



# NOTICE OF RACE

National Yacht Club, Toronto, ON

September 12-13, 2015

## 1. INVITATION

- 1.1. National Yacht Club invites all Shark sailors to participate in the 2015 Shark Gold Cup Regatta on September 12-13, 2015.
- 1.2. National Yacht Club is located at 1 Stadium Road, Toronto, ON ([www.thenyc.com](http://www.thenyc.com))

## 2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 2.1. The Organizing Authority for this regatta is The National Yacht Club (NYC) in conjunction with the Canadian Shark Class Association (CSCA).
- 2.2. This is a Counter Regatta sanctioned by the Canadian Shark Class Association and results will count towards the 2015 Shark of the Year Award.

## 3. RULES

- 3.1. The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 3.2. The rules and specifications of the International Shark Class Association (ISCA) will apply.
- 3.3. Participants must comply with the Canada Shipping Act Small Vessel Regulation as applicable, in respect to the safety equipment requirements.
- 3.4. All boats may be subject to random weighing and inspection by a designated regatta representative to confirm compliance with the General Class Rules and Specifications.
- 3.5. Boats shall have appropriate lifting apparatus available for use with the class scales, but are not required to race with them provided they are not included as part of the boat's all-up weight on its respective measurement certificate and/or its Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment Form.

- 3.6. Racing rule(s) 28.1, 35, 62.2, 63.1, 66, 75.1, 78.1, A2, A4 and A5 will be changed as follows:
- 3.6.1. 28.1 – The race committee may award a finishing position to the last boat(s) while she (they) is (are) still racing.
  - 3.6.2. 35, A4 and A5 – Boats failing to finish 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored DNF.
  - 3.6.3. 62.2 – Times for requesting a redress on the last day are modified.
  - 3.6.4. 63.1 – Protest arbitration will be made available; a boat may accept a 40% scoring penalty before a protest.
  - 3.6.5. 66 – Times for reopening a hearing on the last day of racing are modified.
  - 3.6.6. 75.1 – A boat shall be entered by a member in good standing of a Canadian Shark Class Association, and that person shall be the “person in charge” (RRS 46).
  - 3.6.7. 78.1 – Boats without a measurement certificate may enter one counter regatta per year, and will not be subject to protest under the rule, if:
    - 3.6.7.1. She complies with all other class rules;
    - 3.6.7.2. She has not competed in another CSCA-sanctioned counter regatta in 2015; and
    - 3.6.7.3. She has not been issued a valid measurement certificate within the past five years.
  - 3.6.8. A2 – The score for a disqualification under Rule 78.1 shall not be discarded.
  - 3.6.9. A4 – Boats failing to start within 10 minutes will be scored DNS.

#### **4. ADVERTISING**

- 4.1. Advertising will be permitted in accordance with Article 9.12 of the Rules and Specifications.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1. Participants must have completed registration and paid all event fees before beginning competition.
- 5.2. The regatta is only open to Sharks that have a valid measurement certificate for 2015, proof of which will be required at the event.
- 5.3. All competitors must have ISAF eligibility.
  
- 5.4. Crew:
  - 5.4.1. Each boat shall carry at least three persons.

- 5.4.2. The “person in charge” shall be identified at the time of registration.
- 5.4.3. All crew shall be identified at the time of registration.
- 5.4.4. Alternate crew but not the person in charge may be designated for specified days of the regatta provided all eligibility rules are met.
- 5.4.5. Crew substitutions may be requested by submitting in writing the reasons for the substitution to the Regatta Headquarters for approval by the Protest Committee.

## 6. ENTRY

- 6.1. All registration for the 2015 Shark Gold Cup Regatta will be via the regatta page at [www.yachscoring.com](http://www.yachscoring.com).
- 6.2. Eligible boats may register by:
  - 6.2.1. Online registration and payment at Yachtscore.com
  - 6.2.2. In-person registration and payment may be made at the 2015 Shark Gold Cup Regatta Registration Desk in the Chartroom at National Yacht Club between 1800h-2030h, Friday, September 11, 2015 and 0730h-0900h, Saturday, September 12, 2015.

## 7. FEES

- 7.1. Registration fees are as follows:
  - 7.1.1. \$145.00 (Incl. HST) if paid before Saturday, August 15, 2015.
  - 7.1.2. \$170.00 (CDN Incl. HST) if paid on or after Saturday, August 15, 2015.

## 8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. Registration and launch times:
  - 8.2. 1800h-2100h, Friday, September 11, 2015
  - 8.3. 0730h-0930h, Saturday, September 12, 2015.
- 8.4. Welcome reception and BBQ will be held from 1800h-2000h Friday, September 11, 2015.
- 8.5. The Skippers' Meeting will be held in the NYC Chartroom at 0900h, Saturday, September 12, 2015.
- 8.6. Attitude Adjustment and plated dinner will be served in the main NYC dining room beginning at 1700h, Saturday, September 12, 2015. Three dinner tickets and Attitude Adjustment tickets are included in the registration fee.
- 8.7. Awards and closing ceremonies will be as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing activities Sunday, September 13, 2015 on the lower patio of the NYC clubhouse.

## **VENUE**

- 8.8. The course will be located on Lake Ontario, ~1 NM west of Centennial Pier in the Humber bay.
- 8.9. The regatta will be hosted from the National Yacht Club facility.
- 8.10. There is limited room for tents as most of the NYC property is paved. Campers are permitted and will be parked in the drysail area.

## **9. LAUNCHING & MOORING**

- 9.1. Launch and haul-out is at the white crane located in the drysail area at the West end of the NYC Property. This may be supplemented by the blue crane operating in the East yard. These cranes shall only be operated by designated NYC representatives.
- 9.2. No boats will be launched after 0930h Saturday, September 12, 2015.
- 9.3. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Protest Committee.
- 9.4. All boats will raft on the seawall in the East yard at a location indicated by a NYC representative.

## **10. RACING**

- 10.1. Racing will be conducted on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 14, 2015.
- 10.2. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday, September 12, 2015 is 1100h.
- 10.3. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday, September 13, 2015 is 1000h.
- 10.4. No warning signal will be made after 1500h, Sunday, September 13, 2015
- 10.5. Seven (7) races are scheduled over the two days
- 10.6. Course configurations will be windward/leeward consisting of a minimum of 2 legs at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 10.7. The course length will be set with a target completion time of 1 hour per race.

## **11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1. Sailing Instructions will be the standard CSCA SIs available at <http://shark24.ca/content/standard-sailing-instructions>; further instructions specific

to the 2015 Shark Gold Cup Regatta will be issued as Attachment A.

- 11.2. Sailing Instructions will be posted on the designated notice board in the Chart Room of the NYC club house, with copies available for competitors at registration.
- 11.3. Draft Sailing Instructions may be posted at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and/or at [www.shark24.ca](http://www.shark24.ca).

## **12. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1. The Organizing Committee has the right to wholly or partially re-measure any boat, its equipment or sails. Any deviations from the rules found will prevent the boat from participating until after official measurement by the Measurement Committee confirms compliance with class rules. Any boat found to be in contravention of class measurement requirements following the conclusion of racing on either day will result in the boat being scored DSQ from that day's racing.

## **14. SCORING**

- 14.1. The low scoring system will be used.
- 14.2. Two (2) races are required to constitute a series. If fewer than two races are completed, the counter regatta will be null and void.
- 14.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.4. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her one worst score.

## **15. PRIZES & TROPHIES**

- 15.1. The winner of the regatta will be presented with Gold Cup trophy.
- 15.2. Keeper trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews.

## **16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

## **17. INSURANCE**

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000.00.

**18. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**19. SPONSORS**

