

YOUNGSTOWN
YACHT CLUB
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
SAILING CLUB



The organizing authority is the host club
(see the Race Schedule, Attachment A)

**2018 Shark Class Sailing Instructions
For the Ravine Vineyard, Clan MacLeod,
and Great Laker Series**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2 National prescriptions of the Sail Canada will apply.
- 1.3 The International Shark Class Association General Class Rules and Specifications will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the north end of the clubhouse on the Junior Sailing windows.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors will be distributed by email to all competitors who have registered their email addresses with the race committee. Failure to email changes will not be grounds for redress.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole nearest to the riverfront at the Niagara on the Lake Sailing Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Ravine Vineyard Series: May 30, June 6, 13, 20 & 27.
- 5.2 Clan MacLeod Series: July 4, 11, 18 & 25.
- 5.3 Great Laker Series: August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is: 1840.
- 5.5 Two races are scheduled each evening.
- 5.6 No warning signal will be made after 1950.
- 5.7 These instructions do not apply to the Brox Company Series. The Brox Company Series will use the YYC NOLSC Sailing Instructions.

6 CLASS FLAGS

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

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The diagram in Attachment A show the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 No later than one minute prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will announce the approximate bearing and distance to the windward mark on VHF Ch 71.

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7.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel shall display the approximate bearing to the windward mark.

8 MARKS

8.1 Mark A will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.

8.2 Mark B will be an orange ball.

8.3 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal vessel at one end and Mark B at the other end.

9 THE START

9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a blue RC flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end, and Mark B at the port end.

9.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

10.2 The course change will be verbally announced on VHF 71. This changes RRS 33.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue RC flag on the signal vessel at the port end, and Mark B at the starboard end.

11.2 If the race committee signal vessel is not on station at the finish, each boat should record her finishing position relative to boats around her. This information should be furnished to the Race Committee as soon as practical after the race.

11.3 If it is judged by the race committee that a boat, or a few boats, can finish within the finishing window (instruction 12.4 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 RRS 28.1.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 If no boat has passed Mark A within 20 minutes after the start the race will be abandoned.

12.2 The time limit for the first race of the evening will be 90 minutes.

12.3 The time limit for the second race of the evening will be 60 minutes.

12.4 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available at the NOLSC main office during business hours or may be downloaded from : http://www.sailing.ca/files/Sail_Canada_protest_form_2013.pdf.

13.2 The protest time limit is 1200 on the day following the race to which the protest pertains.

13.3 Protests shall be hand-delivered to protest chair Norm Behring or shall be filed by e-mail with the word "PROTEST" in uppercase in the subject line, to nbehring@sympatico.ca.

13.4 Arrangements for protest hearings will be made by the protest chair via email. Unless other arrangements have been made, hearings will be held in the NOLSC boardroom.

14 SCORING

14.1 When fewer than six races in any series have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.2 When more than six races in any series have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14.3 The score for races missed by a boat while she is competing in the Shark World Championships and/or Women's Keel Boat Championship will be points as described in RRS A10 (a). The scores of other boats will not be changed.

14.4 When two races are held on a Wednesday night the first race will be used for scoring the club championship.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

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16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 16.2** The race committee will communicate information on VHF 71. Failure to make these communications or the sequence in which they are made shall not be ground for redress.

17 PRIZES

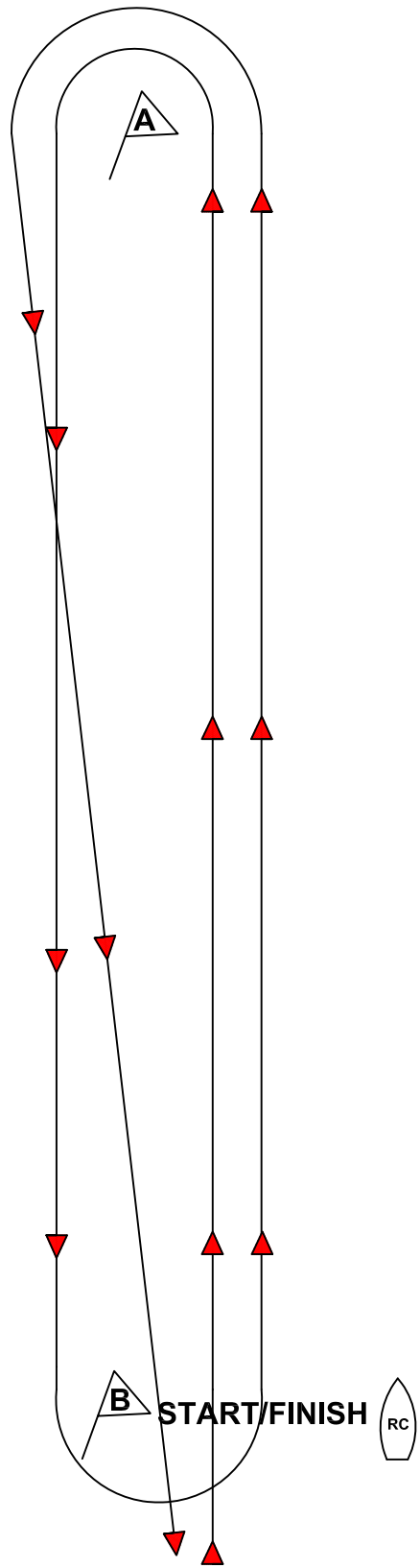
A prize will be awarded to the top 3 boats in each class.

14.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the races 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.

15.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate third-party liability insurance



Attachment A

**Shark Class Course
Configuration 2018**

**Ravine Vineyard Series
Clan MacLeod Series
Great Laker Series**