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Helly Hansen Chester Race Week Results, Day 1

CHESTER, NOVA SCOTIA (AUGUST 16, 2023) — The first day of Helly Hansen Chester Race began light on wind but ended with some dramatic finishes on course.

Pat Nelder, On-water Chair of Chester Race Week, commented, “Everyone was excited to get the number of races in that we had hoped for. Despite the slow start and lack of wind, the breeze picked up, resulting in an incredibly successful day of racing.”

She adds, “The majestic presence of the Bluenose II set the tone for what’s certain to be a fabulous Race Week.”

Notable classes include the ever-growing Bluenose Class and an impressive 14 participants in the Pursuit racing.

Results for Day 1 of Helly Hansen Chester Race Week:

Bluenose (One-Design — 31 boats)

1. **Geronimo, Bluenose, Drew Mitchell, Lunenburg, NS**
2. Wahoo, Bluenose, Henry Demone, Chester, NS
3. Hot Sauce, Michael Smith, Halifax, NS

Classics

(Pursuit 1 – 7 boats)

1. **Hayseed IV, Stephen Dauphinee, Chester, NS**
2. Virginia, John Jr. Wurts, Chester, NS
3. Gersemi, Paul Bezanson, Halifax, NS

(Pursuit 2 – 7 boats)

1. **Auster, Robert/Ann Merchant/Power, Halifax, NS**
2. Cavalier, Andrew J. Murphy, Halifax, NS
3. Terpsichore, Bill Haliburton, Halifax, NS

Distance 1 (PHRF-ToT — 14 boats)

1. Hard Eight, Tripp 41, Savannah Taylor, Shelburne, NS
2. Barchetta, ID35, Steve Davies, Halifax, NS
3. Deviation, Farr 40, Stu McCrea, Halifax, NS

Distance 2 (PHRF-ToT — 8 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 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. Flashdance, C7C 27, Donald Gass, Boutilier's Point, NS

Inshore1 (PHRF-ToT — 13 boats)

1. **Fourplay, Melges 24, Justin Bean, Dartmouth, NS**
2. Poohsticks, J29, Colin Mann, Second Peninsula, NS
3. Headgames, J29, Tony Schnare, Chester Basin, NS

Inshore 2 (PHRF-ToT - 13 boats)

1. **Just Add Water, J30, Jesleine Baker, Halifax, NS**
2. Dark Water, C&C 33, Donald K Walker, Dartmouth, NS
3. Completely Wound Up, Greg Jordan, Burlington, ON

Sonar (One-Design — 7 boats)

1. **Ping, Sonar, Andreas Josenhans, Lunenburg, NS**
2. Echo, Sonar, John Franklin, Chico, California
3. Barbarian, Rob Barbara, Lunenburg, NS

Farr 30 (One-Design — 6 boats)

1. **Mongoose, Ben Maloney, Bedford, NS**
2. HeadFirst3, Peter Toombs, Charlottetown, PEI
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. Coachman, Dave Mosher, Chester, NS
3. Restless, Ted Murphy, Mahone Bay, 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 across North America.

Named one of Sailing World magazine's 14 greatest sailing events in North America, each August, 1,200-plus sailors descend 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. This is a Bronze-certified Clean Regatta since 2016
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