

YOUNGSTOWN YACHT CLUB

and

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE SAILING CLUB

The organizing authority is the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club.



2025 Shark Sailing Instructions

For the Practice Race, Ravine Vineyard, Clan MacLeod Series, Great Laker and Brox Company 1812 Series'

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1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by a verbal announcement on VHF radio channel 71.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at https://niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com/racing.
- 2.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be made at flagpole nearest the NOLSC riverfront.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The dates of racing are Wednesdays
 - (a) Practice race: May 21.
 - (b) Ravine Vineyard Series: May 28, June 4, 11, 18 and 25.
 - (c) Clan MacLeod Series: July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.
 - (d) Great Laker Series: August 6, 13, 20 and 27.
 - (e) Brox Company 1812 Series: September 3, 10 and 17.
- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class is:

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- (a) 1840 for events 4.1 (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, and
- (b) 1830 for the Brox Company 1812 Series.
- 4.3 Two races are scheduled to be run each day.
- 4.4 No warning signal will be made after 1950.

5 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag is Numeral pennant 1 or a flag displaying a shark

6 RACING AREA

The races will be held in the Niagara Race Area.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum A 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.
- 7.2 No course will be displayed if the course in SI Addendum A will be used. Otherwise no later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the marks in the sequence in which they are to be rounded.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Mark 1 is a red inflatable ball.
- 8.2 Mark 2 is a white inflatable ball.
- 8.3 The starting and finishing marks are the race committee signal vessel and mark 2.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line is a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 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 A5.1 and A5.2.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

A course change will be announced verbally on VHF channel 71. This changes RRS 33.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line is a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 11.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, the boat should report her finishing time and her position relative to nearby racing boats to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The time limit is 2 hours after the class starting time.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 2 hours and 30 minutes after the starting time will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

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13 SCORING

13.1 A boat which misses a race because its crew is the race committee for that race will be scored points equal to the average, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all the races in the series except the race in question.

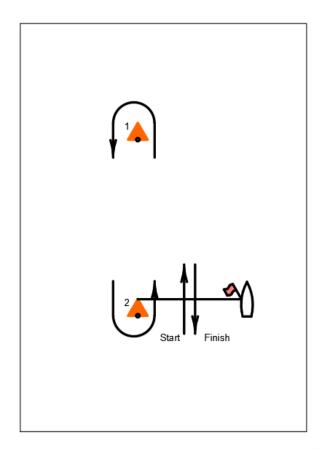
14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 1200 on the day following the race.
- 14.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at https://niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com/pdf/nolsc_vyc_hearing_request_form.docx
- 14.3 Protests shall be filed by email to Andrew Durward at: adurward@cogeco.ca
- 14.4 Notices will be posted no later than 72 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

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Signal	Mark Rounding Order
none	Start-1-2-1-Finish

Course M

The start, each rounding mark and the finish will be indicated on a course board or white marker board. Rounding marks shall be left to the port side unless otherwise indicated by either a green background or as written on the white board.