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St. Margaret Sailing Club (SMSC) is pleased to present a proposal to host the 2020 Canadian Optimist Championships.

The event will take place on the Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia on the waters of St. Margaret's Bay. St. Margaret's Bay has excellent sailing characteristics and makes an ideal location for the courses.

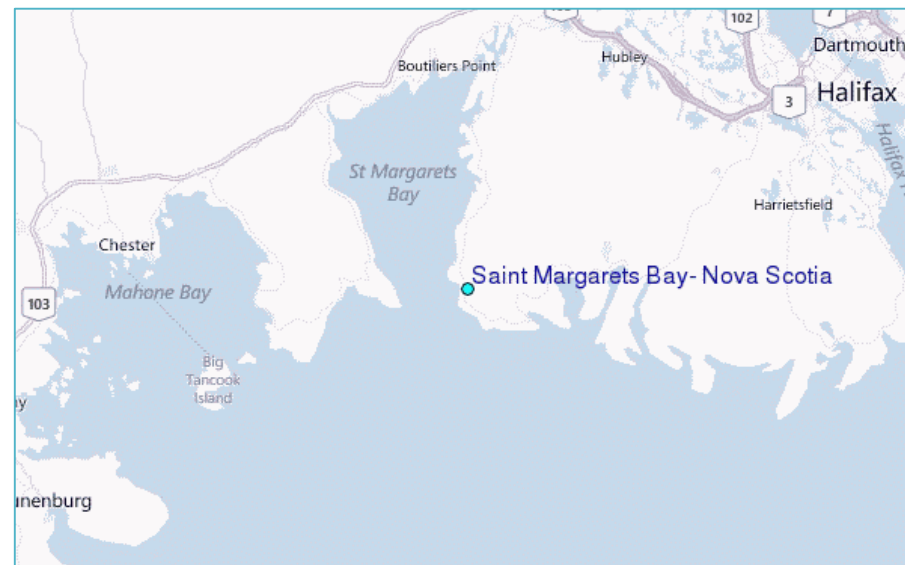
The event will be based at the St. Margaret Sailing Club. Founded in 1956, it is a member owned yacht club whose first focus was running races for young sailors. In 1967 it started its first junior sailing program.

Sailing Area and Expected Conditions

Sailing will be in the centre of St Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia. The proposed course options have depths ranging from 6-29 fathoms and are about 2 to 3 km from the land base.

St. Margaret's Bay is about 3 km wide at the mouth and widens to about 8 km in the vicinity of the St. Margaret Sailing Club. The distance from the mouth of the bay to the end of the open part of the bay is approximately 10 km. This body of water is wide open and free of islands and shoals in the course areas.

St. Margaret's Bay is well known for its consistent, favourable wind conditions. It is an ideal sailing venue.



SMSC's Championship Hosting Experience

- 2018 Canadian Laser Championships
- 2017 Canadian Youth Championships
- 2015 Sail Canada Sail East
- 2014 Sail East including 49er National Championship
- 2013 Sail East including 420 North American and Laser National Championships
- 2011 Canadian National and Youth Sailing Championships
- 2009 Laser World / World Masters Championship
- 2008 Canadian Laser & Laser Radial Championship
- 2008 Canadian Laser Masters Championship
- 2008 Canadian Laser National Qualifying Regatta

Each year SMSC hosts its annual Bay Wind Regatta for developing and competitive one design sailors; it has become the largest such event in the Atlantic region.



Our Facilities

The current clubhouse is approximately 4,000 square feet with an adjoining, dedicated Race Management Centre of approximately 2,500 square feet. These together are well equipped to house all of the required facilities for race officers, VIP's, media, etc.

On-shore, we have boat and trailer storage, and docking facilities that have accommodated more than 200 competitors' boats in previous events, together with boats for more than 50 coaches. Measurement areas are available, if required.

Our race management facility and clubhouse provide rooms for competitor and officials meetings, de-briefs and other activities, together with space for registration, administration and awards. Separate rooms are available for jury, protest hearings and scoring. Services for competitors will include washrooms and change areas, and boat wash-down.



Our Team

We will appoint a Host Regatta Chair with experience in leading similar major sailing competitions. Knowledgeable committee members will be selected for the required event delivery roles.

We will provide the equipment, boats and logistic support for on the water functions, as well as the on shore services required. We will manage the event budget and fundraising from both public and private sectors, and work closely with the Association to ensure event success.

We can ensure that on-water resources are available through our network of club members, volunteers and associates. We are very familiar with the requirements for certified lead officials in race management and judging roles. In addition, the club has a cadre of experienced volunteers able to take supporting and deputy roles.



Contact Information

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this bid. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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We look forward to working with you to make the 2020 Canadian Optimist Championships a success.

