



**R.P.S.A. 61st ANNUAL FALL MULTIHULL REGATTA
SHARK CATAMARAN US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
ROTON POINT ASSOCIATION
ROWAYTON, CT 06853
SEPTEMBER 17 – 19, 2021**

NOTICE OF RACE

Includes changes from Amendments 1 and 2

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The US SAILING Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system will be used to score Open Class boats.
- 1.3 **NEMA Multihulls will be sailing as an exhibition fleet only, and will have separate Sailing Instructions and scoring procedures, which will be managed and communicated by the event's NEMA Class Captain. For the NEMA Multihulls, this NOR and the main (beach catamaran) SIs are for reference only.**

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all "beach" catamarans measuring under **23 feet**.
- 2.2 Any class in which there are a minimum of three boats racing will be considered a One Design class.
- 2.3 Shark catamarans will race as a separate class.
- 2.4 Remaining boats will constitute the Open Class. **Based upon registration, the Open Class may be split into spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.**

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$100 per boat. Sign-up and entry fee payment will be via **www.Yachtscoring.com**.
- 3.2 Other Fees:
 - Saturday night dinner and dance \$40 per person. On-water lunches \$10 per person per day.
 - Various club merchandise will be for sale.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 The time schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Friday Sep 17	All day	Boat arrival and registration
	18:00	Competitors' Reception
Saturday Sep 18	08:00	Check-in (Mandatory) / Late Registration / Breakfast
	09:30	Competitors' meeting
	11:00	First Warning Signal
	Dinner and dance following racing.	
Sunday Sep 19	08:00	Breakfast
	09:00	Competitors' meeting
	10:30	First Warning Signal
	15:00	No warning after this time
	Awards ceremony following racing.	

The Race Committee (RC) will run as many races as practical each day. For each class, not more than five races will be held on Saturday; and not more than four races will be held on Sunday.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on YachtScoring at least three weeks before the event.

6 VENUE

6.1 The venue for the event is Roton Point Association, 15 Pine Point Road, Rowayton, CT (the "Club"). The Club property comprises 12.8 acres on Long Island Sound, with a wooden ramp leading to the Sailing Beach. There is ample space to store boats overnight, and ample parking for cars, trailers and SUV's. Tent camping is permitted in the treed Grove. The Bathhouse has showers, with plenty of hot water. The Hotel building has a large covered porch for off-water festivities.

6.2 The racing area will be in Long Island Sound **south** of the mouth of Five Mile River. Appendix B of the Sailing Instructions shows the location of racing areas.

7 COURSES

7.1 Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions will show courses to be used.

7.2 All marks are to be left to port except gates.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 will be changed as follows: delete "Two-Turns" and replace it with "One-Turn."

9 SCORING

9.1 The Open Class will be scored per the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system.

9.2 Series scores:

(a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

(b) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(c) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 SUPPORT BOATS

Support Vessels will be marked with RPSA burgees and/or RC flags.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 For safety, all boats are strongly urged to sail with at least one submersible VHF radio. Best practice is one VHF radio per person, attached to each person.
- 11.2 Except in an emergency (or if rendering aid), boats shall not make radio transmissions while racing.
- 11.3 Boats may receive information via VHF radio at any time, and are encouraged to monitor the RC for information throughout the regatta.
- 11.4 Class rules restricting the use of radios shall not be grounds for protests. *This changes RRS 60.1(a).*
- 11.5 Except in an emergency, boats shall neither transmit nor receive information via mobile telephone at any time while racing.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded in each class based upon registration.
- 12.2 The highest-ranking US team will be named the 2021 Shark Catamaran National Champion.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 3**, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Website: www.rpmr.org

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CLEAN REGATTA

The 2021 RPMR is registered as a Clean Regatta event with Sailors for the Sea, which is the world's only ocean conservation organization that engages, educates and encourages the sailing and boating community toward restoring ocean health. Through a certification process, sailing events can achieve recognition for their sustainability efforts.

Roton Point Sailing Association would like to encourage attendees to consider the following to help make our event as green as possible:

- ✓ Bring reusable/refillable bottles for the boat
 - RPSA will have reusable bottles available for purchase
- ✓ Bring your own cup(s) for beverages in the morning and after sailing
- ✓ Use natural sunscreens with zinc oxide and titanium dioxide to reduce water pollution
- ✓ Carpool to the event if possible

In addition, RPSA will take the following measures to further promote a Clean Regatta event:

- ✓ Set up water refilling stations at various locations on the property
 - Water jugs will also be available on all support boats
- ✓ Encourage recycling and composting
 - Additional bins will be set up to collect recyclable materials
 - Bins will be available to collect compostable food products
- ✓ On-the-water lunches will not utilize plastic bags. All materials are recyclable or compostable.

Thank you in advance for your help with this effort.