



2018 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*.
- 1.2 U.S. Sailing Appendix V will apply
- 1.3 Rule changes – Rule 44.1 – see NoR #9.1, 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 rule 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 current 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 1st, 2018

A \$50 late fee will be assessed to boat registering after the May 1st 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 9 – June 20	Warning Signal 5.35PM Rendezvous – Goat/Rose Island
Summer Series	June 27 – August 15	Warning Signal 5.35 PM Rendezvous – between “13” & Gould Isl.
Fall series	August 22 & 29	Warning signal 5.35 PM, Rendezvous – between “13” & Gould Isl.
	Sep 12 – Oct 3	Warning signal 5.00 PM , Rendezvous – Goat/ Rose Island

NOTE Any racing on July 4 and Sept 5th is not part of the Summer or Fall Series

- 5.1 The Spring & Summer series may consist of up to 9 races. The Fall series may consist of up to 7 races.
- 5.2 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 and on the Fleet 9 web site.

8. COURSES – courses will be in accordance with the 2018-2021 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.

Flag “**G**” indicates that a “gate” will be set in the vicinity of the leeward mark.

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 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; 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 If 8 or more races are concluded in the Spring and Summer series, 2 discards will be allowed.

This changes rule A2.1

If 3 to 7 races are completed in a series, 1 discard will be allowed.

10.3 A minimum of 3 completed races is required to constitute a series.

10.4 Scoring penalties –Appendix V will apply. (RRS page 185)

10.5 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.-“SECOND” RACE.

14.1 In an attempt to hold a second race or in the event that a race is not held or completed, the

Race Committee may, if conditions permit, start a second race on any Wednesday in the series. This will be indicated by Flag 2nd Substitute flown on the Committee Boat at the end of the first race and an announcement on Ch 79A.

14.2 The first race to be sailed on the following Wednesday will be the postponed race.

14.3 See SI 5.1 and 10.2 re potential for sailing up to 9 races in the Spring and Summer series.

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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