

Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club

Homecomers September 23 & 24, 2006 Notice of Race



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

You are cordially invited to attend the Shark Homecomers Regatta, being held at Niagara-on-the-lake Sailing Club, September 23 & 24, 2006. This is a counter regatta for the Canadian Shark Class Association (CSCA) Shark of the Year.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club is located on Melville Street in the historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario ([Link to Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club](#)). Racing will take place on Lake Ontario, to the North-East of the mouth of the Niagara River. If the conditions on the lake are extremely rough, races may be held in the Niagara River.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 - 2008 (RRS) with the prescriptions of the CYA, the International Shark Class Association (ISCA) General Class Rules and Specifications, and this Notice of Race, except as these are altered by the Sailing Instructions; and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The regatta is designated category "A" under RRS Regulation 20.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 The regatta is open to Shark class sailboats.
- 2.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 75.1, a boat must be entered by a member in good standing of a Shark class national association, and that person must be the "person in charge" (RRS 46).
- 2.3 RRS 78.1 is modified so that 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) it complies with all other class rules,
 - b) it has not competed in another CSCA-sanctioned counter regatta that year,
 - c) it has not been issued a valid measurement certificate within the past five years, and
 - d) the person in charge has signed the "statement of understanding" on the Entry Form.
- 2.4 A boat may not protest another boat for allegedly breaking rule 75.2 with respect to ISAF regulation 21.1(b). This changes rule 60.1(a).

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1 17:00 hrs – 21:00 hrs Friday: Registration, BeerBQ, at the A-frame (bring your swimsuits for the hot-tub!)
- 9:00 hrs – 10:00 hrs Saturday: Registration
- 10:00 hrs Saturday: Skippers' Meeting at the A-frame
- 11:00 hrs Saturday: Warning Gun, 1st Race
- 18:30 hrs Dinner at the Main clubhouse, followed by live band(and beer)
- 10:00 hrs Sunday: Warning Gun, 1st Race
- 17:00 hrs Sunday: awards
- 3.2 A maximum of six races will be sailed over the two days.
- 3.3 No warning signal will be made after 16:00 on Saturday and 15:00 on Sunday.

4. LAUNCHING & MOORING

- 4.1 Launch and haul-out is at the Shark hoist inside the club. Please follow crane use instructions at the hoist. Trailers must be stored as directed at launch. Moorings for visiting boats are standard docking and will be assigned at launch. Some rafting may be required.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Registration will take place from 17:00 to 21:00 on Friday, September 22, and from 9:00 to 10:00 on Saturday, September 23.
- 5.2 The registration fee is \$110.00. This includes three awesome half chicken dinners, and all the beer you can drink (until the kegs run dry). Additional dinner tickets can be purchased for \$15 each at registration. This year's regalia are black, full zip, hooded sweatshirts (very stylish) and will be available for purchase through-out the week-end at the low low price of \$45.

We will accept cash, cheque or Visa or MasterCard.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted at the A-frame, with copies available for competitors at registration.

7. SCORING

- 7.1 RRS Appendix A2 is modified so that a boat's worst score will be discarded if five or more races are completed.
- 7.2 A minimum of 2 races is required to constitute a regatta.

8. CREW SUBSTITUTIONS

- 8.1 Substitution of crew during the regatta must be approved by the regatta or protest committee chairperson.

9. PRIZES & TROPHIES

- 9.1 The winner of the regatta will be presented with the Homecomers Trophy. Keeper trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews. The top placing Niagara boat will receive the Niagara Homecomers award. There will be lots of prizes for participation.

10. INVITATION

- 10.1 Competitors and their immediate families may 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 RV.

11. CONTACT

- 11.1 Need more information? Contact: Regatta Chair Jinnie Gordon at 905-468-9699 or cell # 905-351-9499.