



Halifax Sailing Association
2017 Gary Gorden Memorial Distance Race
Saturday, May 20, 2017
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 R/C.
- 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 - 1100	Check-in
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 Bethune Point Park boat ramp, just to the north of HSA

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 8nm, depending on the conditions and final course configuration.

7 Fees

Registration will be available on Regatta Network and also onsite the morning of competition.

Adult Multi-Crew: \$35 (Early registration discount fee - \$25 before 5/20).

Adult Singlehanded: \$25 (Early registration discount fee - \$15 before 5/20).

Youth Sailors (17 years and younger): \$15 (Early registration discount fee - \$10 before 5/20)

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 life jackets and closed toed shoes when on the beach and when sailing.

12 Disclaimer of Liability

By registering for this race, all competitors and parents of minor competitors, agree to the provisions of the HSA Disclaimer of Liability Agreement.

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) Chris Herbster, (386) 679-6314 or chris.herbster@gmail.com

If you are interested in helping in any way, on land or on the water, please contact the PRO. All offers to help are welcome. We need help with recording times, helping on the R/C start boat (no experience necessary) and help with getting the food ready.