



2012 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 STARTING LOCATIONS

- 5.1 Spring Series(6) **May 16– June 20** Warning Signal - 5.35PM - Rendezvous – Rose Island
- 5.2 Summer Series(6) **June 27 – Aug 8** Warning Signal - 5.35PM – Rendezvous – north of bridge
July 27 only **Warning Signal – 6.00 PM**
July 4th **NO RACING**
- 5.3 Fall Series(5) **August 15 -29** Warning Signal - 5.35PM – Rendezvous – north of bridge
Sept 5, 12 Warning Signal - **5.00PM – Rendezvous – Rose Island**
Sept 19th **Warning signal - 5:00 PM special race for boats not at 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 first race on the

following Wednesday will be the postponed race. The Race Committee will lower Flag 2nd Substitute with a long sound signal **ONE** minute before the new warning signal.

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 2012 -- 2014 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 2012-2014 South Bay chart.

- **SPECIAL COURSES:** indicated by the display of Flag “**D**” at the display of the course board – marks will be chosen from those listed on the 2012-2014 South Bay chart.

- When Flag “**O**” is displayed with the course signals, an offset mark will be laid at the windward Mark. This mark is to be left on the same hand as the windward mark and will be an orange sphere. An offset mark will not be set if the windward mark is changed.

- **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 offset or 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.
- 13.2 In order for a race to be scored, one third of the starters shall have finished within the time limit as defined in 13.1
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within the time limit (TLE) shall be scored points equal to one half the number of boats not finishing, rounded to the next higher number, plus the number of boats that finished.

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 **7 pm (local) the day following the race.** 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 – time and date to be decided by Shields Fleet 9 Executive Committee. 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:
- 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 DNC and receive THREE points more than the number of boats that started in that race;
 - 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 DNF which may not be discarded.
- 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).
 - g) – see 13. 2 & 13.3 which also apply.

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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