

## 2024 Sail NS Report

To say 2024 was a great year for Sail Nova Scotia, would be an understatement.

Highlighted by the ROCKWOOL Canada SailGP event hosted by Sail Nova Scotia in Halifax Harbour on June 1-2, 2024 has been a wonderful year.

When we bid on SailGP we knew the event would draw lots of interest, but none of us really knew what the impact would be on the City and Province.

More than 140 adults and youth tried foiling through the WeCANFoil program the week before the race.

12 new foiling coaches were trained by Sail Canada

Sail NS raised more than \$100,000 to support a number of our programs.

More than 50,000 people watched the action live on the waterfront, many of them for free. Sailing was front and centre for more than a week here in Halifax.

It was quite a weekend for sailing in Canada and it was great to see so many sailors and boaters from across Canada join us.

To this day people are still talking about the event.

While Sail Nova Scotia is currently bidding on hosting SailGP in 2026, whichever Canadian city gets the event, we all need to use the event to build momentum for sailing across Canada.

In other Sail Nova Scotia news, our membership grew by 100 which is the first real growth since COVID. Clubs reported "full or nearly full" youth Learn to Sail programs. Cruising programs are becoming more and more popular every year as we are making a concerted effort to train more instructors to deliver the Sail Canada program across the province.

On the water we were very proud of so many results by our dinghy sailors including the 11th place finish by Georgia and Antonia Lewin-LaFrance at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

While SailGP may have got many of the headlines, two other Nova Scotia regattas deserve special mention. The ILCA District 1 Championships hosted by the Bras d'Or Yacht Club in Baddeck was a fantastic event by all accounts and attracted more than 30 sailors including one on his way to the Paris Olympics.

Lunenburg Yacht Club hosted Mobility Cup in August which drew fantastic reviews from sailors and left a legacy that will benefit sailors in Nova Scotia for many years to come.

Plans are well underway for a successful 2025 at Sail Nova Scotia.

Respectfully submitted.

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