

**Homecomers Regatta**  
*September 25 & 26, 2021*  
**Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club**  
**10 Melville St, Box 1007**  
**Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, Canada**



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

**Notice of Race (NoR) REVISION 1**

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 National prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply. These can be found at [RRS 2021-2024 Sail Canada Prescriptions](#)
- 1.3 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 1.4 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

**2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions will be available at [Yacht Scoring](#) no later than the start of registration.

**3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at [Yacht Scoring](#).
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 69, 71, 72 and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI supplement.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Shark 24 class.
- 4.2 And either:
  - (a) the person in charge shall be a full member of CSCA, or
  - (b) provided this is the first CSCA-sanctioned event that the crew is entering in 2021, all crewmembers shall be associate members of CSCA.

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- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at [Yacht Scoring](#).
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:
- (a) The early entry fee until September 14 is \$165;
  - (b) The standard fee is \$175.
  - (c) If every crewmember is 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](mailto:jinnieg@hotmail.com) prior to September 18 to take advantage of this offer.
  - (d) The fees will be adjusted if required by COVID-19 restrictions.
- 5.2 Other fees:
- (a) Additional dinner tickets are \$30 each.

## 6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 deleted

## 7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration at the A-Frame:

Date	From	To
Friday, September 24	1800	2100
Saturday, September 25	0900	0930

- 7.2 Competitors' information meeting at the A-Frame:

Date	Starting at
Saturday, September 25	0930
Sunday, September 26	0900 (only if signalled)

- 7.3 Dates of racing:

Date
Saturday, September 25
Sunday, September 26

- 7.4 Number of races:

Maximum Number	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
7	6	6

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- 7.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on the first day of racing is 1100.
- 7.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on subsequent days of racing is 1000.
- 7.7 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

### **8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate. However a boat may race without a valid measurement certificate provided:
  - (a) it complies with all other class rules,
  - (b) it has not competed in another CSCA-sanctioned counter regatta in this calendar year,
  - (c) it has not been issued a valid measurement certificate within the past five years and
  - (d) the person in charge has signed a "statement of understanding" in the entry form.This changes RRS 78.1.

- 8.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

### **9 VENUE**

- 9.1 NoR Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas. The racing area to be used will be stated in the SI supplement.
- 9.2 Venue: See the *Additional Information* section following Addendum A.

### **10 COURSES**

- 10.1 The course diagrams (L, LA, W and WA) in RRS S 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.

### **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 Series score:
  - (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.
- 11.3 RRS A5.3 applies.

### **12 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

- 12.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

### **13 BERTHING**

- 13.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

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## 14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## 15 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
- 15.2 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

## 16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 17 INSURANCE

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

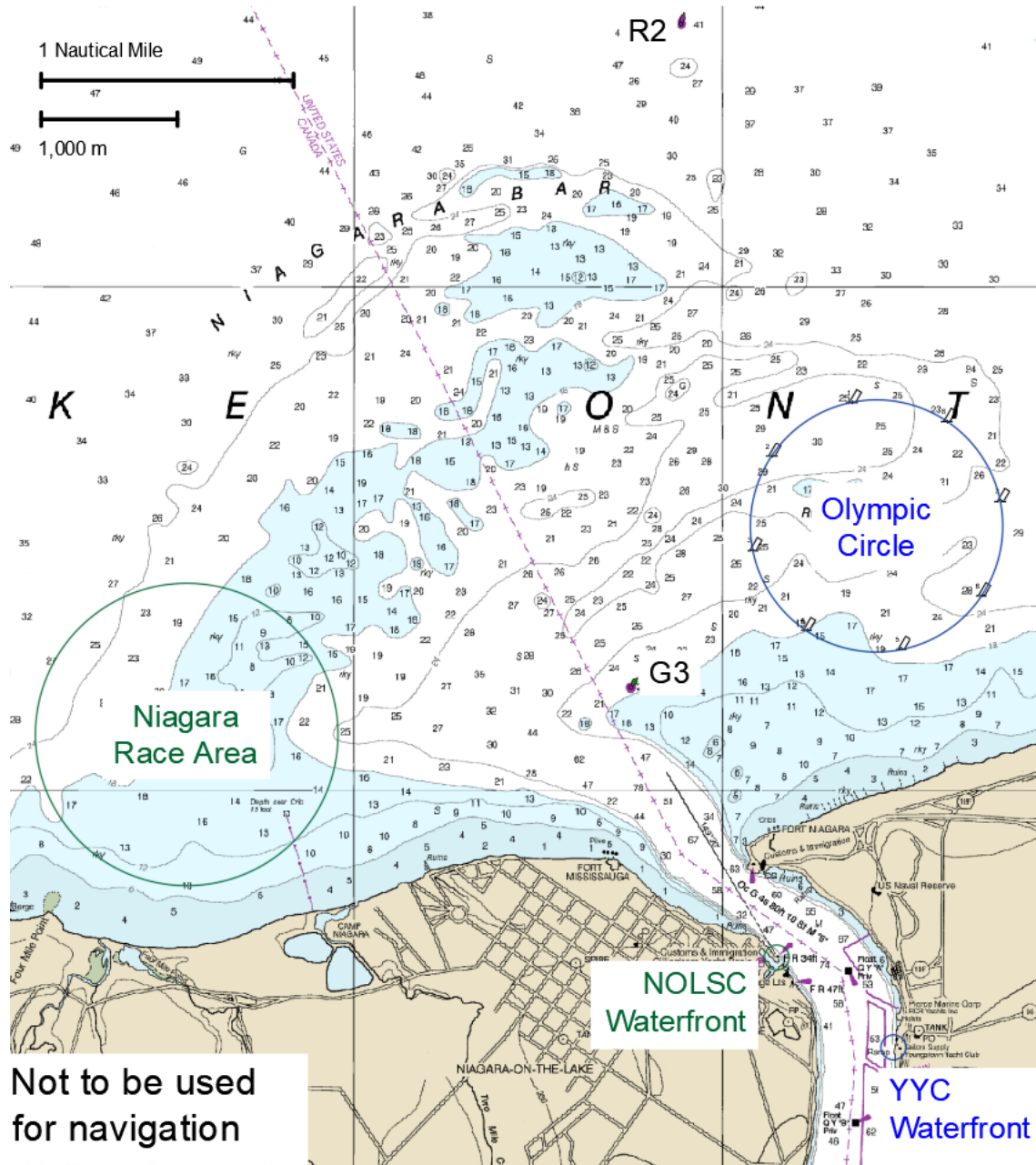
## 18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
- (a) The Homecomers Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta.
  - (b) Keeper prizes will be awarded to the captains and crew of the first five boats.

## 19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 For further information please contact [jinnieg@hotmail.com](mailto:jinnieg@hotmail.com)

## Addendum A: Racing Areas



# **Additional Information**

## **ARRIVAL AND RIGGING**

Trailers may be dropped, and boats may be rigged, on the club property in locations which won't interfere with activities of NOLSC members.

## **LAUNCHING AND 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 or the control pendant box) – there will be someone there to help you. Boats shall use the assigned dock given to them at launch, for the duration of the event, unless written permission to change has been granted by the regatta chair or her authorized representative. Some rafting may be required. Trailers shall be stored as directed at launch.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

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 by emailing the office directly via email at [nolsc@niagarasailing.on.ca](mailto:nolsc@niagarasailing.on.ca) . Due to safety protocols, we will be unable to offer billet boats this year.

## **SOCIAL SCHEDULE** (if COVID-19 restrictions permit)

BeerBQ (on the deck of the A-frame): Friday, September 24 from 1800 to 2100

Après Racing Happy Hour (on the deck of the A-frame): Saturday, September 25 - starting after the boats return from racing

Dinner and Entertainment (location TBD): Saturday, September 25 – 1800 (the exact nature of how dinner will be provided may vary based on necessary COVID-19 restrictions)

Prize Giving: Sunday, September 26 – 1700 or, if signaled after 1000, 10 minutes after signal flag 'E' and 2 sounds, whichever is earlier (so keep your ears open while you are packing up your boats!).

## **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:**

Masks must be worn inside all buildings within the Niagara on the Lake Sailing Club property, including clubhouses and washrooms, by competitors and their guests. If meals are provided in indoor spaces, you will be required to wear a mask unless seated at a table.

Please make sure any used masks or personal items are disposed of appropriately in one of the many garbage receptacles on the property. Club facilities will be cleaned multiple times throughout each day, please do your part to maintain a safe and healthy space.

Competitors and guests are expected to adhere to social distancing guidelines in place as of the date of the event. Please be courteous and kind to others, and make no assumptions about the amount of space they may or may not require!

In the event that COVID-19 restrictions prohibit NOLSC from hosting Homecomers 2021 – registration fees will be refunded less a reasonable administration fee (amount will be determined by our payment platform processing fees).