



Kingston Yacht Club

Ontario Provincial Shark Championship

August 29 to 30, 2026

Notice of Race

You are cordially invited to attend the 2026 Ontario Provincial Shark Championship being held at Kingston Yacht Club, August 29 to 30, 2026.
Kingston Yacht Club is located at 1 Maitland St., just west of downtown Kingston at the eastern end of Lake Ontario.

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority for this regatta is The Kingston Yacht Club (KYC) and is sanctioned by the Canadian Shark Class Association (CSCA).
- 1.2. This is a counter regatta for the CSCA Shark of the Year

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS) 2025-2028
- 2.2. Rule 90.3 (e) will apply except that '24 hours' is replaced by '2 hours'.
- 2.3. National prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply. These can be found here:
https://www.sailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Sail-Canada-Prescriptions-to-the-RRS-2025-2028_revfinal.pdf
- 2.4. The Rules and Specifications of the ISCA will apply
- 2.5. Canada Shipping Act Small Vessel Regulation #16.03 (required safety equipment) will apply
- 2.6. RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G will not be in effect; however, boats must register with and use only one sail number.
- 2.7. If there is conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Advertising on boats or sails is not permitted (ISCA Rule 9.12)

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. The regatta is only open to Shark Class boats that have a valid measurement certificate
- 4.2. A boat which does not have a valid measurement certificate may compete if
 - 4.2.1. it complies with all class rules
 - 4.2.2. it has not competed in another CSCA sanctioned counter regatta that year
 - 4.2.3. it has not been issued a valid measurement certificate within the past five years
 - 4.2.4. the person in charge has signed the "statement of understanding" available at:
<https://shark24.ca/resources/downloads/>

This changes RRS 78.1.

- 4.3. Boats shall be registered by a full member of the Canadian Shark Class Association (CSCA).
- 4.4. Each boat's "person in charge" shall be a full member of the CSCA
- 4.5 All competitors must have World Sailing eligibility.
- 4.6. Crew
 - 4.6.1. Each boat shall carry at least three persons
 - 4.6.2. The "person in charge" must be identified at the time of registration

- 4.6.3. All crew must be identified at the time of registration
- 4.7. The Technical Committee has the right to wholly or partially re-measure any boat, its equipment or sails. Any deviations from the rules found will prevent the boat from participating until after further official measurement by the Technical Committee confirms compliance with class rules.
- 4.8. Boats may be weighed and checked for safety items and compliance with Class Rules at launch, or at any time prior to or during the regatta. Spot checks may be conducted. All boats must have appropriate lifting apparatus on site.

5. ENTRY

- 5.1. Eligible boats shall enter by registering and paying online through the link at www.kingstonyachtclub.ca under the “Regatta” tab.

6. SCHEDULE

1600 - 2000	Friday:	Registration Check In, and measurement
	Friday:	KYC Food and Beverage Services available
0800 - 0900	Saturday:	Registration Check In, and measurement
0800 - 0900	Saturday:	Coffee and Muffins (included)
0930	Saturday:	Competitors’ Information Meeting
1100	Saturday:	Warning Gun 1 st Race
Approx. 1800	Saturday:	Regatta Dinner and Entertainment
0800 - 0900	Sunday:	Coffee and Muffins (included)
10000	Sunday:	Warning Gun 1 st race of the day
1500	Sunday:	Last possible start sequence of the day

Prize giving to follow after last race Sunday

- 6.2 A maximum of Seven (7) races will be sailed over the two days.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday.

7. LAUNCH AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 7.1. All boats shall be launched by 0900h Saturday Aug 29th
- 7.2. The Crane Operator must be a licenced KYC Representative.
- 7.3. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organizing Authority or Technical committee.
- 7.4. Launch and haul-out is to be at Kingston Yacht Club. Trailers will be stored off site in the public Court House Parking Lot on Park , north of the Kingston Yacht Club. (Instructions and directions will be given at Launch) Moorings for visiting boats will be assigned at registration.
- 7.5. 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.
- 7.6. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

8. REGISTRATION and FEES

- 8.1 On-Line Registration is required (see 5.1)
- 8.2 Regatta check-in will take place from 1600 to 2000 on Friday, and from 0800 to 0900 on Saturday.
- 8.3 The registration fee until August 14 is \$225 + tax . This includes great racing, 3 tickets for Saturday dinner. Coffee and Muffins Saturday and Sunday, Great keeper prizes and a few raffle giveaways.
- 8.4 After August 14, the registration fee is \$240 + tax.
- 8.5 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.
- 8.6 Extra Saturday dinner tickets are available through registration.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the southwest window of the clubhouse, with paper copies available by request only at registration and online (if available) prior to the regatta.

9.2 Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board and online (if available)

9.3 Official notice board will be the south west facing clubhouse window.

10. SCORING:

10.1. The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' will apply

10.2. RRS Appendix A2 will apply, modified so that a boat's worst score will be discarded if 5 or more races are completed.

10.3 1 race is required to constitute a regatta

10.4 RRS A5.3 applies.

11. CREW SUBSTITUTIONS

11.1 Substitution of crew during the regatta must be approved by the regatta or protest committee chairperson.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 The Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. (channel to be announced at competitors meeting).

12.2 A boat shall neither make voice or data transmissions while racing [except in an emergency] nor receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

13. INSURANCE

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. PRIZES & TROPHIES

15.1 The winner of the regatta will be presented with the Ontario Provincial Shark Championship trophy.

15.2 Keeper trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the top 5 skippers and crew.

15.3 The Kingston/Quinte Regional Trophy will be presented to the top Kingston/Quinte Shark.

16. CLUB FACILITIES

16.1 Competitors and their immediate families are welcome to use the club facilities during the regatta.

17. CAMPING

17.1. Camping is NOT permitted on the Club Property; Guests are welcome to stay on their own boats in the harbour

17.2. Some billets may be available on a first come, first served basis. Billets may only be secured by registered boats.

18. CONTACT

18.1 Need more information? Contact:

Kingston Yacht Club office@kingstonyachtclub.ca

Attention: Regatta Chairs Robin Wynne-Edwards or Lana Butler

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