

Homecomers Regatta

September 21 & 22, 2019

Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club

Melville Street, Box 1007
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, Canada



This Counter Regatta
is sanctioned by the
Canadian Shark Class
Association.

Notice of Race

You are cordially invited to bring your Shark home to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club (NOLSC) (<http://www.niagarasailing.on.ca/>) to join us for the Homecomers Regatta.

Being late in the season, there's a good chance that we'll have outstanding Shark conditions on the water, and it's a given that we'll have great conditions ashore.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply. These can be found at http://www.sailing.ca/files/RRS_2017_2020_Sail_Canada_Prescription_Final_EN.pdf
- 1.3 The International Shark Class Association (ISCA) General Class Rules and Specifications (GCRS) will apply. These can be found at: [CONSTITUTION, RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS of the International Shark Class Association](#)
- 1.4 CSCA Standard Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be used.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Under GCRS 9.12 "Advertising on a boat (including hull, spars, sails and equipment) shall be prohibited while sailing in Class events, except for Event Advertising and Manufacturers and Sailmakers Marks (pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20 – Advertising Code).
Competitor Advertising on Personal Equipment is permitted.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to Shark class sailboats that have a valid measurement certificate and:
 - (a) the "person in charge", henceforth known as *captain*, is a full member of ISCA, or
 - (b) all crewmembers are Associate members of CSCA and this is the first CSCA-sanctioned regatta of the year in which they are collectively entering as a crew, in which case they shall determine the *captain*.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form and paying the fees at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9613>

4 FEES

The required fee includes three hearty and delicious dinners for the captain and two crew on Saturday evening, and unrestricted access to the freeflowing mountain of beer (until it runs dry).

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- 4.1** The required fee, if paid:
- (a) before 1600 on September 10th, is **\$165**. Please pre-register, save a few dollars, but more importantly, allow us to organize a better regatta for you!
 - (b) otherwise **\$175**.
- 4.2** If ALL crew are under the age of 25 years, CSCA will pay the entry fee provided they have not claimed this incentive at any other regatta in the calendar year. Please notify Regatta Chair Jinnie Gordon at jinnieg@hotmail.com prior to September 14th to take advantage of this offer.
- 4.3** Other fees:
- (a) Additional dinner tickets are available for \$25 each.
 - (b) Friday BeerBQ meat and snacks: optional donation to our Junior Sailing program.
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5 SCHEDULE

- BeerBQ: Friday September 20 from 1730 to 2100
- 5.1** Registration: Friday, September 20 from 1730 to 2100
Saturday, September 21 from 0900 to 0930
- 5.2** Competitors information meeting:
Saturday, September 21 starting at 0930
Sunday, September 22 starting at 0900 (only if signalled)

5.3 Dates of racing:

<i>Race Date</i>	<i>Scheduled 1st Warning Signal</i>	<i>No Warning After</i>
Saturday, September 21	1100	
Sunday, September 22	1000	1500

5.4 Number of races: A maximum of seven races will be sailed.

Saturday

- Après Racing Happy Hour: starting after the boats return from racing
- Dinner and dancing: starting at 1800

Sunday

- Prize Giving: Sunday 1700 or, if signalled after 1000, 10 minutes after flag 'E' and 2 sound signals, whichever is earlier.

6 MEASUREMENT

A boat which does not comply with class rules concerning measurement or does not have a valid measurement certificate may compete, and will not be subject to protest under the rule, if:

- (a) she complies with all other class rules,
- (b) she has not competed in another CSCA-sanctioned counter regatta that year and
- (c) she has not been issued a valid measurement certificate within the past five years, and the captain has signed the "statement of understanding" on the Entry Form.

This changes rule 78.1.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Attachment A to the SSI will be available no later than registration.

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8 VENUE

8.1 [Attachment B](#) shows the location of the regatta harbour and the racing area.

8.2 If conditions prevent holding a race on the lake, the race committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to hold races in the Niagara River.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The course configuration will be windward/leeward consisting of a minimum of three legs, except

9.2 In the event of river races, the best possible course will be chosen.

10 SCORING

10.1 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 (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.

11 BERTHING

Except when engaged in racing activities, boats shall be kept in their assigned place. [DP]

12 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 race committee. [DP]

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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. [DP]

The race committee may be making announcements over the VHF as a courtesy.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

(a) The Homecomers Trophy will be awarded to winner of the regatta.

(b) Keeper trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the top five captains and crews.

(c) There will be lots of prizes for participation, because everyone deserves to get a prize!

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2 million dollars (Canadian currency) or the equivalent.

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17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Regatta Chair Jinnie Gordon at 905-351-9499 or jinnieg@hotmail.com

LAUNCHING & MOORING

Launch and haul-out is at the Shark hoist inside the club. Please follow crane use instructions at the hoist (please pull on the ropes – not the wires!). Trailers shall be stored as directed at launch. Moorings for visiting boats are standard docking and will be assigned at launch. Boats shall use the assigned dock unless written permission to change has been granted by the regatta chair or her authorized representative. Some rafting may be required.

INVITATION

Competitors and their immediate families are invited to use the club facilities during the regatta. There is space available for camping and trailers. Please let the club know in advance if you will be bringing a trailer or recreational vehicle. A limited number of boats will be available for billeting – please contact email jinnieg@hotmail.com by Friday September 21st with your request.