



Shields Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup

Organizing Authority – Shields Fleet 9 and Ida Lewis Yacht Club

Friday June 29th – Sunday July 1st 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)
- 1.2 Rule V 1, Penalty at the Time of Incident, will apply.
- 1.3 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF channel **79 A**.
- 1.4 If there is any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the sailing instructions shall apply. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.5 The following changes or additions to the Class Rules are in effect for this regatta:
 - a) A working marine VHF radio is required aboard each boat.
 - b) Boats and sails are subject to inspection at any time during the regatta to ensure compliance with Shields Class Sailing Association Rules.
 - c) Qualifying sails shall be limited to one (1) mainsail, one (1) jib and one (1) spinnaker and a “back up” spinnaker that has been clearly and indelibly marked “For back -up use only”.
 - d) The number of persons aboard a boat shall not be less than three (3). For crews of five or more a limit of 1000lbs shall apply. There is no weight limit for crews of three (3) or four (4) persons. Boats shall be required to carry the same number of persons as were on board at the start of the first race on Saturday June 30th.
 - e) Crew and/or equipment changes will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 1.6 No modifications to the boat or standing rigging may be made except that the headstay length and shroud tension may be adjusted.

2. Notices to Competitors - will be posted on the official notice board on the west side of the main deck at Ida Lewis Yacht Club.

3. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0830 on the day they will take effect except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before they will take effect.

4. Schedule

Friday June 29 th	1000- 1200	Registration at Ida Lewis Yacht Club (ILYC)
	1200	Competitors meeting at ILYC
	1400	Practice starts and race
	After racing	Welcoming Reception at ILYC
Saturday June 20 th	1100	First Warning signal
	1830	Informal dinner at ILYC
Sunday July 1 st	1100	First Warning signal
	1500	No Warning signal after this time
	After racing	Awards at ILYC

4.1 The number of races on Saturday will not be more than 4 and on Sunday, not more than 3.

5. Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the ILYC flagpole

5.2 When Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in Race Signals "AP".

5.3 Announcements ashore regarding the race committee's intentions may be made on Ch 79A

6. Class Flag – will be a white flag with the Shields insignia

7. **Racing area** Area A start between Rose and Goat Islands, Narragansett Bay.

Area D north of Newport to Jamestown (Pell) Bridge, Narragansett Bay

7.1 The flag indicating the sailing area will be flown from the ILYC flag pole by 0900

8. COURSES.

8.1 Courses are "Windward-Leeward in configuration.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the number of legs to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.

8.3 Turning marks shall be left to port.

9. Marks

9.1 Turning marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10. The Start and Finish

10.1 The starting line will be between the staff flying an orange flag on the race committee signal Boat and the course side of the pin mark.

10.2 The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats by their sail number on Ch 79 A. The timing and order of such hails or the failure of a competitor to hear the hail will not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

10.3 The finish line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the near-by race mark.

11. Change of the next leg of the course.

A new mark will be a yellow tetrahedron. If a subsequent change of course is signaled, an original orange mark will be used.

12. Time Limit.

The time limit for each race will be ninety (90) minutes. Boats not finishing within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

13. Scoring.

13.1 A total of seven (7) races are scheduled. One completed race will constitute a regatta.

13.2 A boats series score will be the total of her race scores without a discard.

13.3 A boats scored TLE will receive two (2) points more than the number of finishers within the time limit.

13.4 In the case of a breakdown RRS A 10 (b) will apply.

14. Protests.

14.1A boat intending to protest shall notify the finish line race committee boat promptly after she has finished that race.

14.2 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk near the official notice board.

14.3 Completed protest forms shall be submitted at the protest desk within 1 hour after the race committee boat docks. This time will be posted on the official notice board.

14.4 The protest time limit and a list of protests filed will be posted on the official notice board promptly. Hearings will be on the second floor of the clubhouse as soon as possible after filing.

15. Safety.

15.1When Flag "L" is displayed from the starting line boat, each boat shall sail past the stern of the Committee boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number which will be acknowledged. Boats failing to check in before the Preparatory Signal shall receive a 20% scoring penalty as computed in accordance with RRS 44.3(b) without a hearing. This alters RRS 63.1, A4.2 and A5.

15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15.3 When Flag "K" (yellow & blue vertical bars) is displayed not later than the warning signal or at a turning mark, spinnakers shall not be used for the balance of that race.

16. Newport Tidal information.

	High	Low
June 29	0928/2143	0252/1436
June 30	1007/2220	0330/1519
July 1	1046/2257	0406/1601

SHIELDS OCEAN – GREAT LAKES CHALLENGE CUP COURSES

Mark 1



Mark 2

Course 2 – Mark 1 (p) – finish downwind

Course 3 – Mark 1 (p), Mark 2 (p) – finish upwind

Course 4 – Mark 1 (p), Mark 2 (p), Mark 1 (p), finish down wind

Course 5 – Mark 1 (p), Mark 2 (p), Mark 1 (p), Mark 2 (p), finish upwind

Course 6 – Mark 1 (p), Mark 2 (p), Mark 1 (p), Mark 2 (p), Mark 1 (p), finish downwind

For a downwind finish the start/finish mark is to be left to starboard