



2023 ILYC Shields Wednesday Night Series

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB

February 10, 2023

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.
- 3.5 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.

4. ENTRY FEE. Total \$400.00 payable to Shields Fleet 9, 24 hours prior to competing.

The \$400.00 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.

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| <u>Spring Series</u> | May 17, 24, & 31 | Warning Signal 5:45 PM Rendezvous – South of the bridge |
| | June 7, 14, & 21 | Warning Signal 5:45 PM Rendezvous – North of the bridge |
| <u>Summer Series</u> | June 28 | Warning Signal 5:45 PM Rendezvous – North of the bridge |
| | July 5, 12, 19, & 26 | Warning Signal 5:45 PM Rendezvous – North of the bridge |
| | Aug 2, & 9 | Warning Signal 5:45 PM Rendezvous – North of the bridge |
| <u>Fall Series</u> | Aug 16, 23, & 30 | Warning signal 5.30 PM Rendezvous – North of the bridge |
| | Sept 6, 13, 20 | Warning signal 5.00 PM Rendezvous – South of the bridge |

NOTE There will be a separately scored race on Sept 27th that is not part of the Fall Series (Shields Nationals)

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 2nd 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 may 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 may 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.

10.1a RRS 44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turn Penalties is changed as follows to prohibit a boat taking a penalty turn within the Zone: After getting well clear of other boats and the Zone as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turn Penalty by promptly making the number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe.

10.2 Scoring penalties are in accordance with Appendix V

10.3 Protests will be submitted by email to 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. There will also be prizes for 1st through 5th for the combined final net scores (Net = after throw-outs) of each of the completed series. This overall winner for the combined series will be winner of the John Robertson Memorial Perpetual Trophy. In addition, the following trophies will be awarded

- Manice Trophy for the Overall Fleet Champion combines John Robertson scores (overall Weds net scores) and Toland Cup scores (overall Aloha net scores). To qualify for the Manice Trophy, boats must compete in at least 50% of races in the Weds night series and at least two of the four Aloha series dates.
- Timothy Dwyer memorial prize is awarded to the boat that has had the greatest improvement in overall Weds net scores from the previous season. To qualify for the Timothy Dwyer award, the same boat and skipper must have competed in at least 50% of Weds night races in both seasons.
- Mid-Fleet Trophy awarded to the boat that is mid-fleet among all boats qualified using the John Robertson scoring.
- Beck Memorial Trophy for the top ILYC boat for combined scores of Weds and Aloha series (net) scores. To qualify for the Beck Trophy, boats must participate in at least 50% of Weds night races and at least two of the four Aloha series dates.
- Chris Withers Memorial Trophy combines the 7 best Weds Night Scores from the months of June, July & August among qualified boats. Withers trophy qualified boats are those that have not placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd , for any Weds Night series, in the current or previous 4 seasons.
- 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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