

Homecomers Regatta 2026

September 26 to 27



**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)

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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 [RRS 2025-2028 Sail Canada Prescriptions](#) will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be available at <https://niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com/racing>.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The official notice board is located at <https://niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com/racing>.
- 4.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI supplement, but they will be one of 69, 71, 72 and 73.
- 4.3 [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.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The event is open to all boats of the Shark 24 class where either:
 - (a) the person in charge is a full member of the Canadian Shark Class Association (CSCA), or
 - (b) if this is the first CSCA-sanctioned event that the crew without an owner is entering in 2024, all crewmembers shall be associate members of CSCA.



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- 5.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com/racing>.
- 5.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall:
- (a) complete the registration form,
 - (b) register all crewmembers, and
 - (c) pay all fees.

6 FEES

- 6.1 The entry fees which include 3 dinner tickets are as follows:
- (a) the early entry fee until September 19 at 0200 is \$195,
 - (b) the standard entry fee is \$220.
- 6.2 if every crewmember is under the age of 25 years, CSCA will reimburse the entry fee provided they have not claimed more than two incentives at other regattas in this calendar year. Please contact <https://shark24.ca/contact-us/> to request the reimbursement.
- 6.3 Other Fees: Additional dinner tickets are \$35 each.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration at the A-Frame:

Date	From	To
Friday, September 25	1800	2100
Saturday, September 26	0900	0930

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

Date	Starting at
Saturday, September 26	0930
Sunday, September 27	0900 (only if signalled)

- 7.3 Dates of racing:

Date
Saturday, September 26
Sunday, September 27

- 7.4 Number of races

Maximum Number	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per Day Maximum
7	4	6

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



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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" available on the Documents & Forms page at: <https://niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com/racing>.
- This changes RRS 78.1.
- 8.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 9.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

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.

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.



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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 [DP] 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, and
 - (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 Rod Gardner rdrcckgar@aol.com, or Rob Vanderperk at robvanderperk@yahoo.com.

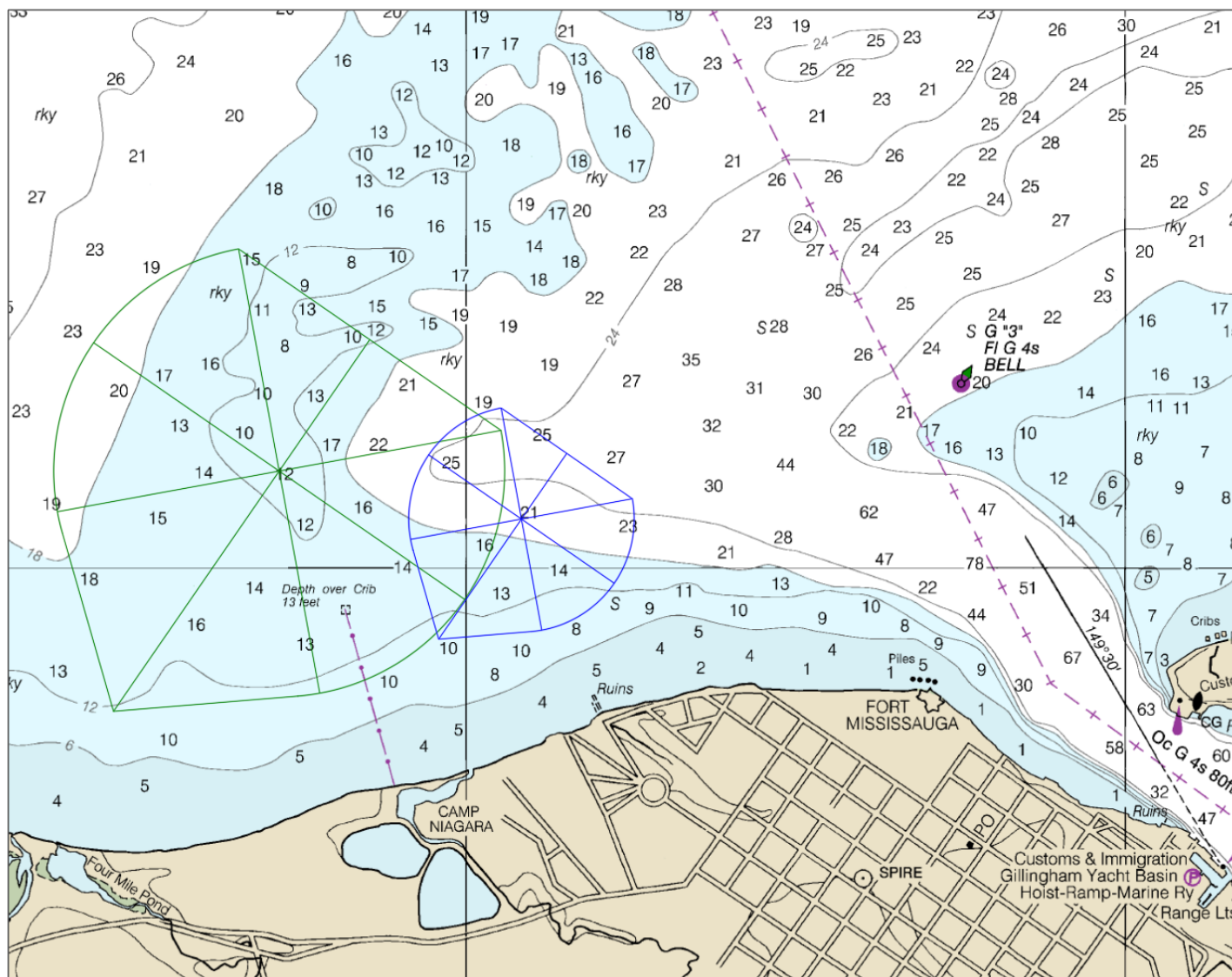


Homecomers NoR Addendum A: Venue Plan





Homecomers NoR Addendum B: Racing Area



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 or staff.

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 his 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

SOCIAL SCHEDULE

BeerBQ (on the deck of the A-frame): Friday, September 25 from 1800 to 2100

Après Racing Happy Hour (on the deck of the A-frame): Saturday, September 26 - starting after the boats return from racing.

Dinner and Entertainment (location TBD): Saturday, September 26 – 1800

Prize Giving: Sunday, September 27 – 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!).