

2026 Hal Ebert Memorial Western Championship

Aug. 1st & 2nd,
South Port Sailing Club
Tecumseh, Ontario



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



Notice of Race (NoR)

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 available at https://www.sailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Sail-Canada-Prescriptions-to-the-RRS-2025-2028_revfinal.pdf will apply.
- 1.3 Rule 90.3 (e) will apply except that '24 hours' is replaced by '2 hours'.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50774> no later than the start of registration.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50774>.
- 3.2 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 68 - 72.
- 3.3 [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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Shark 24 class where either:

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- (a) the person in charge is a full member of the Canadian Shark Class Association (CSCA).
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50774> .
- 4.3 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.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fees are as follows:
- (a) the early entry fee until June 1st is \$160,
 - (b) the standard entry fee is \$200,
 - (c) Fees payable through Yachtscoring.com
 - (d) if the combined crewmember age is under 75 and no crew member exceeds 28 years of age and the person in charge is a full member of CSCA, then the crew is to pay the host club directly and apply to CSCA for reimbursement of registration fees on completion of the regatta.
 - (e) Included with registration fee will be Saturday/Sunday breakfast and Saturday dinner for competitors.
- 5.2 Other Fees:
- (a) additional tickets for the Saturday evening BBQ Social and Saturday and Sunday breakfasts will be available at the time of registration for \$40 each.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration:

Date	From	To
July 31 st	1700	2100
Aug. 1 st	0800	0930

6.2 Competitors' information meeting:

Date	Starting at
Aug. 1 st	0930

6.3 Dates of racing

Date
Aug. 1 st
Aug. 2 nd

6.4 Number of races

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

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

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 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 at:
<https://shark24.ca/resources/downloads/>
- This changes RRS 78.1.
- 7.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 NoR Addendum A shows a plan of the event venue.
- 8.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 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.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 2 races are required to be scored to constitute a series.
- 10.2 Series Score:
 - (a) When fewer than 5 races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When 5 or more races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.3 RRS A5.3 applies.

11 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 11.1 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.

12 BERTHING

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

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 [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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14 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 14.1 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 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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.**

16 INSURANCE

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

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
- (a) the Hal Ebert Memorial Western Championship 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.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For further information please contact Darcy Fuller.



