

Request for Council's Consideration		
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Date of Council Meeting: May 18, 2021		
Subject: 2022 World Sailing Championships		
Motion for Council to Consider: That Regional Council request a staff report on the request from the 2022 World Sailing Championship Host Society for \$1.335 million to support infrastructure improvements for the event.		
Reason: Sail Nova Scotia, in partnership with the Hubbards Sailing Club and the St. Margaret Sailing Club, submitted a successful bid in the Fall of 2020 to host the 2022 International 49er, 49erFX, and International Nacra 17 World Championships Regatta on the waters of St. Margarets Bay. There are a number of infrastructure needs that must be completed for this event. Completion of this work will be a valuable investment in infrastructure for future use by residents and visitors to the area.		
Outcome Sought: Staff report to consider supporting the request from World Sailing Championships Host Society.		
<i>Councillor</i> Pam Lovelace	<i>District</i> 13	



May 5, 2021

To: Pam Lovelace
HRM District 13 Councillor

c.c. Mike Savage HRM Mayor
Denise Schofield Executive Director, HRM Parks & Recreation

Re: 2022 49er, 49erFX, and Nacra 17 World Championships Host Society
Infrastructure Grant Request

From: John M Flemming, P.Eng
Co-Chair 2022 World Sailing Championships Host Society

Sail Nova Scotia, in partnership with the Hubbards Sailing Club and the St. Margaret Sailing Club, submitted a bid in the Fall of 2020 to host the 2022 International 49er, 49erFX, and International Nacra 17 World Championships Regatta on the waters of St. Margarets Bay. In March, 2021, the host society was notified by the International Class Associations that our bid was successful. This will be the first time this event has been held in Canadian waters.

Over 400 Competitors from more than 35 countries will be taking part in this event. The 49er Class (2 person crew, men), 49erFX (2 person crew, women), and the Nacra 17 (2 person crew, mixed) are high performance, Olympic Class sailing boats.

The competition is scheduled to take place from August 27th to September 5th, 2022. A pre-regatta as well as training for the competitors will take place in the weeks leading up to the Championships.

Attached is the press release of the announcement for your information.

An event of this scale creates an exciting legacy opportunity to ensure a successful event, but to also leave critical infrastructure for future use by residents, visitors and the sailing community on St. Margarets Bay. The non-for-profit host society, in partnership with the Hubbards Community Waterfront Association (HCWA), have chosen the community waterfront as the best location to host the event from. This site, along with several other smaller locations within St. Margarets Bay, will require funding for much needed infrastructure upgrades to ensure it's safe, but also to a level that is acceptable to these high performance competitors. Over 8000 square meters of land based space is will be required.

The Hubbards Community Waterfront Association is a not-for-profit community association with a mandate to:

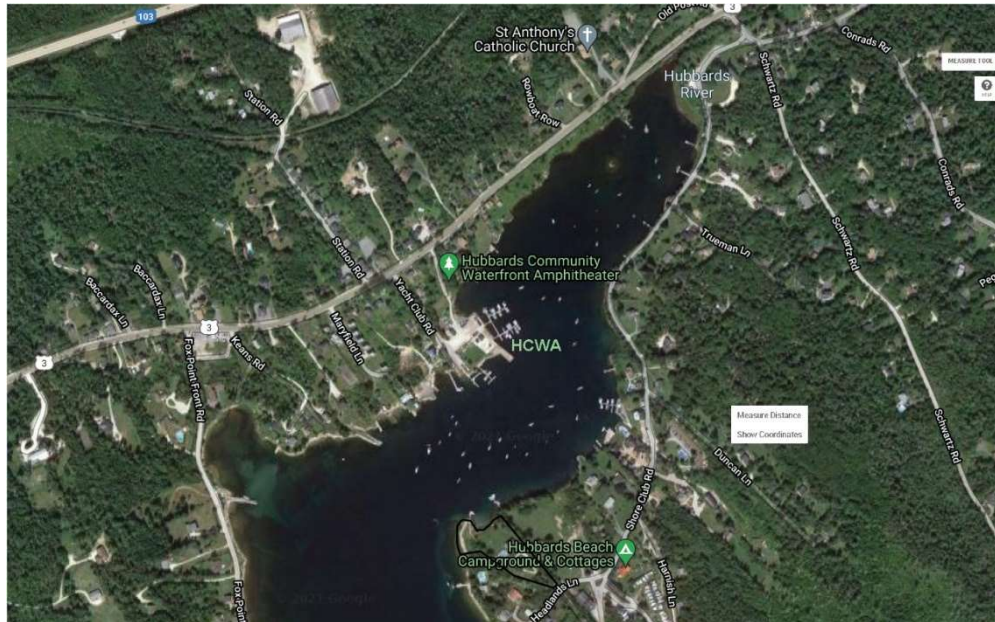
- Maintain public access to Hubbards Cove.
- Develop the property and provide programming for the benefit of Hubbards, its surrounding communities and visitors alike.
- Ensure the property is self-sustaining

The Association provide stewardship to Hubbards Cove and works to ensure the Cove is protected for future generations.

The partners in this event see these upgrades as critical not only for the event, but in the ability to attract future sailing opportunities to the community and ensure the Hubbards waterfront remains an active part of the community.



Hubbards Community Waterfront Association (HCWA)
20 Yacht Club Rd, Hubbards, NS B0J 1T0



Hubbards Cove showing HCWA (from Google Earth)

To date, we have approached all three levels of government looking for operational funding partnerships. The Province - through Events Nova Scotia, the Federal government - through Sport Canada & Sail Canada, and HRM - through Culture & Events.

We have also started the process with the Province and the Federal Government on partnering to assist with the infrastructure ask.

Priority #1 – Existing Wharf & Boat Ramp Upgrades at HCWA – Request: \$820,000.00

The current state of the existing public wharf structure is lacking to say the least. This budget includes the supply and installation of steel H - piles with pre-cast concrete slabs along the outside perimeter of the existing wharf. New H - piles would also be installed to tie-back the new perimeter wall. Also included is the removal of an existing suspended concrete slab along with timber cribbing which covers an area of approximately 200 feet by 150 feet. This area would then be filled with structural fill. This aging structure is what was left after the demolition of the fish plant that operated on the site from approximately 1925 to 1991. It is important to note that this work would need to be done at some point regardless of this event.

The budget for Priority #1 also includes upgrades to the 2 existing boat ramps including the widening of both, repairs to an existing pre-cast concrete retaining wall on the north side of the site, regrading of the parking and storage areas as well as new topsoil & sod over the infill areas.

Priority #2 – Expansion of Exist. Floating Dock System & addition of ‘raft’ floats – Request: \$ 170,000.00

The existing floating docks at the HCWA do not have enough space to accommodate the number of coach boats, safety boats, media boats, spectator boats and race officials boats. This number of boats will be in excess of 100. This budget includes the supply and installation of an accessible float and ramp system that will remain post event for the enjoyment of the community.

Additional floats will be moored in the Hubbards Cove to create a ‘raft’ for boats to securely store during the duration of the event.

Priority #3 – Infill & Level an Existing Private Property Adjacent the HCWA - Request: \$ 110,000.00

This water front property, just south of the HCWA property, contains a large open area (approx. 3000 square meters) that will be used for storage of the race boats. This area requires sitework that includes clearing, rock fill, and gravel finish work. Also, the property includes a boat ramp which requires gravel upgrading as well as widening.

Priority #4 – Boat ramp & float upgrades at both Hubbards Sailing Club and St. Margaret Sailing Club - Request: \$ 140,000.00

Both the Hubbards Sailing Club and the St. Margarets Sailing Club will be utilized during this event. Training and pre-regatta events are planned for these locations. Existing boat ramps at both sites will need to be upgraded and expanded. Also, the parking areas and existing float systems will need to be enlarged. This budget allows for that.

Priority #5 – Existing private property boat ramp upgrades and floating dock expansion / parking lot upgrades at two sites / security fencing at Private locations in and around Hubbards Cove – Request: \$ 95,000.00

‘On water’ and ‘on land’ parking and storage facilities, close to the main site, will be key to the success of this event. The host society has secured various private properties around Hubbards Cove to obtain the necessary space. These spaces have existing infrastructure that require upgrade and expansion which included in this Priority #5 budget total.

Total Capital Infrastructure Request is: \$1,335,000.00 plus any applicable taxes

This event will leave a lasting legacy for St. Margarets Bay and the communities that exist along it’s coastal shores.

We look forward to partnering with HRM to see these infrastructure needs fulfilled.



Regards,



John M. Flemming, P.Eng
Co-Chair 2022 World Sailing Championships Host Society

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**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Nova Scotia to host 2022 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 World Sailing Championships

HALIFAX, N.S., April 8, 2021 – Nova Scotia will host a 400-strong field of the world's best sailors from over 35 countries when the World Championships for three Olympic classes, the 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17, will be held September 6-11, 2022. Taking place in Canada for the first time in its history, the competition will be held on St. Margaret's Bay during the six-day event.

Sail Nova Scotia won the rights to host the 2022 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 World Championships, in partnership with Hubbards Sailing Club, St. Margaret Sailing Club and Sail Canada.

Building on Nova Scotia's the long-held affinity and connection to the sea, the province is gaining a reputation in the sailing world as an accomplished host of national and international sailing events. The event will be held on the waters of St. Margaret's Bay, which has played host to numerous national and international sailing events over the years. These waters make an excellent venue for the championship. The venue has clean water and moderate to strong consistent winds in a spectacularly beautiful setting.

More information about the championships is available on Sail Canada's Website at https://www.sailing.ca/events/halifax_2022/ and on the class website at <https://49er.org/event/2022-world-championship>.

Quotes

Eric Hill, President of Sail Nova Scotia

"Nova Scotia has a long history of high-performance racing and training. St. Margaret's Bay is one of the best sailing venues in Canada and is known for having great winds and ideal sailing conditions. This event will bring awareness across Nova Scotia to skiff and Nacra sailing, and also leave a wonderful legacy of improved infrastructure for sailors."

Iain Rankin, Premier of Nova Scotia

"We appreciate the confidence the 49er Class Association has shown in selecting our province to host and we know our sailing community will deliver an event that far exceeds the hosting requirements. Events deliver important economic and social contributions to communities, and that's why we're pleased to invest \$250,000 towards the hosting of this major event."

Andy Fillmore, Member of Parliament for Halifax

“Nova Scotians know sailing, and together with our famed Atlantic Canadian hospitality, we’re the perfect hosts to welcome the world to our storied shores in September 2022 for the 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 World Sailing Championships. We look forward to making sure it’s an experience that the sailors, their families, and observers will remember forever.”

Mike Savage, Mayor of Halifax

“We’re excited to welcome the world’s best sailors and the 49er Class Association to our great city for this world-class event. Our city, volunteers and our hospitality industry will be thrilled to host the athletes, coaches and officials from around the world and help make their experience in Halifax one to remember.”

Hugh McGugan, Sail Canada’s Chair of the Board of Directors

“Canada is very excited to host for the very first time the 49er, 49erFX, and Nacra 17 World Championships in September 2022. This will be the first Olympic class World Championships event to be held in Canada since 2015. Thank you to all the partners who are making this possible, including the Government of Canada and Government of Nova Scotia, as well as Sail Nova Scotia, and the Hubbards Sailing Club and St. Margaret Sailing Club. Following the rich tradition of Canadian Sailing Olympians coming from Nova Scotia, I'm sure sailing fans from that province and across the country will be excited to welcome the best sailors in the world while supporting our Canadian athletes, including those who are aiming to compete in the 2024 Olympic Games.”

Jyrki Jarvi, President of the 49er Class

“We are thrilled to be coming to Nova Scotia for our 2022 Worlds. It is a place that has sailing in its history and its future, and we can’t wait to be a part of that.”

Nathan Outteridge, President of the Nacra 17 Class

“The sailing on St. Margaret’s Bay is perfect for Olympic style racing; it will be a great test for our fleets.”

John Flemming, Co-Chair of the Local Host Organizing Committee

“We can’t wait to show these competitors the remarkable St. Margaret’s Bay. We know our sailing community will be ready to help create memorable experiences for all the participants and we look forward to making this event one of the best yet for participants.”

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La Nouvelle-Écosse accueillera les Championnats du monde 2022 de voile de 49er, 49erFX et Nacra 17

HALIFAX, N.-É., le 8 avril 2021 – La Nouvelle-Écosse sera l’hôte de près de 400 des meilleurs navigateurs en voile au monde représentant plus de 35 pays alors que les Championnats mondiaux de trois épreuves olympiques, soit de 49er, 49erFX et Nacra 17, s’y dérouleront du 6 au 11 septembre 2022. Présentée pour la toute première fois en sol canadien, cette compétition d’une durée de six jours prendra place à St. Margaret’s Bay.

Sail Nova Scotia a remporté les droits d’accueillir les Championnats du monde de 49er, 49erFX et Nacra 17 2022, en partenariat avec Hubbards Sailing Club et St. Margaret Sailing Club, ainsi que Voile Canada.

Misant sur cette affinité de longue date et cette connexion à la mer, la Nouvelle-Écosse développe sa réputation dans le monde de la voile en tant qu’hôte accompli d’événements de voile nationaux et internationaux. L’événement sera présenté dans les eaux de la St. Margaret’s Bay qui a présenté plusieurs événements nationaux et internationaux de voile à travers les années. Ces eaux en font un excellent endroit pour ces championnats en ayant une eau propre ainsi que des vents de modérés à forts dans un endroit comptant sur une beauté spectaculaire.

Des informations supplémentaires au sujet des championnats est disponible sur le site Internet de Voile Canada au https://fr.sailing.ca/events/halifax_2022/ ainsi que sur celui de la classe à <https://49er.org/event/2022-world-championship>.

Citations

Éric Hill, président de Sail Nova Scotia

« La Nouvelle-Écosse a une longue histoire de course et d’entraînement en haute performance. St. Margaret’s Bay est l’un des plus beaux sites de voile au Canada et est reconnu pour avoir de grands vents et des conditions idéales pour notre sport. Cet événement permettra de promouvoir la voile des catégories skiff et Nacra partout en Nouvelle-Écosse en plus de laisser un magnifique héritage d’infrastructure améliorée pour les navigateurs. »

Iain Rankin, premier ministre de la Nouvelle-Écosse

« Nous apprécions la confiance que l’Association de la classe 49er a démontré en choisissant notre province afin d’accueillir cet événement et nous savons que notre communauté de voile saura présenter un événement qui dépassera largement les demandes d’accueil. Les événements apportent des contributions économiques et sociales importantes aux communautés et c’est pourquoi nous sommes heureux d’investir 250 000 \$ dans la présentation de cet événement majeur. »

Andy Fillmore, député fédéral d’Halifax

« Les Néo-Écossais connaissent la voile et, ensemble avec notre fameuse hospitalité canadienne de l’Atlantique, nous sommes les hôtes parfaits pour accueillir le monde sur nos rivages légendaires en septembre 2022 pour les Championnats du monde de 49er, 49erFX et Nacra 17. Nous sommes impatients de nous assurer que les navigateurs, leurs familles et les observateurs vivront une expérience qu’ils se souviendront pour toujours. »

Mike Savage, maire d'Halifax

« Nous sommes très heureux d'accueillir les meilleurs navigateurs au monde ainsi que l'Association de la classe 49er dans notre grande ville pour cet événement de classe mondiale. Notre ville, nos bénévoles et notre industrie d'hospitalité seront ravis d'accueillir les athlètes, entraîneurs et officiels de partout à travers le monde ainsi qu'à contribuer à rendre cette expérience à Halifax inoubliable. »

Hugh McGugan, président du conseil d'administration de Voile Canada

« Le Canada est très heureux d'accueillir pour la toute première fois les Championnats du monde de 49er, 49erFX et Nacra 17 en septembre 2022. Il s'agira des premiers championnats du monde d'épreuves olympiques à être présentés au pays depuis 2015. Merci aux partenaires qui ont rendu le tout possible, incluant le Gouvernement du Canada, le Gouvernement de la Nouvelle-Écosse, ainsi que Sail Nova Scotia, Hubbards Sailing Club et St. Margaret Sailing Club. Suivant la riche tradition d'Olympiens en voile canadiens provenant de la Nouvelle-Écosse, je suis convaincu que les amateurs de voile de cette province et de partout au pays seront très excités d'accueillir les meilleurs navigateurs au monde tout en supportant nos athlètes canadiens, incluant ceux qui viseront une participation aux Jeux olympiques de 2024. »

Jyrki Jarvi, président de la classe 49er

« Nous sommes heureux d'aller en Nouvelle-Écosse pour les Championnats du monde 2022. C'est un endroit où la voile fait partie de son histoire et de son futur, et nous sommes impatients d'y faire également partie. »

Nathan Outteridge, président de la classe Nacra 17

« Les conditions de voile à St. Margaret's Bay sont parfaites pour le style de course olympique; ce sera un grand test pour nos compétiteurs. »

John Flemming, coprésident du comité organisateur local

« Nous avons très hâte de montrer à ces compétiteurs la remarquable St. Margaret's Bay. Nous savons que notre communauté de voile sera prête pour créer des expériences mémorables pour tous les participants et nous avons hâte de rendre cet événement l'un des meilleurs jusqu'ici pour eux. »

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