

Dunkirk Yacht Club

US Shark Championship

August 14-15, 2010

Sailing Instructions



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



1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012 (RRS) with the prescriptions of US SAILING, the International Shark Class Association (ISCA) General Class Rules and Specifications, and the Notice of Race, except as these are altered by the Sailing Instructions; and these Sailing Instructions.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 The regatta is open to Shark class sailboats.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the on the west wall of the clubhouse on the white board.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted a minimum of one and one-half 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 21:00 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be signaled on the flagpole next to the clubhouse.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after the AP is lowered.
- 5.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 A maximum of six races will be sailed over the two days.
- 6.2 The warning signal for the first race of the day will be at 10:30 on Saturday and 10:00 on Sunday.
- 6.3 On the first day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 16:30 hours. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14:00 hours.

7. COMPETITORS' MEETING

- 7.1 A Competitors' Meeting will be held at 9:00 on Saturday in the clubhouse.

8. CLASS FLAG

8.1 The class flag will be a white flag with the shark class insignia in blue on it.

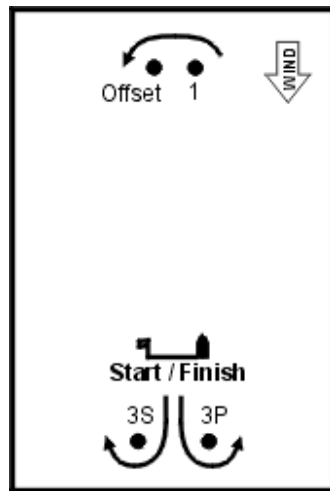
9. RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be approximately 1.5 nautical miles due north of the west end of the outer break wall. Any change due to wind conditions will be announced at the competitors' meeting.

9.2 The distance from the harbor entrance to the center of the racing area is approximately 1.5 nautical miles.

10. COURSES & MARKS

10.1 Course layout is shown below. The race committee will attempt to set a course where it takes about 30 minutes to sail from the Start to Mark 1.



*Start - 1 - offset - 3 -
1 - offset - Finish*

This is a windward/leeward course with a finish to leeward.

Mark 1 and the offset are left to port. Mark 3 is a gate.

10.2 If Mark 3 is a gate, boats shall sail between 3S and 3P from the direction of the last mark and round either 3S to starboard or 3P to port. If an offset mark is used, it is not considered a mark for the purposes of SI 10.4 below, and the distance between it and Mark 1 is not a leg of the course for the purposes of SI 14.5.

10.3 Start and finish marks will be orange cylinders and the blue RC flag on the Race Committee boat.

10.4 Course marks will be large orange tetrahedrons.

10.5 An inner distance mark ("spacer mark") if used, it will be a small orange tetrahedron.

11 CHECKING IN

- 11.1 Before the warning signal of her first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the committee boat, hail her sail number, and be acknowledged by a member of the race committee. A boat failing to do so may be scored DNS.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between the RC flag on the port stern of the Race Committee boat and the mark at the port end of the line.
- 12.3 An inner distance mark (“spacer mark”) may be set off the stern of the committee boat at the starting line. This mark is considered an extension of the committee boat and as such is a starting mark for the purposes of RRS 18 & 19. Also, boats shall not pass between this mark and the committee boat when approaching the line to start.
- 12.4 A boat may not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

13. RECALLS & STARTING PENALTIES

- 13.1 Following a general recall, rule 30.1 will apply to all restarts of that race. Rule 30.1 is modified such that code flag “T” does not have to be displayed. This does not restrict the race committee from applying RRS 30.3.
- 13.2 RRS 30.2 is deleted.
- 13.3 The race committee will attempt to hail the sail number of each boat that has broken RRS 29.1 or 30.1; however not being hailed, not hearing a hail, or a late hail will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

14. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START & SHORTENING COURSE

- 14.1 RRS 33 is modified so that compass bearings and change of length may not be displayed.
- 14.2 A change of course may be signaled before the new mark is in position.
- 14.3 Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be moved to maintain the course layout.
- 14.4 The course may be shortened at any mark. The race committee will signal the shortened course (code flag “S” with a repeating sound) from a boat stationed near a mark, and do so before the leading boat begins the final leg.
- 14.5 A course shall not be shortened to less than 3-legs in length.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line will be between the RC flag on the Race Committee boat and the large orange cylinder at the port end of the finish line.
- 15.2 The race committee may award a finishing position to the last boat after all other boats have finished or retired.
- 15.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 RRS 44.3 is deleted. There is no scoring penalty.

17. TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 If two hours after the start the first boat has not finished, the race will be abandoned.
- 17.2 RRS 35 is modified so that a boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat has finished is scored DNF.
- 17.3 If 45 minutes after the start the first boat has not rounded Mark 1, the race will be abandoned.

18. PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protests shall be written on protest forms available from the committee boat and delivered to the committee boat within protest time, which will last one hour and begin on the return of the committee boat to its slip.
- 18.2 The location and times of protest hearings will be posted on the notice board on the west wall of the clubhouse.
- 18.3 Protests will be heard in approximate order of receipt, as soon as possible.

19. SCORING

- 19.1 The low point scoring system, (RRS Appendix A4) will be used.
- 19.2 RRS Appendix A2 is modified so that the score for a disqualification under RRS 78.1 shall not be discarded.
- 19.3 A minimum of 2 races is required to constitute a regatta.
- 19.4 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.5 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. RRS Appendix A2 is modified so that a boat's worst score will be discarded if 5 or more races are completed.

20. MEASUREMENT

- 20.1 All boats will be subject to random weighing and inspection by a designated regatta representative to confirm compliance with the General Class Rules and Specification. All boats will be required to have available a lifting apparatus suitable for lifting the boat on the class scale.
- 20.2 Upon notification by the Race Committee or a representative of the organizing authority that a yacht will be subject to random weighing and inspection, the yacht shall report directly to the designated area and await instructions. No equipment, gear or other material shall be unloaded or loaded on the boat until inspection is complete except under the direction of the measuring representative.
- 20.3 In the event that a yacht is found to not comply with minimum weight requirements, does not have required correctors or equipment required to be in specified locations will be disqualified from all races sailed that day, upon notification of the Race Committee, without protest. Rule 78.3 of the RRS is modified by the addition of the foregoing. A yacht so disqualified may apply for redress pursuant to Rule 62.1 (a).

21. HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1 A boat is not permitted to haul out after the warning signal for its first race and before completion of the regatta without the approval of the regatta or protest committee chairperson, or to comply with measurement checks.

22. OUTSIDE HELP

- 22.1 A boat shall neither send nor receive radio transmissions or other forms of electronic communications while racing, except in an emergency or as allowed under these sailing instructions.
- 22.2 A boat shall receive no assistance from a support boat after leaving her mooring for the first race each day until she returns.

23. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 23.1 Official boats will be marked as follows: The Race Committee boat shall fly a blue RC flag with white letters. The Mark Boat shall fly a yellow flag.

24. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 24.1 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 regatta.

25. CREW SUBSTITUTIONS

- 25.1 Substitution of crew during the regatta must be approved in writing by the regatta or protest committee chairperson.
- 25.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

26. INSPECTIONS

- 26.1 Random inspections may be made during the regatta for compliance with class rules. All boats must be equipped for lifting with a lifting harness. Each competitor must supply their own lifting harness.

27. PRIZES

- 27.1 The winner of the regatta will be presented with the US Shark Championship Trophy. This will be a rotating trophy and will remain at the Dunkirk Yacht Club.
- 27.2 Keeper trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews.
- 27.3 The CSCA may also award prizes to competitors finishing in the positions of their choosing.

28. 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.

29. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with sufficient and valid third-party liability insurance.

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