



2015 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 US Sailing Appendix T, Sections A & B will apply.
- 1.3 It is the responsibility of competitors to check the Shields Fleet 9 web site which is the official location of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and race committee duty list as well as other communications to Fleet members.

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 **May 13– June 24** Warning Signal - 5.35PM - Rendezvous – Rose Island
- 5.2 Summer Series **July 1 – Aug 12** Warning Signal - 5.35PM – Rendezvous – north of bridge
- 5.3 Fall Series **Aug 19 to Sept 2** Warning Signal - 5.35PM – Rendezvous – north of bridge
 Sept 16 – Sept 30 Warning Signal - **5.00PM – Rendezvous – Rose Island**
(Sept 10th – Shields Nationals – practice starts and race – Warning signal at 2:30 pm) .

- 5.4 In the event that sailing conditions above the Newport bridge are unsuitable, the race committee may announce an alternate starting location on Ch 79A, display Flag "L" and proceed to a new starting location.

5.5 Number of Races.

In the event that a scheduled race is not held or completed, the Race Committee may, if conditions permit, re-start that race on any following Wednesday in the series. The first race on a following Wednesday will be the postponed race. If a second race is to be sailed, the race committee will display 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.

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 in accordance with the **2015 -- 2017** Sail Newport South Bay chart. The course to be sailed will be designated on a board on the Committee Boat.

8.1 **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 2015-2017 South Bay chart.

8.2 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.

8.3 **GATES:** When "**Flag G**" is displayed with the course board, the Race Committee will set a leeward gate in the vicinity of 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. This changes Rule 62.1(a)

Leeward gate marks will be inflated race marks. In the event that the gate is not maintained, boats will leave the remaining single mark or, if no gate mark is in position, the nearby Government mark, to port.

8.4 **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 **RRS 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 the starting signal, the race committee may attempt to broadcast advice that the starting line is not clear on **Channel 79A VHF**.

10.5 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)

10.6 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 (a) - "(3) by depicting the next mark and making an announcement on **Ch 79A 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.

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. This alters Appendix A4.2

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. 79A 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.79A VHF.**

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

14.3 The protest time limit is **7 pm (local) the day following the race.**

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

14.4 Appendix T Sections A & B shall apply:

T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than the starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. Penalty turn(s) may not be taken within the *zone* of a mark.

T2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c).

However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

T2.2 The Post--Race Penalty shall be (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit, but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

14.5 Protests will be heard at Ida Lewis Yacht Club – time and date to be decided by Ida Lewis Yacht Club Protest Committee.

A list of protests received promptly after racing 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 The penalty for breaking rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee (DPI) and may be less than disqualification.

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 five 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 **DNF** which may not be discarded.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee by calling on **VHF Ch 79A** 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. This adds to the final sentence of rule 60.2

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 79A 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.

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.