



2023 ILYC Shields Wednesday Night Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Including Amendment 1

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB

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1. RULES.

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 U.S. Sailing Prescription Appendix V will apply.
- 1.3 The following RRS are changed: 35 - Time Limit & Scores, 44.1- Taking a Penalty, Appendix A – Scoring.
- 1.4 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of any non-Part 2 rule. This changes rule 64.2.
- 1.5 It is the responsibility of competitors to check the Shields Fleet 9 website which is the official location of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions as well as other communications to Fleet members.
- 1.6 A boat touching the Race committee signal boat, including anchored Pin boat, or the bouys attached to the signal or pin boat at any time will be scored DSQ for that race.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS. The Shields Fleet 9 web site is the official location of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions as well as other communications to Fleet members. Notices to competitors may also be posted on the Shields Notice Board at Ida Lewis Yacht Club.

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 the Fleet 9 website.

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>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 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 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.

6.2 Should a race be cancelled, the first race sailed on the following Wed. 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. The Shields Class flag will be used for the race start. The Shields Class flag is the Shields insignia displayed on a white field.

8. COURSES. The course to be sailed will be broadcast on Channel 79A VHF from the Committee's signal boat prior to the warning and designated on a board on the Committee Boat. Failure to display a course board is not grounds for redress.

9. MARKS.

9.1 The marks used for the series will be Government Marks, Special Racing Marks, or inflated racing marks.

9.2 The Government Marks and Special Racing Marks will be identified using their designation on the South Bay Race Chart.

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

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS.

10.1 A security zone extends along the west shore of the Navy Base from the breakwater to the War College and is marked by a series of white buoys. Boats shall not sail to the east of the line between any two of these white buoys. Boats shall not sail inside any of the rocks known as "The Dumplings".

10.2 For our purposes the rock south of Bull Point, known as Bull Point Rock is NOT part of the Dumplings

11. THE START.

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

11.2 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.

11.3 A boat starting more than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.

11.4 *Individual recalls will be handled as per Rule 29.1. The race committee will also attempt to hail boats over early via VHF 79a, but the timing of hail, or failure to do so, or failure of an OCS boat to hear RC communications is not grounds for redress or exoneration.*

11.5 If any part of a boat's hull 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.

11.6 Failure to hear an adequate hail made by the RC on 79A will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

12. CHANGE OF COURSE FOR THE NEXT LEG.

12.1 : Changes to a course will be announced on Ch. 79A VHF, display of the C flag and repetitive sound signals. The course change will be to a new race mark or Government mark found on the South Bay Chart. Failure to broadcast or failure to receive such broadcast on VHF 79A is not grounds for Redress. This Changes RRS 33 (a) (b)

12.2 A windward drop mark, Leeward drop mark or gate may be changed up to 5 degrees without signaling a change of course. If a mark is adjusted, the adjustment will be broadcast on VHF 79A. Failure to broadcast or failure to receive such broadcast on VHF 79A is not grounds for Redress. This changes RRS 33 (a)

13. THE FINISH.

13.1 Unless the course is shortened, (RRS 32.2) 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.

14. TIME LIMIT.

14.1 The time limit for each boat will be TWO hours or fifteen minutes before sunset, whichever is earlier.

14.2 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.

14.3 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.

15. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS & PENALTIES.

15.1 Protest forms are available on the ILYC website.

15.2 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 hear an adequate hail made by the RC on 79A will not be grounds for a request for redress nor does it exempt any boat from protest obligations.

15.3 The protest time limit is 7 pm (local) the day following the race. Protests shall be delivered by email to RaceCommittee@ILYC.org. Protests will be heard on the schedule determined by the ILYC Protest Committee either in person or using a platform such as Zoom or Google Meets.

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

15.5 **PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE** - After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident in accordance with Appendix V. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). except that the Post-Race Penalty shall be (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit. The time limit for the 30% scoring penalty is 7PM the second day following the race. This changes Appendix V2(b).

15.6 Protests will be held on the schedule determined by the ILYC Protest Committee in person or using a platform such as Zoom or Google Meets. The Committee which will communicate 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 website.

15.7 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, , this changes RRS 63.3 (b).

15.8 The penalty for breaking rule 47, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

16. SCORING.

16.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System as described in Appendix A in the RRS and modified by this these SI's, except that Rule A5.3 shall apply and be 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.

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

16.3 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. If 8 or more races are completed per series, 2 discards will be allowed for that series. This changes rule A2.1.

16.4 Scoring penalties taken after a race – Appendix V will apply.

16.6 A boat that does not provide her crew, or a suitable substitute Shields crew, (a minimum of 3 people) for Race Committee duty on the assigned day shall be scored DNE. This amends A 5.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS.

17.1 A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee by calling on Ch. 79A VHF as soon as possible.

17.2 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

17.3 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.

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

18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

18.1 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.

18.2 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.

18.3 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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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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