



NOTICE OF RACE

51st Annual SPSC Invitational

Organizing Authority
South Port Sailing Club, Tecumseh, Ontario
www.southportsailingclub.com

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except where expressly changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The SPSC Members Code of Conduct and Safe Sport Policy apply — see the SPSC By-Laws Handbook.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available no later than noon on July 3rd.
- 2.2 Any changes to the SI's will be posted on the SPSC Noticeboard in the clubhouse sunroom.
- 2.3 SI's will carry specific info on courses to be sailed for all classes.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 All boats must carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels 16 and 69. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF CH69.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the JOG, Shark and PHRF classes.
- 4.2 In the PHRF and JOG classes, Essex County PHRF association rules are in effect, except that there are no minimum crew requirements.
In the Shark class, a current valid measurement certificate is not required. This changes rule RRS 78.1.
- 4.3 Boats may enter the regatta by registering online at www.southportsailingclub.com.
- 4.4 Once registered in a certain class, boats are expected to compete in that class for the entire regatta. If a change is required, a special request is required to the Race Chair.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Early registrations received before July 1st, entry fee is \$25 which includes 2 food tickets.
- 5.2 After July 1st, entry fee is \$35 per boat, which includes 2 food tickets.
- 5.3 Additional food tickets will be available at SPSC for \$10/person.
- 5.4 All entry fees payable in cash at SPSC Welcome Desk on day of regatta.

6 SCHEDULE

- **Monday July 1st** : Early registration ends.
- **Wed July 3rd** : Noon - SI's are posted online and at SPSC
- **Friday July 5th**: 5-8PM: SPSC BYOB Happy Hour & welcoming out-of-club boats to SPSC.

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- **Saturday, July 6th:** 8AM – 10AM: Welcoming out-of-club boats to SPSC.
 - 9:30AM: Skippers meeting at SPSC Clubhouse porch.
 - 10:30AM: 1st warning signal on race course.
 - First start: **Single-handed boats** on medium distance race.
 - Second start: **Double-handed boats** on medium distance race.
 - Third start: **Sharks** on windward-leeward multiple short races.
 - Fourth start: **JOG boats** on modified Olympic triangle multiple short races.
 - Fifth start: **PHRF boats** on modified Olympic triangle multiple short races.
 - Food, fellowship and awards to follow racing at SPSC.
- **Sunday, July 7th:** Visiting boats depart SPSC.

7 **VENUE**

7.1 The racing area shall be centered at mark S (the Start mark), approximately 0.85 nautical mile 30° magnetic from the end of the Pike Creek Channel on Lake St. Clair.

8 **BERTHING**

8.1 Overnight dockage for non-SPSC boats will be assigned by SPSC Harbourmaster as requested and pending availability.

9 **RISK STATEMENT**

9.1 As per RRS3, ‘the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone’. Each competitor must agree that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks, including strong winds and unexpected changes in weather, boat failures, injury, and possible death due to drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Further, in an effort to adhere to the highest standards of competitive behaviour, and in keeping with new guidelines published by Ontario Sailing Association, no bullying, physically or verbally aggressive, or disrespectful behaviour will be tolerated from any skipper or crew from any boat participating in the Regatta, regardless of if they are SPSC members or not.

10 **INSURANCE**

10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid 3rd party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

11 **PRIZES**

11.1 Prizes will be awarded for:

- Short-handed class boats based on corrected time after PHRF handicap
- Sharks based on best overall score after race series.
- JOG and PHRF boats based on overall score after race series and PHRF handicap.

11.2 Number of prizes in each class to depend on number of competitors in that class.

Contact spsc.racing.director@gmail.com with any questions.