



MEDIA RELEASE

Helly Hansen Chester Race Week, Day 2

CHESTER, NOVA SCOTIA (AUGUST 11, 2022) — Day 2 at Chester Race Week proved to be another day of great weather and wind.

One of the biggest fleets here this week is the Bluenose fleet with 32 boats. The fleet's first race got off to a tricky start with two general recalls because there were too many boats over the line too early.

Creaser, who is almost 68, has been racing Chester Race Week most years since he was a teenager. He's been sailing in the Bluenose fleet for the last four years. Adriatic is one of the wooden Bluenoses, which he says is a "good boat that sails well."

"I have a crew of old guys like me. We're like the old duffers out there," Creaser said.

Stewart Creaser, skipper of the Adriatic. He says he and his crew did "terribly" on Day 2 compared to Day 1, but they're now thinking about Day 3.

"It's an amazingly competitive fleet," Creaser said. "It's probably the most competitive fleet in Eastern Canada. It's the largest keelboat fleet in Canada right now. [Bluenoses] are lovely boats to sail. We don't fly spinnakers, so for older guys, it's really nice because it's a lot easier. And there are so many good sailors out there. World-class sailors. Of the 32 boats out there, 25 could win the regatta. It's that kind of level."

Volunteers are a big part of the success at Chester Race Week. There are about 60 volunteers here each day taking on roles including making lunches, selling t-shirts, and managing the committee boats during the races.

Henry Raffel is one of those volunteers. He volunteered at Chester Race Week last year, and he's back again for 2022, working on the committee boat for the Classic fleet.

"Sitting on a boat is better anytime than doing chores or sitting in an office," said Raffel, who's been sailing himself for 30 years and owns a 27-foot Catalina named Althea that he sails out of Dartmouth Yacht Club.

He described his day on the Classic fleet committee boat as “perfect.”

“I was supplied a lovely lunch. I had some good company with Pat Nelder [chair of the on-water committee], watched the boats sail out on time, and watched the boats come in as their time allowed.”

While volunteers are certainly a benefit to an event like this, Raffel said the volunteers benefit, too.

“You get to see a lot of people’s starting techniques. Every time you see a sailboat start a race you learn something.”

Here are the results for Day 2 of Chester Race Week:

Place, Yacht Name, Type, Owner/Skipper, Hometown

Bluenose (One-Design — 32 boats)

- 1. Privateer, Bluenose, Connor Mraz, Brooklyn, NY**
2. Dark and Stormy, Bluenose, Julie Mosher, Chester, NS
3. Fish & Chips, Bluenose, Christian Luthi, Chester, NS

Classics (Pursuit – 7 boats)

- 1. Hayseed IV, Wm Gardener, Christopher Wurts, Chester, NS**
2. Butterfly*, R-class, Jessica Brown, Boutilier’s Point, NS
3. Intrigue, Dragon, Brian Palfreyman, Mahone Bay, NS

Distance 1 (PHRF-ToT — 9 boats)

- 1. Hard Eight, Tripp 41, Savannah Taylor, Shelburne, NS**
2. Bella J, J/133, Ray Rhineland, St. John’s, NL
3. Chaos, Farr 395, Mark Gosine, Halifax, NS

Distance 2 (PHRF-ToT — 11 boats)

- 1. Young Blood, J/100, Larry Creaser, Chester, NS**
2. Crows, J/100, Paul Rafuse, Halifax, NS
3. Dog Party, J/100, Terry McKenna, Charlottetown, PEI

Distance 3 (PHRF-ToT — 12 boats)

- 1. Poohsticks, J/92, Colin Mann, Second Peninsula, NS**
2. Scotch Mist IV, J/29, Chris MacDonald, Halifax, NS
3. Jaeger, J/29, Chris Power, Chester, NS

Distance 4 (PHRF-ToT — 10 boats)

- 1. Good Friday, C&C 32, Philip Burchinshaw, Bedford, NS**
2. King of Normandy, C&C mK3, Francois Guitton, Halifax, NS
3. Roguewave, Viking 28, Elizabeth Whyte, Halifax, NS

Inshore- J105 (PHRF-ToT — 5 boats)

- 1. Shipyard J/105, J105, Cpt. Bradison Boutilier, East River, NS**
2. McMac, J/105, Sean McDermott/Rory MacDonald, Dartmouth, NS
3. Mojo, /105, James Mosher, Lunenburg, NS

Inshore — Roue 20 (5 boats)

- 1. Auster, Roue 20, Robert Merchant, Halifax, NS**
2. Preston, Roue, Gilles Comeau, Halifax, NS
3. Cavalier, Roue 20, Andrew J. Murphy, Halifax, NS

Inshore 1 (PHRF-ToT — 7 boats)

- 1. Colmonell, C&C 33 mK2, Scott Christie, Halifax, NS**
2. Just Add Water, J30, Jesleine Baker, Halifax, NS
3. Apres Ski, Laser 28, Tony Thompson, Bedford, NS

Sonar (One-Design — 7 boats)

- 1. Scamp, Sonar, Alexander Ritchie, Dartmouth, NS**
2. Shananagans, Sonar, Anne Robinson, Halifax, NS
3. Ping, Sonar, Andreas Josenhans, Lunenburg, NS

Farr 30 (One-Design — 6 boats)

- 1. Yardsail, Farr 30, Roby Douglas, Boutilier's Point, NS**
2. Headfirst3, Farr 30, Peter Toombs, Charlottetown, PEI,
3. Matador, Farr 30, Gregory Blunden, Halifax, NS

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

- 1. Storm, IOD, Peter Wickwire, Halifax, NS**
2. Enigma, IOD, Steven Busy, Chester, NS
3. Coachman, IOD, Dave Mosher, Chester, NS

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 racecourses. 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

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