



Halifax Sailing Association  
2018 Gary Gorden Memorial Distance Race  
Saturday, June 2, 2018  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 Organizing Authority**

The organizing authority is the Halifax Sailing Association further to referred to as HSA.

**2 Rules**

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (2017-2020)), including the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as noted and changed by the sailing instructions.
- 2.2 Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions or will be announced at the competitors' meeting.

**3 Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1 Open to all boats with a valid Portsmouth rating. Boats with valid PHRF ratings will be given a provisional rating at the discretion of the race committee.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may register at check-in.
- 3.3 Any modification a competitor makes to a boat that violates its class's rules must make note of the modification on the registration application at check-in.
- 3.4 Any other modification as defined in "Modification Factors - Table IV of the Portsmouth Yardstick must also be noted on the registration application or at check-in.
- 3.5 The race committee reserves the right to penalize or disqualify boats that do not comply with items 3.3 and 3.4. In addition, the race committee reserves the right to adjust any rating in the spirit of keeping the event competitive. Any such adjustments will be made known to the competitor before the race.

**4 Schedule**

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0930 - 1045	Check-in and late registration
1115	Competitors' meeting
1225	Warning Signal
1530	(approx.) Dinner
1600	(approx.) Awards

**5 Venue**

Racing will be on and around the Intracoastal Waterway, locally known as the Halifax River, between the Orange Avenue Bridge and the Dunlawton Avenue Bridge. Access to the water is available at HSA and at the Halifax Harbor Marina ramps. Bethune Point Park boat ramp, just to the north of HSA remains closed due to hurricane damage.

**6 Course**

The course will follow the length of the river and include as many windward/leeward legs as possible. Specific course details will be covered at the skippers meeting. The anticipated course distance will be approximately 8-10 nm, depending on the conditions and final course configuration.

## 7 Fees

Registration will be available on Regatta Network and also onsite the morning of competition. Payment may be made with PayPal or credit card on RegattaNetwork. **Payment onsite by cash or check only.**

Adult Multi-Crew: \$35 (Early registration discount fee - \$25 before 6/2).

Adult Singlehanded: \$25 (Early registration discount fee - \$15 before 6/2).

Youth Sailors (17 years and younger): \$15 (Early registration discount fee - \$10 before 6/2)

## 8 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and will be discussed at the Competitors' Meeting.

## 9 Scoring

There will only be one race. Each boat's time will be corrected in accordance with the Portsmouth rating assigned to that boat.

## 10 Awards

If there are enough race participants, there will be two divisions open to competitors, Division A and Division B. Division B is open to those who are newer to racing and do not wish to compete with more experienced sailors in Division A. It is expected that regular racing competitors will enter into the Division A classes, and the Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any entry they feel is incorrectly entered.

Awards will be given to the top three in each class for both divisions (if there are at least four competitors in the class/division). The classes are: centerboard dinghy, keelboat and multihull. In addition, an overall winner from Division A will have their name added to the *Stargazer Cup*, a perpetual trophy for this event. The overall winner of the Division B fleet will have their name added to the trophy for that division.

## 11 Safety

HSA requires that competitors wear closed toed shoes when on the facility, beach and also life jackets at all times when sailing. In the event of weather or other conditions that present hazard the race may be postponed or cancelled at the discretion of the race committee.

## 12 Disclaimer of Liability

By registering for this race, all competitors and parents/guardians of minor competitors, agree to the provisions of the HSA Disclaimer of Liability Agreement. To register, start, or continue to race is solely the responsibility of the skipper of each boat.

## 13 Event Dinner

A dinner of hamburgers and hotdogs will follow the racing. All competitors and guests are asked to bring an appetizer or side dish to share.

## 14 Further Information

For further information contact the Principal Race Officer (PRO) Greg Popp, (386) 677-9849 or [gregoryapopp@aol.com](mailto:gregoryapopp@aol.com).

If you are interested in helping in any way, on land or on the water, please contact the PRO. All offers to assist are welcome. Assistance is needed with recording finishing times, helping on the race committee start boat (no experience necessary) and with food preparation.