



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Day 4 wraps up with “excellent racing, good courses, and nearly perfect weather”**



**Farr 30 start line on Day 4 at Helly Hansen Chester Race Week. Photo: Pat Nelder**

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CHESTER, NOVA SCOTIA (August 14, 2021) — Day 4 and the final day of Helly Hansen Chester Race Week ended with a lot less fog, lighter winds, and excellent racing.

The overall winners were announced on the deck of the Chester Yacht Club. Tony Thompson of Bedford, Nova Scotia and his boat *Apres Ski* took the overall prize in the Inshore 1 fleet. Thompson raced here for the first time about 40 years. Thompson and *Apres Ski* last won in 2019. Thompson said today’s conditions of lighter winds suited them.

“There was a bit of luck involved,” Thompson said. “Winning today, we had two boats we had to beat, so we made a point of covering them and we made sure they were behind us.”

*Apres Ski* did well here all week. Thompson credits that success to his crew, which included longtime friends, Melanie Lambert, Ross Tulloch, Ian Dawson, and Alex Waters, as well as his daughter, Katelyn, and nine-year-old grandson, Declan, who both flew out from British Columbia to join the crew.

“Declan wasn’t contributing to the speed of the boat, but what we would do going up wind was we had him watch a boat for when they tacked, so we’d know when to tack. He took that chore to heart and would tell us what was going on. It was nice having a set of eyes with me on the back of the boat, too.”

Thompson said the organizers put on a great event this year, despite all the challenges and restrictions.

“It was really good, excellent race management,” Thompson said. “And it was such good weather. We put up with a little bit of fog, a little bit of air at the starts, but ultimately, the race management held off and started the race when it was appropriate. We had excellent racing, good courses, and nearly perfect weather.”

The great racing was enjoyed by visitors to Chester, too. Tony Sampson, captain with [Salty Dog Sea Tours](#), took about 40 guests out on his boat *Bayside Belle* for one-hour charters during the four days of racing. Sampson, who is a diver and has explored shipwrecks all over the world, is also cast and crew with the TV show *The Curse of Oak Island*. Sampson started taking our guests on charters during Helly Hansen Chester Race Week in 2019, but he said this year’s charters were better.

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“In the new environment, people were cooped up for so long that when they had some chance of getting out on the ocean, they sought it out,” Sampson said. “The weather, even though it wasn’t great to start with, the fog in the morning was kind of spooky. You saw the yachts coming out of the fog. That just added to the mystery of it.”

Sampson said in the afternoon of Day 3, as *Bayside Belle* was headed out of Chester, they could see the spinnakers while heading out to the race line.

“The whole horizon in front of us was colour,” Sampson said.

For Sampson, there were other highlights. Today, Sampson brought Bayside Belle from Oak Island to Mahone Bay and saw a great white shark take a seal.

Sampson said some of his passengers had never seen a yacht race up close and personal.

“One lady didn’t want to get out of the boat,” Sampson said. “She said, ‘can we go back out and do that again.’ It was absolutely fantastic.”

The organizers want to send out a thank you to all the skippers and crews who registered as well as the sponsors, including:

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## OVERALL 2021 RESULTS

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

**Bluenose (One-Design — 25 boats)**

- 1. Geronimo, Bluenose, Karl Mitchell, Lunenburg, NS**
- 2. Scout, Bluenose, Michael Bowen, Toronto, ONT**
- 3. Privateer, Bluenose, Connor Mraz, Brooklyn, NS**

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### **Distance 1 (PHRF-ToT — 11 boats)**

- 1.Black Pearl, J 120, Ross Leighton, Halifax, NS**
- 2. Chaos, Farr 395, Mark Gosine, Halifax, NS**
- 3. Blue Jay III, J 133, Matt Stokes, Canmore, AL**

### **Distance 2 (PHRF-ToT — 10 boats)**

- 1.Young Blood, J 100, Larry Creaser, Chester, NS**
- 2. Crackerjack!!! J 35, John Traves, Halifax, NS**
- 3. Even Flow, Thomas 35, Graham Roy, Timberlea, NS**

### **Distance 3 (PHRF-ToT — 5 boats)**

- 1.Painkiller, J 29, Paul Fillbe-Dexter, Halifax, NS**
- 2.Scotch Mist IV, J 29, Chris MacDonald, Halifax, NS**
- 3. Gersemi, Viking 33, Paul Bezanson, Halifax, NS**

### **Distance 4 (PHRF-ToT — 15 boats)**

- 1.Good Friday, C&C 32, Philip Burchinshaw, Bedford, NS**
- 2. Gryphon, C&C 29 mk2, Harry Fitzgerald, Halifax, NS**
- 3. Auster, Roue 20, Robert Merchant, Halifax, NS**

### **Inshore- 1 (PHRF-ToT — 14 boats)**

- 1.Hummin, Soling, Bill Haliburton, Halifax, NS**
- 2. Head Games, J 29, Terry Schnare, Chester Basin, NS**
- 3. Hotspur, Santana 23, Tyson Hynes, Halifax, NS**

### **Inshore — C&C 99 (PHRF-ToT — 4 boats)**

- 1.Agent 99, C&C 99, Rob Crutcher, Bedford, NS**
- 2. Equinox 99, C&C 99, Rod Stright, Halifax, NS**
- 3. Showgirl2, C&C 99, Drew Bethune, Halifax, NS**

### **Inshore J 105 (PHRF-ToT — 5 boats)**

- 1. MacMac, J 105, Sean McDermott/Rory MacDonald, Dartmouth, NS**
- 2. MoJo, J 105, James Mosher, Lunenburg, NS**
- 3. VTack, J 105, John Sapp, Halifax, NS**

### **Sonar (One-Design — 5 boats)**

- 1.PING, Sonar, Andreas Josenhans, Lunenburg, NS**
- 2. Scamp, Sonar, Alexander Ritchie, Dartmouth, NS**
- 3. Barbarian, Sonar, Rob Barbara, Halifax, NS**

### **Farr 30 (One-Design — 7 boats)**

***No results available***

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### **International One-Design (One-design — 6 boats)**

- 1. Restless, IOD, Edward Murphy, Mahone Bay, NS**
- 2. Bella, IOD, Evan Pentley-Jones/Jim Mason, Chester, NS**
- 3. Piper, IOD, Shawn Mulrooney, Chester Basin, NS**



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Pictured above: Philip Burchinshaw, skipper of Good Friday, was the overall winner in Distance 4. He shows off his belt.

### PRELIMINARY CUMULATIVE RESULTS

#### Bluenose:

1. Geronimo, Bluenose, Karl Mitchell, Lunenburg, NS
2. Privateer, Bluenose, Connor Mraz, Brooklyn, NY
3. Vera, Bluenose, Chris von Maltzhan, Chester, NS

#### Distance 1

1. Chaos, Farr 395, Mark Gosine, Halifax, NS
2. Blue Jay III, J 133, Matt Stokes, Canmore, AL
3. Brilliance, J 120, Richard Calder, Dartmouth, NS

#### Distance 2

*No results available*

#### Distance 3

1. Scotch Mist IV, J 29, Chris MacDonald, Halifax, NS
2. Painkiller, J 29, Paul Fillbe-Dexter, Halifax, NS
3. Paradigm Shift, J 29, Don Williams, Halifax, NS

#### Distance 4

1. Good Friday, C&C 32, Philip Burchinshaw, Bedford, NS
2. Auster, Roue 20, Robert Merchant, Halifax, NS\
3. King of Normandy, C&C 27 mk3, Francois Guitton, Halifax, NS

#### Inshore 1

1. Apres Ski, Laser 28, Tony Thompson, Bedford, NS
2. Foxy Lady, Chaser 29, Bob Cragg, Chester, NS
3. Dark Water, C&C 33, Donald K. Walker, Dartmouth, NS

#### Inshore C&C 99

1. Agent 99, C&C 99, Rob Crutcher, Bedford, NS
2. Equinox 99, C&C 99, Rod Stright, Halifax, NS
3. Showgirl2, C&C 99, Drew Bethune, Halifax, NS

#### Inshore J 105

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### International One Design

1. Squall, IOD, Peter Wickwire, Halifax, NS
2. Bella, IOD, Evan Petley-Jones/Jim Mason, Chester, NS
3. Piper, IOD, Shawn Mulrooney, Chester Basin, NS

### Farr 30

1. One More Time, Farr 30, Rob Gale, Halifax, NS
2. Yardsail, Roby Douglas, Boutilier's Point, NS
3. Matador, Gregory Blunden, Halifax, NS

### Sonar

1. PING, Sonar, Andreas Josenhans, Lunenburg, NS
2. Barbarian, Sonar, Rob Barbarian, Halifax, NS
3. Scamp, Sonar, Alexander Ritchie, Dartmouth, NS

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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 Canada's largest keelboat regatta (four days of sailing) and plays host to more than 120 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 on Nova Scotia's scenic Mahone Bay to compete in one of 15 fleets racing simultaneously on five different race courses. Our fleets accommodate everyone from offshore big boats and one-designs, to classic wooden boats, club racers and no-spinnaker cruising boats.

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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