

Spectator Fleet Information and Guidelines

We welcome and encourage all mariners to participate and enjoy the sights and sounds of the racing fleets During Helly Hansen Chester Race Week 2022 in Mahone Bay. Our primary goal is to ensure your day on the water is enjoyable for you and your guests as well as the racing competitors. Here are a few helpful guidelines to help meet that goal.

- First, the racecourse is set once the wind has settled in to provide a proper racecourse for fair competition. Please familiarize yourself with the established racecourse by listening to the following VHF Channels for official information from the Race Committees including start timing and course.
- PHRF-NS Distance Fleets: Channel 69
- One Design (Farr IOD and Sonar): Channel 71
- PHRF-NS Inshore (Includes J105 and Roue Class) Channel 72
- Bluenose Fleet: Channel 74

- Once a racecourse is established, please stay outside of the course area as shown in the diagram below. At the start, please stay 200 M to leeward of the starting line.
- Please use an alternate channel on VHF for your personal conversations as to not interfere with race information broadcasts from the Race Committee.
- In an emergency: Call “Mahone bay Inshore Rescue” on Channel 16.
- When the starting sequence begins, ensure your sails are down or that you are positioned well to leeward of the racecourse.
- When maneuvering, always allow a racing boat right-of-way. Proceed on a parallel or diverging course to leeward and keep clear of the race course area, even if there is no racing boat on your side of the course.
- At the windward mark, keep your distance and position your boat’s bow into the wind and allow the wind to remain undisturbed by your sails, boat or rigging.
- Be aware that the wind may shift and the angle of the race course and sailboats may change accordingly.
- Observe the 5 knot speed limit when near the racecourse.
- Be very mindful of your wake, especially in light air. Even if you are well outside the racecourse area, your wake can carry onto the racecourse and have a significant effect on the racing.
- Enjoy the racing and please allow the racing boats to do the same!

Thank you for following these few simple guidelines. The competitors appreciate seeing spectators out enjoying the sights and sounds of the races. We hope you find this a helpful guide for you and your guests to further enjoy the racing action.

RaceCourse Diagram

