



## **2020 ILYC WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES**

### **SHIELDS CLASS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 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 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 as well as through electronic communications (email, VHF announcements, Fleet 9 website).

#### **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 YC, and Fleet 9 & ILYC web sites.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore may be displayed from the yardarm of the Ida Lewis YC Flagpole and broadcast on Ch 79A.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP. AP flag may be replaced with an announcement on CH 79A VHF.

#### **5. SCHEDULE.**

<u>Summer Series</u>	June 24 – July 8	Warning Signal <b>6.00 PM</b> Rendezvous – South of the bridge
	July 15 -- Aug 5	Warning Signal <b>6.00 PM</b> Rendezvous – North of the bridge
<u>Fall Series</u>	Aug 12 – Aug 26	Warning signal <b>5.35 PM</b> Rendezvous – North of the bridge
	Sept 2 - Oct 7	Warning signal <b>5.00 PM</b> Rendezvous – South of the bridge

***NOTE Racing on Sept 23rd is not part of the Fall Series (Shields Nationals 24-27 Oxford MD)***

- 5.1 The Summer and Fall series will consist of up to 10 races each.
- 5.2 In the event that sailing conditions in the designated area are unsuitable, the race committee may announce an alternate starting location on Ch79A, and proceed to the new starting location.

## **6. 'SECOND' RACE.**

- 6.1 The Race Committee may, if conditions permit, start a second race on any Wednesday in the series. This will be indicated at the end of the first race via an announcement on Ch 79A.
- 6.2 Should a race be cancelled, the first race to be sailed on the following Wednesday will be the postponed race.
- 6.3 See SI 5.1 re potential for sailing up to 10 races in each series

## **7. CLASS FLAG – No class flag will be displayed – This changes rules 25.2 and 26**

## **7. RACING AREAS - see SI 5 for Rendezvous locations.**

- 8. **COURSES** - Courses will be in accordance with the 2018 -- 2020 Sail Newport South Bay chart. The course to be sailed will be announced on VHF CH79A and designated on a board on the Committee Boat. Failure to display a course board is not grounds for redress.

8.1 Special Race Marks (SRM) A, B, C & D and 15 are yellow plastic barrels.

## **9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 9.1 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.

9.2 Boats shall not sail inside any of the rocks known as "The Dumplings"

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26, using VHF announcements indicating Warning, Prep and start sequences. Visual signals may not necessarily be used. Failure to do display signal flags will not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 25.2 and rule 26
- 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**. Any boats that are over early will be hailed as such on **Channel 79A**, No flag will be used. This changes rule 29.1
- 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 Rabbit Starts. Should the RC determine the use of a Rabbit Start, it shall be announced on CH79A VHF prior to the warning signal. The “rabbit” for the first race of the day will be the third boat to check in with the race committee. For a subsequent race on the same day, the boat that finished third in the previous race will act as the new “rabbit”. The identity of the “rabbit” will be announced on Ch 79 A before each starting sequence commences.

1. Appendix U will be used as the starting sequence
2. At the starting signal. The “rabbit” will leave the starting mark to port and sail close hauled on port tack toward the first mark of the course.
3. All other competitors shall pass astern of the “rabbit” on starboard tack within 90 seconds of the starting signal
4. The “rabbit” will continue on port tack for a minimum of 90 seconds before tacking.
5. Any boat which fails to pass astern of the “rabbit” within 90 seconds will be scored DNS.

## **11 CHANGE OF COURSE FOR THE NEXT LEG**

11.1 Changes to a course will be announced on **Ch. 79A VHF** and no repetitive sound signals will be used, this changes Rule 33 (a) and (b).

## **12 THE FINISH**

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff flying the blue flag on a committee boat and the nearby race or Government mark or Mark Boat. 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 A 4.2 & 11.

## **14. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS & PENALTIES**

14.1 Protest forms are available on the ILYC Web Site.

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 must be submitted by emailing to [RaceCommittee@ILYC.org](mailto:RaceCommittee@ILYC.org).

14.4 **PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT** - see Appendix V 1. Penalty turn(s) may not be taken within the *zone* of a mark.

14.5 **PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE** - see Appendices T1 and V 2.

14.6 Protests will be held on Zoom (or similar) at a scheduled day and time to be decided by ILYC Protest Committee which will communicate the date and time of the hearing to the parties involved.

A list of protests received promptly after racing and of boats which reported performing penalty turns will be placed on the ILYC Web Site.

14.7 After being properly notified, 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.

## **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 5 or more races are completed in the Summer or Fall series, then each boat may discard her one worst scores – this changes A 2;
- 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;

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee by calling on **Ch. 79A VHF** 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. All boaters are reminded to keep a clear look-out at all times, especially in the vicinity of the Newport Pell Bridge, which may have a large numbers of racing boats. Especially at weekends or major events. Boats should monitor channels 16/13 for commercial traffic.

Boats that interfere with right of way vessels under power and are witnessed by or reported to the Race Committee are subject to protest by the Race Committee. This adds to rule 60.2

16.3 If a safety regulation protest is upheld, the boat shall be disqualified from that race and scored DNE. In addition she shall not sail in the next two scheduled races of the Wednesday series.

16.4 Extreme caution is advised as due to COVID 19, there will be minimal RC personnel on the signal boat and support ribs.

## **17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 The Race Committee will endeavor to broadcast an announcement on **Ch. 79A VHF** approximately one hour prior to the Warning Signal regarding the status of racing.
- 17.3 The Race Committee may broadcast information regarding the status of the starting line on Ch79A VHF. Failure to make any of the above Race Committee announcements is not grounds for seeking redress.
- 17.4 Due to current COVID restrictions, the RC shall communicate course and starting signal information via **Ch. 79A VHF**, and shall be considered a replacement for traditional signal flags. This changes rule 25.2

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**All sailors (skipper and crew) must sign the ILYC special liability form prior to competing.**

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in these races to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **19. 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.**

## **20. 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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