



## **2021 ILYC Shields Wednesday Night Series**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB**

*April 2, 2021*

#### **1. RULES.**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following RRS are changed: 35 - Time Limit & Scores, 44.1- Taking a Penalty, Appendix A – Scoring.
- 1.3 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of any non-Part 2 rule. This changes rule 64.1
- 1.4 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the rules do not apply, except the prescriptions to rules 88.2, rule 61.4, Appendix R, Appendix V, and prescriptions to rules 60.3, 67, 70.5 (a) and 76.1

**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 boats whose skippers are 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 entry. A copy of the insurance certificate shall be submitted with the entry form.
- 3.3 Boats that have not completed registration with Fleet 9 will not be scored and shall not compete.
- 3.4 All participating sailors must submit a signed ILYC Special Liability Form.

**4. ENTRY FEE.** Total \$370.00 payable to Shields Fleet 9, 24 hours prior to competing.

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.**

<u>Spring Series</u>	May 19 & 26	Warning Signal 6.00 PM Rendezvous – South of the bridge
	June 2, 9, 16, & 23	Warning Signal 6.00 PM Rendezvous – South of the bridge
<u>Summer Series</u>	June 30	Warning Signal 6.00 PM Rendezvous – South of the bridge
	July 7, 14, 21, 28	Warning Signal 6.00 PM Rendezvous – North of the bridge
	Aug 4 & 11	Warning Signal 6.00 PM Rendezvous – North of the bridge
<u>Fall Series</u>	Aug 18 & 25	Warning signal 5.35 PM Rendezvous – North of the bridge
	Sept 1, 8, 15, & 29	Warning signal 5.00 PM Rendezvous – South of the bridge
	Oct 6	Warning signal 5.00 PM Rendezvous – South of the bridge

*NOTE There will be a separately scored race on Sept 22nd that is not part of the Fall Series (Shields Nationals 23-26 Oxford MD)*

- 5.1 Each 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 Ch 79A, and proceed to the new starting location.
- 5.3. Should a race be cancelled, the first race to be sailed on the following Wednesday will be the postponed race.

**6. SECOND RACE.** The Race Committee may, if conditions permit, start a second race on any Wednesday in a series. This will be indicated at the end of the first race via an announcement on Ch 79A and display of Flag 2<sup>nd</sup> substitute.

**7. 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.

**8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.** Sailing Instructions will be available from the Fleet Captain and on the Fleet 9 website.

**9. COURSES.**

9.1 The course to be sailed will be broadcast on Channel 79A VHF from the Committee's signal boat prior to the warning signal and may be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.

9.2 Races may be started either south or north of the Pell Bridge.

9.3 Courses will be selected from the courses designated on the back of the South Bay Race Chart published by SAIL NEWPORT or as designated by the RC prior to the warning signal.

9.4 If the Race Committee intends to designate a course other than those listed on the back of the South Bay Race Chart, it will fly code flag D from the signal boat prior to the warning signal.

9.5 If the Race Committee designates a course described in 9.4 above, it will choose the marks of the course from the marks described in the South Bay Race Chart (including Special Race Marks) and drop marks placed by the Race Committee.

9.6 Should the Race Committee choose to include an inflated drop mark as the weather mark, it will announce the approximate heading and distance from the signal boat at the time the course is announced on CH 79A (and if the course is displayed on a board on the signal boat, the RC will display the heading and distance to the weather mark as well).

9.7 If the Race Committee decides to set a gate as the leeward mark, it will announce that fact at the time the course is announced, display code flag G prior to the warning signal, and list the gate on the board if one is displayed.

**10. PENALTY SYSTEM.**

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

10.2 Scoring penalties are in accordance with Appendix V

10.3 Protests will be submitted by email to [racecommittee@ILYC.org](mailto:racecommittee@ILYC.org). Protests will be heard on the schedule determined by the ILYC Protest Committee in person or using platforms such as Zoom or Google Meetings.

**11. SCORING.**

11.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System as described in Appendix A in the RRS except that Rule A5.3 shall apply and is modified so that a boat that does not come to the starting line shall be scored two points more than the number of boats that started in that race.

11.2 At least two boats must start for a race to be scored. This changes RRS 90.3(a).

11.3 Three completed races must be sailed to constitute a series. If a series completes 5 or more races, 1 discard will be allowed for that series. This changes rule A2.1

**12. PRIZES.** For each series, prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. There will also be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> for combined scores of the completed series, and the overall winner for the combined series will be winner of the John Robertson Memorial Perpetual Trophy. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee and Fleet 9.

### **13. 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.

### **14. 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. 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 number of racing boats, especially at weekends and during major events. Boats should monitor Channel 16/13 for commercial traffic. Competitors are also reminded of the restriction zone on the west side of the Navy Base and War College.

### **15. CONSENT.**

By participating in these races, competitors automatically grant to the Ida Lewis Yacht Club and Shields Fleet 9 (the Organizing Authorities) and any sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

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