

# Canadian Shark Class Association

## STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2015



*These instructions are sanctioned  
by the Canadian Shark Class  
Association for use at Counter  
Regattas*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** National prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- 1.3** The International Shark Class Association (ISCA) General Class Rules and Specifications will apply.
- 1.4** Racing rule(s) 28.1, 35, 60.1(a), 62.2, 66, 78.1, A2, A4 and A5 will be changed as follows:
- (a) 28.1 - the race committee may award a finishing position to the last boat(s) while she (they) is (are) still racing.
  - (b) 35, A4 and A5 – boats failing to finish 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored DNF.
  - (c) 60.1(a) – some instructions will not be grounds for protest by boats.
  - (d) 62.2 – times for requesting a redress on the last day of racing are modified.
  - (e) 66 – times for reopening a hearing on the last day of racing are modified.
  - (f) 78.1 – under notice of race (NOR) 3.3 boats without a measurement certificate may enter one counter regatta per year.
  - (g) A2 – the score for a disqualification under rule 78.1 shall not be discarded.
  - (h) A4 – boats failing to start within 10 minutes will be scored DNS.
- 1.5** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The location of the official notice board is described in Attachment A.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no less than 1½ hours before the first scheduled start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** The location where signals made ashore will be displayed is described in Attachment A.
- 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

- 5.1** On Saturday the scheduled time of the warning signal is 1100.
- 5.2** On Sunday the scheduled time of the warning signal is 1000.
- 5.3** On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the Shark insignia on a contrasting background.

### 7 RACING AREAS

See Attachment A.

### 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** The diagrams in Attachment B 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.
- 8.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display:
- (a) the course designation,
  - (b) the approximate distance from the start to mark 1 and
  - (c) the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3** When there is a leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 8.4** If one of the leeward gate marks is missing boats shall round the existing leeward mark leaving it to port.

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## 9 MARKS

Marks are described in Attachment A.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Obstructions are described in Attachment A.

## 11 THE START

**11.1** The starting line is described in Attachment A.

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

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

**12.1** 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.

**12.2** If the windward marks (Mark 1 and 1a) are changed they will be replaced by a single mark.

**12.3** If the leeward marks (Mark 2p and 2s) are changed they will be replaced by a single mark.

**12.4** Courses may be shortened at any mark except an offset mark.

**12.5** Courses will not be shortened to less than 3 legs in length. The offset leg is not considered a length of the course for this purpose.

## 13 THE FINISH

**13.1** The finishing line is described in Attachment A.

**13.2** If it is judged by the race committee that a boat, or a few boats, can finish within the time limits (instruction 14.3 below) the race committee may award a finishing position to these boats. The awarding of such score will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 28.1. The scoring abbreviation for an on course finish will be OCF. This changes rule A11.

## 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

**14.1** If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the 45 minutes of the start the race will be abandoned.

**14.2** If no boat sails the course and finishes within 2 hours after the start the race will be abandoned.

**14.3** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be

scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

**15.1** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the time limit.

**15.2** The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the signal boat signals her return to her mooring.

**15.3** The protest time limit will be posted no less than 30 minutes before it expires.

**15.4** Notices will be posted no later than 10 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, (see Attachment A for the location) at, beginning at the time posted.

**15.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

**15.6** Breaches of rule 55 and instructions 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

**15.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

**15.8** 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 a decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## 16 SCORING

**16.1** 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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**16.2** (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.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**17.1** 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.

**17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

**18.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 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 a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20 EVENT ADVERTISING**

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as described in Attachment A.

## **21 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked as described in Attachment A.

## **22 SUPPORT BOATS**

**22.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats

are racing from the time the boat leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until all boats have been cleared from inspections.

## **23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Unless directed by the race committee boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **24 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **25 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**25.1** 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.

**25.2** The race committee may communicate information on VHF 72. Failure to make these communications or the sequence in which they are made shall not be ground for redress.

## **26 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as described in Attachment A.

## **27 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.

## **28 INSURANCE**

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

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## ATTACHMENT B

Wind

Start      Finish

**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

Wind

Start

**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

### All Courses

Mark 2 may be left on either side on the first windward leg.

Except when a course is shortened, for an upwind finish Marks 1 and 1a may be left on either side on the finishing leg.

Except when a course is shortened, for a downwind finish Marks 2p/2s may be left on either side on the finishing leg.