



2016 ILYC Shields Wednesday Night Series – Notice of Race

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB IN ASSOCIATION WITH SHIELDS FLEET 9

1. RULES.

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 U.S. Sailing Appendix T, Sections A & B will apply
- 1.3 Racing Rules 35 – Time Limit and Scores, 44.1- Taking a Penalty, will be changed as detailed in the Sailing Instructions. Appendix A Scoring changes – see NOR #10
- 1.4 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of any non-Part 2 rule. This changes RRS 64.1

2. ADVERTISING.

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

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY.

- 3.1 Races are open to Shields Class boats. Skippers must be members of Fleet 9 and the Shields Class National Association.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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. The boat assigned for race committee duty shall provide a minimum of THREE Shields crewmembers.
- 3.4 Boats that have not completed registration with Fleet 9 will not be scored and shall not compete until registered.

4. ENTRY FEE: Total \$ **370.00** payable to Shields Fleet 9 by noon on May 7th, 2016

A \$50 late fee will be assessed to boat registering after the May 7th deadline.

The \$370 entry 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 11 – June 22	Warning Signal 5.35PM Rendezvous – Rose Island
Summer Series	June 29 – August 10	Warning Signal 5.35 PM Rendezvous – north of bridge
Fall series	August 17 to August 31	Warning signal 5.35 PM, Rendezvous – north of bridge
	Sept 7 – Sept 28	Warning signal <u>5.00 PM</u> , Rendezvous – <u>Rose Island</u>

- 5.1 In the event that sailing conditions above the bridge are unsuitable, the race committee may announce an alternate starting location on Ch79A, display Flag “L” and proceed to the new starting location.

6. MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE - The owner or skipper of each boat shall sign the statement on the entry form affirming that the boat conforms to the Shields Class Rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS –SIs will be available from the Fleet Captain, at Ida Lewis Yacht Club and on the Fleet web site prior to the first race.

8. COURSES – courses will be in accordance with the 2015-2017 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. Flag “**O**” is displayed on the Committee Boat with course signals, an offset mark will be set at the **first** 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. Penalty System

9.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that no turn may be taken within the *zone* of a mark.

9.2 Scoring penalties are as described in NOR 10

9.3 Protests will be heard on the schedule determined by the ILYC Protest Committee

10. SCORING.

10.1 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 **FIVE** 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.

10.2 Scoring penalties taken after a race – Appendix T 2.1 & 2.2 will apply – details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

10.3 Failure of a boat to provide three persons to serve on the Race Committee on the day assigned shall result in the boat being scored DNF which may not be discarded.

11. 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 **Ch79A** 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. 79A VHF. Failure to make any of the above Race Committee announcements is not grounds for seeking redress.

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

13. 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.

14. MAKE-UP 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 Flag 2nd Substitute flown 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.

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15. 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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