



2010 ILYC WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

SHIELDS CLASS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Racing Rules 35 – Time Limit, 44.1 & 44.2 – Two Turns Penalty, 62.1(a) and Appendix A – Scoring,

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Shields Notice Board at Ida Lewis Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 15.00 on the day on which they will take effect. Copies will be available at Ida Lewis & Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Clubs and from the Committee Boat.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the Ida Lewis YC Flagpole and at CHNYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 45 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Spring Series (6) **May 12 – June 16** Warning Signal - 5.35PM -
Rendezvous – Rose Island

5.2 Summer Series(7) **June 23 – Aug 4** Warning Signal - 5.35PM –
Rendezvous – north of bridge

5.3 Fall Series (7) **Aug 11, 18, 25, Sept 1** Warning Signal - 5.35PM – Rendezvous –
north of bridge

Sept 8, 15, 29 Warning Signal - **5.00PM – Rendezvous –**

Rose Island

(Informal race on Sept 22nd for those not attending the Shields

Nationals)

5.4 Number of Races

One race a day is scheduled. In the event that a race is not held or completed, the Race Committee may, if

conditions permit, re-start that race on any following Wednesday in the series. This will be indicated by

displaying Flag 2nd Substitute on the Committee boat at the end of the first race. The Race Committee

will lower Flag 2nd Substitute with a long sound signal **ONE** minute before the new warning signal.

5.5 On any Wednesday during the Spring and Summer series, the Race Committee may attempt to run a

second race if time and weather conditions permit. This may increase the number of races run in each

series. If three or more additional races are completed in either the Spring or Summer series, then one

additional discard per series will be allowed.

This alters SI 15.1(b) below.

6. **CLASS FLAG** The class flag will be the Shields insignia on a white flag.

7. **RACING AREAS** - see SI 5 for Rendezvous locations.

8. **COURSES** Courses will be chosen from the 2009-2012 Sail Newport South Bay chart. The course to be sailed will be designated on a board on the Committee Boat.

○ **FIXED COURSES:** as indicated on the back of the 2009-2012 South Bay chart.

○ **SPECIAL COURSES:** indicated by the display of Flag “O” at the display of the course board – marks

will be chosen from those listed on the 2009-2012 South Bay chart .

○ **GATES:** indicated by the display of Flag “G” with the course board.

The Race Committee may set a leeward gate which replaces the leeward mark indicated on the South Bay chart.

Failure of the Race Committee to set or maintain the gate marks shall not be grounds for redress.

Leeward gate marks will be inflated race marks but in the event that the gate is not maintained, boats will leave the remaining single mark or the nearby Government mark to port. Special Race Marks (SRM) SRM 1, 3, 4, 8 and 15 will be yellow plastic barrels

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

A security zone extends along the west shore of the Navy Base from the breakwater to the War College

and is mark by a series of white buoys. Boats shall not sail to the east of the line between any two of these white buoys.

Boats shall not sail inside any of the rocks known as “The Dumplings”

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between the staff flying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the port end

starting mark or the staff flying an orange flag on a pin boat anchored at the port end of the line.

10.3 A boat starting more than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule

A4.

10.4 If any part of a boat’s hull , crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the last

minute before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail

number on **Channel 72 VHF**. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a

request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

10.5 A mid line buoy may be deployed but is not a mark of the course.

11 CHANGE OF COURSE FOR THE NEXT LEG

11.1 Add to Rule 33 - the race committee will attempt to make a back up announcement on Ch 72 VHF

12 THE FINISH

12.1 Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between a staff flying the blue flag on a committee

boat and the nearby race or Government mark. The race committee will attempt to make the last leg of the

course a beat to windward but failure to do so will not be grounds for a request for redress.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for each boat will be TWO hours or fifteen minutes before sunset, whichever is the earlier.

This alters rule 35.

14. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS & PENALTIES

14.1 Protest forms are available at the ILYC Dock Office.

14.2 In addition to the requirements of rule 61.1, the intent to protest shall be reported to and acknowledged by

the finish line committee boat immediately after finishing – this may be done on Ch. 72 VHF.

At the conclusion of racing, if any protests have been received, the committee boat will broadcast the sail

numbers of boats involved in any protests on Ch. 72 VHF.

Failure to do so is not grounds for seeking redress nor does it exempt any boat from protest obligations.

14.3 The time limit for submitting a protest is **75 minutes** after the race committee boat docks at ILYC.

Protests may also be submitted by fax to (401) 846 8234.

14.4 Within 48 hours of submitting a protest, either party will have the opportunity of accepting a 40%

penalty in lieu of attending the protest hearing. Such action must be reported to 401 846 3388 or by

e-mail to drshoe@verizon.net

14.5 Protests will be heard at Ida Lewis Yacht Club starting immediately after racing the following week.

A list of protests received and of boats which reported performing penalty turns will be placed

on the Shields Notice Board at ILYC.

14.6 If one of the parties to a protest fails to show for the hearing and the protest is deemed to be valid, the Protest

Committee will proceed to hear the protest.

14.7 **After starting, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty by taking**

one turn including one tack and one gybe that, in all other respects, complies with RRS 44.1 & 44.2.

However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 from the Preparatory signal until the boat is completely on the

course side of the starting line after starting or when she is within the three length zone of any rounding

mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2. This modifies Rule 44.1

& 44.2

15. SCORING

15.1 Appendix A – Low point system will be used except that:

a) at least two boats must start in order for a race to be scored;

b) if four or more races are completed in a series, then each boat may discard her worst score;

c) a boat that does not come to the starting line shall be scored DNC and receive THREE points more than

- the number of boats that started in that race;
- d) a boat that does not provide her crew for Race Committee duty on the assigned day, or supply a substitute
Shields crew for race committee duty shall be scored DNE.
- e) Unless submitted to the Race Committee promptly after racing, requests to be scored “RAF” may be
faxed to ILYC at 401 846 8234.
- f) Redress points – will be based on the total of all races sailed in a series and before throw-outs are
considered. See RRS A10(a).

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16.2 Boats are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and that sailing vessels do not have right-

of-way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.

16.3 Boats that infringe the Preamble to Part 2 of the Rules and are witnessed by or reported to the Race

Committee are subject to protest by the Race Committee.

16.4 If the protest is upheld, the boat shall be disqualified from the race and scored DNE. In addition she

shall not sail in the next two scheduled races of the Wednesday series.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio

communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

17.2 Competitors shall monitor Ch 72 VHF while racing for Race Committee communications.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

18.1 Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4.

Decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal

injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the races.

19. INSURANCE. Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a

minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

20. GOVERNMENT MARKS.

All government aids to navigation must be observed, except for marks “6”, “9”, “10”, “13”, “20”, “22”, 23, “Q”, “X” and “V”, which do not need to be honored, unless that mark / aid is used as a turning mark on that leg of the course.

21. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Boats shall not sail between Rose Island and the Newport Bridge.

Except for course "T4", when sailing under the Newport Bridge, boats shall sail through one of the three center spans of the bridge.

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