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**52<sup>nd</sup> Shark World Championship**  
**Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**The Royal Canadian Yacht Club**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

**1.1**

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. Only Sail Canada prescriptions to RRS 67 will apply and is stated in full below.
- c. The penalty for a breach of the RRS of the following paragraphs of the Sailing Instructions will be subject to a Discretionary Penalty Imposed (DPI) at the discretion of the International Jury and may be less than disqualification.

16 Safety Regulations (DPI)  
17 Replacement of Crew or Equipment (DPI)  
18 Equipment and Measurement Checks (DPI)  
19 Support Boats (DPI)  
20 Trash Disposal (DPI)  
21 Haul Out (DPI)  
23 Radio Communication (DPI)  
24 Advertising (DPI)  
25 Berthing (DPI)

- 1.2** The following Sail Canada Prescriptions 2017 – 2020 will apply:  
RRS 67 – Damages

Sail Canada prescribes that a boat that has been found by a protest committee to have broken a rule and caused damage shall be considered at fault for the purposes of RRS 67. The question of damages arising from a breach of any Racing Rule of Sailing shall be governed by the prescriptions, if any, of the national authority.

- 1.3** The International Shark Class Association (ISCA) General Class Rules and Specifications will apply.

- 1.4** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the main veranda of the clubhouse. Notices may be repeated on line at <https://sharkworlds2017.squarespace.com/> which is not an official notice board.



### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by one hour after the end of the posted protest time limit on the day before the change will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole outside of the sailing office.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

<b>5.1</b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	
	Sunday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	Competitors Briefing – RCYC Shark Basin, south side of the north island

#### **Warning Signal**

		11:00	Practice Race
		13:30	Race #1
	Monday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Day 2 of Racing
	Tuesday, July 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Day 3 of Racing
	Wednesday, July 19 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Day 4 of Racing
	Thursday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Day 5 of Racing

### 5.2 Number of races

- a. A maximum of ten (10) races, including the Long Distance Race, will be held.
- b. No more than three (3) races will be sailed on any day.
- c. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- d. The Long Distance race shall have a separate set of Sailing Instructions.
- e. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.



## **6 CLASS FLAG**

The Class flag will be the Shark Insignia on a white background

## **7 RACING AREA**

a. The race course will be located on Lake Ontario, approximately 1 mile south of the Toronto Islands Centennial Pier.

b. The Long Distance Race:

- i. will be sailed only after completion of four course races;
- ii. will not be sailed on the same day as a course race;
- iii. will not be sailed on the last day of scheduled racing;
- iv. will not be less than 15 nautical miles.

## **8 THE COURSES**

**8.1** The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angle between legs and the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**8.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

**8.3** Courses shall be a minimum of three legs.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be Yellow.

**9.2** The starting mark will be Green and finishing marks will be Red.

## **10 THE START**

**10.1** Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

**10.2** The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the nearby Starting Mark

**10.3** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.



- 10.4** If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 9. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1** 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1** The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the nearby finishing mark.

## **13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 13.1** The course length will be set with a target completion time of approximately 75 minutes for the first boat.
- 13.2** If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.3** The time limit for each race will be two (2) hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1** Protest forms are available at the sailing office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat has docked.
- 14.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the main clubhouse.



- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Breaches of instructions 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat (NP). This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches are at the discretion of the International Jury and may be less than a disqualification.
- 14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.7 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## 15 SCORING

- 15.1 The scoring system is as follows.
- 15.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3
  - (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) The Long Distance Race will be scored as a single race.

## 16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the committee boat, hail her sail number, and be acknowledged by a member of the race committee.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the International Jury. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.



## **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately and directly to the designated area for inspection.

## **19 SUPPORT BOATS**

**19.1** Support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **20 TRASH DISPOSAL**

All trash must be kept onboard competitors boat and disposed of onshore. No trash is to be thrown into Lake Ontario, Toronto Harbour or the lagoons of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

## **21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the International Jury or in the event of an emergency.

## **22 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

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 regatta.

## **23 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- a.** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions, and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- b.** The Race Committee may communicate information on VHF 9. Failure to make these communications or the sequence in which they are made shall not be grounds for redress.



**24 ADVERTISING**

Advertising will be permitted in accordance with Article 9.12 of the General Class Rules and Specifications of the International Shark Class Association (ISCA).

Boats may be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

Competitor advertising will be restricted as specified in ISAF Regulation 20.

**25 BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the RCYC harbour as directed by the RCYC Harbour Master.

**26 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given to the crew of the top ten finishing boats.

**27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.

**28 INSURANCE**

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



## ATTACHMENT A

**Course: Leeward Finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>L2</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - Finish
<b>L3</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - Finish

**Course: Windward Finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>W2</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - Finish
<b>W3</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - Finish
<b>W4</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - Finish