



2026 Shark 24 World Championship



Organizing authority: Bay of Quinte Yacht Club (BQYC) and sanctioned by the International Shark Class Association (ISCA) and World Sailing (WS)

June 26 – July 3, Race Days June 28 – July 2, 2026



Bay of Quinte Yacht Club
Belleville, Ontario, Canada



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.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Sail Canada Prescriptions will apply and are available at <https://www.sailing.ca/rules-prescriptions/>
- 1.3 Constitution, Rules, and Specifications of the International Shark Class Association will apply. These can be found at <https://shark24.org>.
- 1.4 International Shark Class Association, General Class Rules and Specifications, Rule 9.6 b) will apply. "A yacht shall register (measure) for this event, a sail inventory not to exceed 1 mainsail, 3 headsails and 2 spinnakers. These sails shall be distinctively marked by the sponsoring body. Any yacht carrying on board any sail not so marked during any race shall be disqualified from that event."
- 1.5 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the online official notice board prior to the first day of the event.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions (SSI) that will be on the online official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at: <https://bqyc.ca/racing/2026-shark24-worlds/>.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard international channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSI.
- 3.4 [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 the person in charge is a full member of the International Shark Class Association (ISCA).
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter online at <https://bqyc.ca/racing/2026-shark24-worlds/>.
- 4.3 Shipped, chartered, or loaned boats sailed by crews from outside North America must enter before March 1, 2026.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete an entry form, register all crew members and pay all fees.

5 FEES AND REFUNDS

5.1 The entry fee includes launch and haul out, dockage, Saturday welcome BBQ, Sunday opening ceremony, Wednesday dinner, Thursday awards banquet, as well as a take home gift and T-shirt for all 3 crew members:

- (i) if paid on or before April 15th, 2026 is \$750 CAD + 13% HST, includes an entry for a draw for a new Boston Doyle Shark sail
- (ii) if paid on or before May 31, 2026 is \$750 CAD + 13% HST,
- (iii) If paid after May 31, 2026 is \$950 CAD + 13% HST.

5.2 Payment of fee is to be made online to the BQYC invoice emailed during registration.

5.3 All fees less \$50 will be refunded to boats that cancel prior to May 31, 2026.

5.4 Except under extraordinary circumstances, at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, after May 31, 2026, the refund will be 50% of the fee paid.

5.5 All withdrawn boats are not eligible for the draw in 5.1(i)

6 [DP] ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1

Friday, June 26

1200 – 1800	Regatta Check In / Registration
1400 – 1900	Crane Launching

Saturday, June 27

1000 – 1800	Regatta Check In / Registration
1500 – 1900	Crane Launching

Sunday, June 28 to

1000	Competitors' Meeting
1300	Warning Signal Practice Race
After Practice Race	Warning Signal for First Race

Monday, June 29

1000	Warning Signal for First Race of the day (3 races scheduled)
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Tuesday, June 30

1000	Distance race (planned)
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Wednesday, July 1

1000	Warning Signal for First Race of the day (3 races scheduled)
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Thursday, July 2

1000	Warning Signal for First Race of the day (2 races scheduled)
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Friday, July 3

1000 - 1600	Haul out
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7.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event is no more than one race ahead of schedule.

7.3 A distance race will be scheduled once 4 course races have been completed. No course races will be held on the day of the distance race.

7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
- 8.2 Selected event sails must be measured and signed by a measurer prior to arriving on site for the event. The selected event sails must be presented for review and stamping at registration and will be scrutinized for a measurer's signature. There will be no sail or boat measuring offered at the event.
- 8.3 All boats will be weighed for all-up race weight (min. 2300 lb) during launch. Nothing is to be on board for launching other than what is included on the Inventory list.
- 8.4 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event for compliance with the Class Rules.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 Addendum A 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.
- 10.2 The distance race course diagram will be available no later than 1700 on the day before the day the distance race is scheduled to be conducted.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 91(b).
- 11.2 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Four races are required to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 13.1 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.

14. [DP][NP] BERTHING

- 14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places/area while in the harbour.

15. [DP] HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND 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 adequate third-party liability insurance.
- 17.2 The organizing authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a boat has valid third-party liability insurance.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- (a) the Shark World Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta,
- (b) keeper prizes will be awarded to the captains and crew of the first 10 boats,
- (c) the Long Distance Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the distance race, and
- (d) the Bill Metzger Trophy will be awarded to the best combined score from the practice race, the distance race and the final course race.

18.2 Other awards may be given.

19 [DP] CONCUSSION AWARENESS

19.1 Certain aspects of Rowan's Law are in effect. To review current information and requirement, check the Ontario Sailing website: <https://ontariosailing.ca/concussion-information/>

19.2 Competitors and Support Persons under the age of 26, need to:

- read the Ministry Approved Concussion Awareness Resource.
- review, and be committed to, the Ontario Sailing Athlete Concussion Code of Conduct.

20 PHOTO AND VIDEO DISCLAIMER

20.1 By participating in the event, competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published, in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information, without compensation.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information, please contact:

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Addendum A – Racing areas

