



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Helly Hansen Chester Race Week, Day 4

**CHESTER, NOVA SCOTIA (AUGUST 13, 2022)** — The final day of Helly Hansen Chester Race may have been the most spectacular day of racing this year. Day 4 certainly made up for Day 3 when there were no winds at all.

Pat Nelder is the on-water chair of Chester Race Week. “The weather was completely different to the forecast. I am pretty sure it’s being forecast out of a basement in Moncton,” Nelder joked.

“We had lovely sunny days the first two days with light wind. Third day, no winds. Today champagne winds.”

This year, Nelder also served as race officer for the Classics fleet.

“It’s a pretty fun little fleet,” Nelder said. “I really enjoy it. It’s very hard to beat Hayseed IV. She’s a very fast boat.”

Planning for Chester Race Week 2023 will start in the fall after there is change in the leadership with the Chester Yacht Club executive. Nelder said they’d like to have at least the same number of boats register for next year (117 boats raced this week).

Nelder said the organizers have noticed the fleets change over the years, and they’re “riding a high of Bluenoses.”

“It’s unprecedented,” Nelder said. “To start 32 boats on the same line is great.”

“I just love seeing those big boats on Distance 1. I think those are beautiful. I love seeing the Classics, I love seeing the Bluenoses. I love seeing the One-Designs. I love seeing it all.”

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Mike Evans’s entry into this year’s Chester Race Week was sort of last minute. He was part of the crew of Restless with skipper Ted Murphy in the International One-Design fleet. Murphy registered his boat just days before the races kicked off.

“He put his boat in the water and started putting it together,” Evans said. “The IODs are an older wooden design, and they need a little bit of love once in a while. Murphy was screwing stuff into the boards as we were going on the racecourse out to the start line.”

Evans said on their final day of racing, Restless had some “ups and downs like a lot of boats out there.”

“It’s tough. It’s one-design racing, so everybody struggles to get a good start and coverage out of the fleet. We had our challenges today, too. We had a couple of minor breakages. In one-design, anything happens and you’re out and into the back of the fleet. That stuff happens.”

Otherwise, Evans said Days 1 and 2 were “spectacular” for Restless.

Evans has raced at Chester Race Week many times on all the fleets, but mainly on the Bluenose fleets the last few years.

“I just love the Bluenose fleet,” Evans said. “All the racers coming back into the club at the end of their course racing stuck around for the Bluenose fleet to watch them start and finish because everyone is envious, I think, of that Bluenose fleet. That many boats on the start line is thrilling.”

Evans said he will absolutely come back in 2023.

“Chester really is about family,” Evans said. “I think they did a great job this year capturing that.”

### **Here are the results for Day 4 of Chester Race Week:**

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

#### **Bluenose (One-Design — 32 boats)**

- 1. Hackmatack, Bluenose, Nicholas Spencer Lewin, Chester, NS**
2. Shaken Knot Stirred, Bluenose, Malcolm Fraser, Chester, NS
3. Dark and Stormy, Bluenose, Julie Mosher, 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. Terpischore, S&S 34, Bill Haliburton, Halifax, NS

#### **Distance 1 (PHRF-ToT — 9 boats)**

1. **Chaos, Farr 395, Mark Gosine, Halifax, NS**
2. Brilliance, J/120, Richard Calder, Dartmouth, NS
3. Hard Eight, Tripp 41, Savannah Taylor, Shelburne, NS

#### **Distance 2 (PHRF-ToT — 11 boats)**

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

#### **Distance 3 (PHRF-ToT — 12 boats)**

1. **Equinox 99, C&C 99, Rod Stright, Halifax, NS**
2. Painkiller, J/29, Paul Fillbee-Dexter, Halifax, NS
3. Paradigm Shift, J/29, Don Williams, Halifax, NS

#### **Distance 4 (PHRF-ToT — 10 boats)**

1. **Good Friday, C&C 32, Philip Burchinshaw, Bedford, NS**
2. Hotspur, Santana 23, Tyson Hynes, Halifax, NS
3. King of Normandy, C&C mK3, Francois Guitton, Halifax, NS

#### **Inshore1 (PHRF-ToT — 7 boats)**

1. Colmonell, C&C 33 mk2, Scott Christie, Halifax, NS
2. **Flux, J/30, Jordan MacNeil, Halifax, NS**
3. Apres Ski, Laser 28, Tony Thompson, Bedford, NS

#### **Inshore — Roue 20 (5 boats)**

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

#### **Inshore- J105 (PHRF-ToT — 5 boats)**

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

### **Sonar (One-Design — 7 boats)**

1. **Ping, Sonar, Andreas Josenhans, Lunenburg, NS**
2. SOT After, Sonar, Thomas Dauphinee, Lunenburg, NS
3. Echo, Sonar, John Franklin, Chico, California

### **Farr 30 (One-Design — 6 boats)**

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

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

1. **Storm, IOD, Peter Wickwire, Halifax, NS**
2. Engima, IOD, Steven Busy, Chester, NS
3. Hustler, Ivan Fitch/Casey LeBlanc, 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, and yacht races. Visit [www.ChesterRaceWeek.com](http://www.ChesterRaceWeek.com)

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