

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be made available at registration on the official notice board located on the patio wall at the east end of the main club building and on www.rhyc.ca.
3. The regatta will be sailed in the International Shark 24 Class.
4. The International Shark Class Association (ISCA) rules will apply - https://shark24.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019_cscs_ssi.pdf?x73221
1. Deleting Appendix 1 section 5(b), "Helmsmen or skippers in World, Continental and National Championships shall be full members of the ISCA." for the duration of the event.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all Shark24 keelboats meeting the requirements for a measurement certificate.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering on-line (www.rhyc.ca) or by submitting registration information together with the required fee, to Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (RHYC). A signed waiver form must be received prior to the close of registration. Competitors, under the age of 18, require a parent or guardian (the term 'guardian' is extended to include a coach or chaperone travelling with the competitor) to sign the waiver form.
- 2.3 Must be a member of a club that complies with RRS 75.
- 2.4 All competitors to be women or identify with RHYC inclusion policy.
<https://www.rhyc.ca/rhyc-policies>

3. REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 3.1 Boats can register on-line at www.rhyc.ca. Online registration is available after March 07, 2026. Paper registration forms will also be available at RHYC.
- 3.2 Boats can register for either NFS or FS (nonflying sails or flying sails)
- 3.2 Required fees are \$135 per boat (tax included).

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration:
Friday, August 07 1800-1930hrs
Saturday, August 08 0830 to 0930hrs
- 4.2 Dates of racing:
Saturday, August 08 - Racing
Sunday, August 09 - Racing
- 4.3 A participants meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 08 at 0930hrs
- 4.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1100 hrs. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday is 1030 hrs.
- 4.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430hrs.
- 4.6 Number of races: No more than 10 races shall be sailed. 1 or more races constitute a series.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted online (www.rhyc.ca). Copies will be available after 0800 on Saturday August 8, 2026 at the registration desk.

6. THE VENUE

6.1 The regatta is hosted by the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. Racing will take place on Hamilton Harbour.

7. THE COURSES

7.1 The courses to be sailed will appear in the sailing instructions as selected from Appendix S.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rules 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the protest desk within the protest time limit.

9. SCORING

9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 9.2(a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. BERTHING

10.1 Support boats will be assigned a berth or mooring area for the duration of the regatta. Such berth or mooring is subject to the terms and conditions for all boats using RHYC controlled facilities. [DP]

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1 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]

12. PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be given to boats placing first, second and third and additional awards at the discretion of the OA.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 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.

14. INSURANCE

14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per incident or the equivalent.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 Regatta Info: womensannualregatta@gmail.com Registration Info: registration@rhyc.ca

15.2 Contact: Royal Hamilton Yacht Club,
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