it is registered to the yacht (see OSR 4.19.1 c))
- (i) Saint-Pierre Customs Form (Optional but recommended)
- (j) Saint-Pierre Manifest form (Optional but Recommended)

In order to expedite check-in competitors are encouraged to submit as many of these forms electronically in pdf or other format to registration@routehsp.com

- 5.4 Competitors' information meeting and weather briefing at RNSYS is Saturday, July 7 starting at 1600.
- 5.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for each race is at 1155.
- 5.6 The scheduled day for the RHSP start is Sunday July 8.
- 5.7 The RHSP time limit is 0900 on Thursday, July 12
- 5.8 The Allianz Grand Prix will be held on the earlier of Thursday July 12th or the day after most of the boats still racing and scored other than did not compete have finished. The notice announcing the day of the Allianz Grand Prix will be posted by 2000 on the day before the start.
- 5.9 The prize-giving will be on Friday, July 13th.

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 (5.3 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 asked to provide position reports. This changes rule 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. Please advise your devoted fans that due to technological and installation problems a percentage of these units will cease or pause transmitting during the race and that this is not a cause for alarm.

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. 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:
TCF = 580 / (480 + PHRF)
Calculated to the nearest 0.001 (0.0005 to be rounded upward).
- 11.2 Provided the Allianz Grand Prix is held on the scheduled day (see 5.8 above) a yacht which has finished RHSP no later than 2200 on the prior day and failing to compete in the AGP will be scored GPD in RHSP. The points for GPD will be equal to did not finish.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1 In rule 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 rule 41 (c).

13 PHOTOGRAPHY

For and in consideration of participation in RHSP 2012, 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 2012 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), (g), (h) and (i) 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 1st place in division on corrected time.
- (c) For RHSP a prize will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class on corrected time.
- (d) For Allianz Grand Prix a prize will be awarded to:
- 1st in each class.
 - 2nd and 3rd in each 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.routehalifxaintpierre.com/updates/rhsp2012founders.pdf>
- (f) The *Trophée de la Ville de Saint-Pierre* 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.routehalifxaintpierre.com/updates/rhsp2012armedservices.pdf>
- (g) 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.
- (h) The *Friar* trophy will be awarded to the monohull yacht earning the best combined score in the Marblehead-to-Halifax Ocean Race 2011 and RHSP 2012. Further information can be found at:
<http://www.routehalifxaintpierre.com/updates/rhsp2012friar.pdf>

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The prize will not leave the RNSYS premises but a keeper prize may be awarded at the prize-giving.

- (i) The *Colonel H.L. Jones* trophy will be awarded (at the RNSYS awards ceremony) to the best monohull yacht registered as sailing from the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron scored under PHRF.
- (j) The *Cook's Trophy* will be awarded to the chef aboard the last yacht to finish.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 races.

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. 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

Entry forms are attached or are available by contacting the:

Route Halifax Saint Pierre 2012 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@mnsys.com

Telephone (902) 477-2595

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ATTACHMENT A – CAPTAIN’S DECLARATION & RACE ENTRY FORM

This form shall be completed and delivered to the Registrar by the end of Check-in (NOR 5.3).

Yacht

Yacht Name: _____
 Sail Number: _____
 Design: _____

Choose 1 Division	Rating	APG *
<input type="checkbox"/> IRC	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> PHRF Racing	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> PHRF Non Spin	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Allianz Grand Prix Division
(NOR 3.5)

Yacht Contact No/email: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Satellite Phone on Board
<input type="checkbox"/> AIS Transmitter on Board

Person In Charge

Surname: _____
 Given Name: _____ Initial(s): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Prov/State: _____

Special Competitions
<input type="checkbox"/> Founders (NOR 14(e)) Team: _____
Teammate: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Armed Services (NOR 14(f))
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Handed (NOR 14(g))
<input type="checkbox"/> Friar Trophy (NOR 14(h))

To be signed by the person in charge:

I have read and understood and agree to be bound by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, in particular fundamental rule 4 Decision to Race, and all other rules governing the race. I agree that I am acting as the "owner's representative" in *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 in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.

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: _____

Route Halifax Saint-Pierre 2012 ATTACHMENT B – CREW LIST

This form shall be completed and delivered to the Registrar by the end of Check-in (NOR 5.3).

Note that every person on board is considered to be a crewmember.

Yacht Name: _____ Sail Number: _____

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Crew Name	Emergency Contact Phone# or email	PLB	Expe- rience *	Signature
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* For experience enter a number as follows: 0 – Trans-oceanic; 1 – Offshore long distance;
2 – Coastal long distance; 3 – Coastal overnight or 4 – Day sailing

PLB: Although personal locator beacons (PLB) are not an acceptable substitute for a ship's EPIRB there have been cases where a signal from a PLB served to alert the rescue authorities. Please check the box if the crewmember will be carrying a PLB registered in his or her name.