



**R.P.S.A. 59TH ANNUAL FALL MULTIHULL REGATTA
SHARK NATIONALS REGATTA
ROTON POINT ASSOCIATION
ROWAYTON, CT 06853
SEPTEMBER 14/16, 2018**

NOTICE OF RACE

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 Participants will be expected to obey their respective class rules.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all "beach" catamarans measuring under 22 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. (Measurement???, class rules?)
- 2.4 Remaining boats will constitute the Open Class.

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 \$30 per person. On-water lunches \$5 per person.
 - Various club merchandise will be for sale.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 The time schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Friday Sep 14	All day	Boat arrival
	18:00	Competitors' Reception
Saturday Sep 15	08:00	Check-in / Late Registration / Breakfast
	09:30	Competitors' meeting
	11:00	First Warning Signal
	Dinner and dance following racing.	
Sunday Sep 16	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 southwest of the mouth of Five Mile River. Appendix B 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 Boats will be marked with RPSA burgees and/or RC flags.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

12 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in each class based upon registration.

13 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 liability for material damage or personal injury or conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Website: www.rpmr.org

For further information please contact:

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