

# **2012 ILYC Shields Wednesday Night Series – Notice of Race**

## **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB**

### **1. RULES.**

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012. The following Rules will be changed Rule 35 – Time Limit, 44.2 – Two Turns Penalty, 62.1(a) & Appendix A – scoring;

### **2. ADVERTISING.**

Advertising on boats is not permitted beyond that allowed in ISAF Regulation 20.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY.**

Races are open to Shields Class boats. Skippers must be members of Fleet 9 and the Shields Class National Association.

Boats shall carry liability insurance in the amount of at least \$300,000 as a condition of entering any race.

A copy of the insurance certificate shall be submitted with the entry form.

Boats assigned to Race Committee duty may not sail on that day and shall be awarded average points after throw-outs for the series. Failure to serve on the Race Committee on the day assigned shall result in the boat being scored DNF which may not be discarded.

Boats that have not completed registration with Fleet 9 will not be scored and shall not compete until registered.

**4. ENTRY FEE:** Total \$ **315.00** payable to Shields Fleet 9 by noon on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**\$50 late fee for boat registered after deadline above.**

The \$315 fee includes National Class dues for one registered skipper. Additional skippers may be added for National Class membership for a fee of \$15 per skipper.

### **5. SCHEDULE.**

Spring Series	May 16 – June 20	Warning Signal 5.35PM Rendezvous – Rose Island
Summer Series	June 27 – August 8	Warning Signal 5.35 PM Rendezvous – north of bridge
	<b>June 27 only</b>	<b>Warning signal 6 pm</b>
	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	NO RACING
Fall series	August 15 – Aug 29	Warning signal 5.35 PM, Rendezvous – north of bridge
	Sept 5, 12	Warning signal <b>5.00 PM</b> , Rendezvous – <b>Rose Island</b>
Special Race	Sept 19	Race for boats not attending nationals – 5 PM

**6. MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE** – in lieu of providing a Class Measurement certificate, the owner/skipper of each entered shall affirm that the boat conforms to the Shields Class Rules.

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - will be available from the Fleet Captain and at Ida Lewis Yacht Club prior to the first race.

**8. COURSES** – will be chosen from the 2012-2014 South Bay chart published by SAIL NEWPORT except that if Flag “**D**” is flown on the Committee Boat before or with the warning signal, the marks of the course, the side on which they are to be left and the rounding order will be displayed on the Committee Boat. When Flag “**Q**” is displayed on the

Committee Boat with course signals, an offset mark will be set at the windward mark and is to be passed on the same side as the windward mark. An offset mark will not be set if the windward mark is changed.

#### **9. SCORING.**

Scoring shall be in accordance with Appendix A – Low Point System except that at least two boats must start in order for a race to be scored; if four or more races are completed in a series, then each boat may discard her worst score; A boat that does not come to the starting line shall be scored THREE points more than the number of boats that started in that race.

Requests to be scored “RAF” shall be submitted to the Race Committee no later than **48** hours after the race has finished in order to be applied unless the Protest Committee has already reached a decision. “RAF” requests received after that time will be honored but shall not be discarded from that series score. (DNE) Requests to be scored “RAF” which are not submitted promptly, shall be faxed to ILYC at 401 846 8234

Failure to serve on the Race Committee on the day assigned shall result in the boat being scored DNF which may not be discarded.

Redress points – points for redress will be based on the total of all races sailed in a series and before throw-outs are considered. See RRS A10 (a).

**10. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.** Except in an emergency, boats shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The Race Committee will endeavor to broadcast an announcement on Ch 72 VHF approximately one hour prior to the Warning Signal regarding the status of racing.

The Race Committee may broadcast information regarding the status of the starting line on Ch. 72 VHF.

Failure to make any of the above Race Committee announcements is not grounds for seeking redress.

**11. PRIZES.** For each series, prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. There will also be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> for combined scores in the three series.

**12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** Competitors participating in these series of races do so entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4. Decision to race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.

**13. SECOND RACE.** In the event that a race is not held or completed, the Race Committee may, if conditions permit, start a second race on any following Wednesday in the series. This will be indicated by displaying the 2nd Substitute flag on the Committee boat at the end of the first race. The first race to be sailed on the following Wednesday will be the postponed race.

**14. NEWPORT AREA CAUTION.** Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have right of way over any vessel that may be restricted in her ability to maneuver. Competitors are also reminded of the restriction zone on the west side of the Navy Base and War College.

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