

# Shark World Championship Regatta 2023

*August 18 to 25, 2023*



**10 Melville St, Box 1007  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, Canada**



*The World Championship is sanctioned  
by the International Shark Class  
Association and World Sailing*

## **Notice of Race (NoR) Revision 4:** Posted August 16, 2023

Showing changes since revision 2.

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 National prescriptions of Sail Canada, available at [RRS 2021-2024 Sail Canada Prescriptions](#), will apply.
- 1.3 Rules of the International Shark Class Association, available at <https://shark24.ca/>, will apply.
- 1.4 With special permission from the International Shark Class Association, the distance race can be shortened. This changes class championship rule 10 a).
- 1.5 [DP] Under International Shark Class Association general class rule and regulation 9.6 b), for this event a boat shall register a sail inventory not to exceed 1 mainsail, 3 headsails and 2 spinnakers. These sails will be distinctively marked by the organizing authority.

### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be available at [Yacht Scoring](#) no later than the start of registration.

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at [Yacht Scoring](#).
- 3.2 [NP] [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 69, 71, 72 and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI supplement.



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3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Shark 24 class where the person in charge is a full member of the International Shark Class Association.

4.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online at [Yacht Scoring](#).

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall:

- (a) complete the registration form,
- (b) pay all fees, and
- (c) register all crew members.

4.4 Instruction 4.3, above, shall be complete before the person in charge arrives at registration (see instruction 7.1 below).

## 5 FEES

5.1 The entry fees including 4 dinners for 4 crew in Canadian currency are as follows:

- (a) if paid before July 16, 2023, the entry fee is \$725,
- (b) if paid on or after July 16, 2023, the entry fee is 925,
- (c) if every crewmember is under the age of 25 years on Sunday, August 25,
  - (i) if paid before July 16, 2023, the entry fee is \$375,
  - (ii) if paid on or after July 16, 2023, the entry fee is 475.

5.2 Refunds: Provided the person in charge informs the race committee of the boat's withdrawal from the race:

- (a) before or on July 31, 2023, the refund will be 100% of fees paid, or
- (b) after July 31, 2023, the refund will be 50% of fees paid.

## 6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats shall be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## 7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration at the A-Frame, and equipment measurement:

Date	From	To
Friday, August 18	1500	1900
Saturday, August 19	0900	2000

7.2 [DP] Boats shall be launched before ~~Sunday, August 20 at 1030~~ Saturday, August 19 at 2030 unless they have prior written permission of the ~~race committee~~ organizing authority.

7.3 Schedule of races:

Date			
Sunday, August 20	Practice Race	Course Race	
Monday, August 21	Course Race	Course Race	Course Race



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Tuesday, August 22	Course Race	Course Race	Course Race
Wednesday, August 23	Course Race	spare	spare
Thursday, August 24	Course Race	spare	spare
Friday, August 25	Course Race	spare	spare

- (a) A maximum of 10 races, plus the practice race, will be held.
  - (b) A distance race will be held. It will not be scheduled until after 4 course races have been completed. No course races will be held on the day of the distance race.
- 7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first day of racing is 1100.
- 7.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for subsequent days of racing is 1000.
- 7.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430.

## 8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
- 8.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

## 9 VENUE

- 9.1 NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 9.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

## 10 COURSES

- 10.1 For the practice race and for course races, the course diagrams (L, LA, W and WA) in RRS S show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 For the distance race, the course diagram will be available at [Yacht Scoring](#) no later than the time when the distance race date has been announced.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 There will be an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 11.2 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 Series Score:
  - (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.3 RRS A5.3 applies.

## 13 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 13.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.



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## 14 BERTHING

- 14.1 [DP] Unless directed to a different location by the technical committee, boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

## 15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## 16 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

## 17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 18 INSURANCE

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

## 19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
- (a) the Shark World Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta,
  - (b) keeper prizes will be awarded to the captains and crew of the first 10 boats,
  - (c) the Long Distance Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the distance race, and
  - (d) the Bill Metzger Trophy will be awarded to the best combined score from the practice race, the distance race and the final course race.

## 20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 For further information please contact Rod Gardner [rdcrckgar@aol.com](mailto:rdcrckgar@aol.com).



# Shark Worlds 2023 NoR Addendum A: Venue Plan





# Shark Worlds 2023 NoR Addendum B: Racing Area

