

The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

Golden Horseshoe Regatta

July 25 - 26, 2009
Notice of Race



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

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority for this regatta is the International Shark Class Association (ISCA) in conjunction with the Canadian Shark Class Association (CSCA) and The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (RHYC).

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS)
- 2.2 The following prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) will apply: 61.2, 68, and the Preamble to Appendix F.
- 2.3 The International Shark Class Association (ISCA) General Class Rules and Specifications will apply.
- 2.4 Canada Shipping Act Small Vessel Regulation #16.03 (required safety equipment) will apply. (See Appendix A.)
- 2.5 RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G will not be in effect.
- 2.6 Sailing Instructions will be distributed at registration.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A.
- 3.2 ISAF Regulation 20.3(d)(i) shall apply.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The regatta is open only to Shark class sailboats that have a valid measurement certificate and have the current year's Class Association sticker affixed to the boat.
- 4.2 A boat which does not comply with class rules concerning measurement or have a valid measurement certificate may compete if:
 - 4.2.1 It complies with all class rules.
 - 4.2.2 It has not competed in another CSCA sanctioned counter regatta this year.

- 4.2.3 It has not been issued a valid measurement certificate within the past five years.
- 4.2.4 The person in charge has signed the “statement of understanding” on the Entry Form.
- 4.3 All competitors shall have ISAF eligibility.
- 4.4 Each boat's "person in charge" shall be a full member of ISCA.
- 4.5 Crew
 - 4.5.1 Each boat shall carry at least three persons.
 - 4.5.2 The "person in charge" must be identified at the time of registration.
 - 4.5.3 All crew must be identified at time of registration.
 - 4.5.3.1 Alternate crew may be designated for specified days of the regatta, provided all eligibility rules are met.
 - 4.5.3.2 Crew substitutions after registration shall be requested by written submission to the Regatta Headquarters for approval by the Jury.
- 4.6 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 measurer to proceed immediately to the area designated for inspection. Measurement checks may be made throughout the regatta on the instructions of the jury. Boats informed of a required measurement check shall not have contact or communication with any other boats, nor make any adjustment to the boat until released by the measurement committee. When a measurer for an event decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, he shall report the matter in writing to the race committee, which shall protest the boat. Penalties for breaches of measurement rules may be less than disqualification, if the jury so decides.

5. ENTRY

- 5.1 Eligible boats may register by bringing a completed registration form, together with the registration fee, to the Registration between 1800h – 2100h, Friday, July 24, 2009, and between 0800h – 0930h, Saturday, July 25, 2009.

6. FEES

- 6.1 Required registration fee is CDN\$110.00.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration will open at 1800h July 24, 2009, at the RHYC Registration Desk. Registration will be open until 0930, Saturday, July 25, 2009.
- 7.2 The Skippers Meeting will be held at 0930, Saturday, July 25, 2009.
- 7.3 Racing will occur on July 25th, 2009, and July 26, 2009:
 - 7.3.1 Warning signal for the first race on Saturday, July 25th: 1100h.

- 7.3.2 Warning signal for the first race on Sunday, July 26, 2009: 1000h.
- 7.3.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500h on Sunday, July 26, 2009.
- 7.3.4 Awards will be presented as soon as possible after racing on Sunday, July 26, 2009.

8. VENUE

- 8.1 The race course will be laid in the centre of Hamilton Harbour, to the east of the clubhouse.
- 8.2 Canadian Hydrographic Service nautical chart 2067 shows the location of the Hamilton Harbour racing area.

9. RACING

- 9.1 A maximum of seven (7) races are scheduled.
- 9.2 Course races:
 - 9.2.1 Course configuration will be windward/leeward consisting of a minimum of three 3 legs.
 - 9.2.2 The course length will be set with a target completion time of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Participating boats may be wholly or partially re-measured, including boat, equipment, and sails, at any point during the regatta. Any deviations from the rules found will result in the boat being scored DSQ for that days racing, and prevent the boat from participating until after further measurement confirms compliance with class rules.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The low point scoring system shall be used.
- 11.2 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. If fewer than two races are completed, the championship shall be null and void.
- 11.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. BERTHING

- 12.1 Boats shall be kept within their assigned places in RHYC's mooring area.

13. LAUNCHING & HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 Launch and haul-out is at the electric crane at the water's edge in the parking lot to the west of the clubhouse.

13.2 All boats shall be launched by 1000h on Saturday, July 25, 2009.

13.3 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission from the jury.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

14.1 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.

15. 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.

16. PRIZES

16.1 The winner of the regatta will be presented with the Golden Horseshoe trophy. Keeper trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews.

17. 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.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of two (2) million dollars coverage.

19. CONTACT INFORMATION

19.1 For further information:

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