

Shark Canadian Championships, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The National prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- 1.3. The Rules and Specifications of the International Shark Class Association (ISCA) will apply.
- 1.4. Canada Shipping Act Small Vessel Regulation #16.03 (required safety equipment) will apply.
- 1.5. Boats must register with and use one sail number on every required sail. Boats which do not meet this requirement may be disqualified without protest.
- 1.6. In the event of a conflict between languages the English text will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- 2.1. The regatta is only open to Shark class sailboats that have a valid measurement certificate.
- 2.2. A boat which does not have a valid measurement certificate may compete if:
 - a) It complies with all class rules;
 - b) It has not competed in another CSCA sanctioned counter regatta this year;
 - c) It has not been issued a valid measurement certificate within the past five years;
- 2.3 The person in charge has signed the "statement of understanding" on the Entry Form; Each boat's 'person in charge' shall be a full member of a NSCA.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the window at the SW corner of the KYC Clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00h on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00h on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole on KYC pier
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal 'AP' Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until this signal is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

- 6.1. Registration will open at 17.00h August 11, 2017 in the Sunshine room at the KYC clubhouse
- 6.2. The Skippers Meeting will be at 09:30h August 12, 2017 on the porch at the south side of the KYC Clubhouse.
- 6.3. Racing will be conducted on August 12 and August 13, 2017.
- 6.4. A maximum of seven (7) races are scheduled.
- 6.5. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on August 12 and August 13, 2017 is 11:00h.
- 6.6. No warning signal will be made after 1500h on Sunday, August 13, 2017.

6.7. No more than four (4) races will be sailed on any day.

7. RACING AREA

7.1. The race course will be located on Kingston Harbour, approximately .5 miles South of KYC.

8. THE COURSE

8.1. The diagram in **Attachment A** shows the course. The order of marks shall be *Start – 1 – offset – 2 – 1 – offset – Finish*.

8.2. The approximate course length will be set with a target completion time of 1 hour.

8.3. If the Race Committee displays flag 'E' prior to the Warning for a race, boats will sail an extended course. The order of marks shall be *Start – 1 – offset – 2 – 1 – offset – 2 – 1 – offset - Finish*.

8.4. Marks 2P and 2S are a gate. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks 1, 2P, and 2S will be ORANGE tetrahedrons.

9.2. The Offset mark will be an ORANGE ball.

9.3. New marks will be YELLOW tetrahedrons.

9.4. The starting and finishing mark will be an Orange Flag on a staff.

10. CHECKING IN (Safety Regulations)

10.1. Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the leeward end of the RC Boat, hail her sail number until she is acknowledged by a member of the race committee. A boat failing to do so may be scored DNS.

10.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.

11.2. The class flag will be a Shark logo on a white field.

11.3. An attention signal consisting of a series of short, repetitive sounds may be made approximately one minute prior to the Warning Signal for a race.

11.4. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

11.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS Appendix A4 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE COURSE

12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. In a subsequent change the new mark will be an original mark.

12.2. A course will not be shortened to less than 2-legs in length. For the purposes of this instruction, the course from Mark 1 to the Offset mark is not a leg of the course.

12.3. If the course is shortened at the leeward gate, an RC finishing boat will stand near one of the gate marks, displaying flag "S". Racers will finish through the gate in accordance with SI 8.4 and RRS 32.2 (c).

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC boat and the finishing mark.
- 13.2. The race committee may award a finishing position to the last boat after all other boats have finished or retired. This changes RRS 28.1

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 1 hour of the start signal the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, Appendix A4 and A5.
- 14.3. If 2 hours after the start no boat has finished, the race will be abandoned.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the KYC Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 1.5 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the KYC Clubhouse.
- 15.5. Breaches of rule 55 and instructions 17,20 ,22 ,23 ,24 ,25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting part was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rule 66.
- 15.7 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after a decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The low point scoring system will be used.
- 16.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. If fewer than three races are completed, the championship shall be null and void.
- 16.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.5. If a boat that is protested under RRS 78.3 is disqualified, her score will not be excluded.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. At the time of registration alternate crew may be designated for specified days of the regatta provided all eligibility rules are met.
- 17.2. Except as provided in SI 17.1, substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

17.3. Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made, at the first reasonable opportunity, in writing to the Race Committee.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1. Any boat or equipment may be inspected at any time to confirm compliance with the ISCA Rules and Specifications and these Sailing Instructions.

18.2. Boats notified of the requirement to be inspected shall proceed, without contact with any support boat, directly from the race area to the KYC crane after the final race of the day and remain on board until met by the appointed inspector.

18.3. A report of non-compliance under RRS 78.3 may result in a protest by the race committee against the boat. If, after that hearing, she is disqualified her score will not be excluded.

18.4. All boats are required to have available a lifting apparatus suitable for lifting the boat on the class scales.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

19.1. Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the attention signal (or warning signal in the case of a postponement) until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment.

20. BERTHING

20.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the KYC harbour.

21. LAUNCH AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

21.1. All boats shall be launched by 1000h Saturday August 12, 2017, except with and according to the terms of written permission of the race committee

21.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

22.2 The race committee may communicate information on VHF. Failure to make these communications or the sequence in which they are made shall not be ground for redress.

23. PRIZES

23.1. The Shark Canadian Championship Trophy will be awarded to the helmsperson and crew of the first place boat, based on final points.

23.2. Prizes shall be awarded to the helmsperson and crew of the first five (5) competing boats, based on final points.

23.3. The Kingston Trophy will be awarded to the top placing team from the Kingston Yacht Club.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

24.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for

material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25. INSURANCE

25.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

Attachment A - The Course

