



2024 ILYC Shields Aloha Cup Series

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB

April 28, 2024

1. RULES.

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.3 The following RRS are changed: 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 64.1.

1.5 No spinnakers shall be flown during this series.

1.6 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.

4.1 There is no additional entry fee for boats entered in the Shields Wednesday evening series.

4.2 The fee for boats not entered in the Shields Wednesday evening series is \$75, payable to Shields Fleet 9 prior to the first race.

5. SCHEDULE.

Spring Series

- June 9th (Sunday) Warning Signal 3:30 PM / No warning after 6:00 PM
- July 7th (Sunday) Warning Signal 3:30 PM / No warning after 6:00 PM

Summer Series

- August 4th (Sunday) Warning Signal 2:00 PM / No warning after 5:00 PM
- Sept. 8th (Sunday) Warning Signal 1:30 PM / No warning after 4:00 PM

5.1 The Race Committee may run up to three races per day.

5.2 The Aloha series ends at 12:00, September 9th.

6. 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.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. SIs will be available from the Fleet Captain and on the Fleet 9 website.

8. COURSES.

8.1 Races may be started either south or north of the Newport Pell Bridge. 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 located on the Committee Boat.

8.2 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.

8.3 The Race Committee may designate courses other than those listed on the back of the South Bay Race Chart.

8.4 If the Race Committee designates a course described in 8.3 above, it may choose the marks of the course from the marks described in the South Bay Race Chart (including Special Race Marks) and inflatable marks placed by the Race Committee.

8.5 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).

8.6 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.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM.

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

9.1a 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.

9.2 Scoring penalties are in accordance with Appendix V

9.3 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.

10. SCORING.

10.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System as described in Appendix A in the RRS and modified by this NOR, 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.

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

10.3 June and July races shall be scored as one series; August and September shall be scored as a second series. All races shall be scored as an overall series.

10.4 One completed race must be sailed to constitute a series. A minimum of three (3) completed races is required to constitute the Full Season Aloha Cup Series.

10.5 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

There will be one (1) throw-out for every six (6) races scored. This modifies RRS A2. Net series scores (after any throw-outs) will be totaled up for overall season scoring.

11. PRIZES. The racing for this event comprises the ILYC Shields Aloha Cup Series. Racing in this series will count toward the following trophies. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd will be awarded for each trophy. (Net scores = after throw-outs)

- Sean Cassidy Trophy – combined net scores from Spring Aloha (June & July) series races. To qualify, boats must compete in both of these Aloha race days (if completed).
- Kendall Trophy – combined net scores from Summer Aloha (August & September) series races. To qualify, boats must compete in both of these Aloha race days (if completed).
- Toland Memorial Trophy – combined net scores from Spring & Summer Aloha series races with Winslow Regatta races. To qualify, boats must compete in the Winslow regatta (if completed) and at least two of the four scheduled Aloha race days.

- Weekend Champion – combined net scores of all Aloha scores, in addition to the net scores from the NYYC Annual Regatta, the Classic Yacht Regatta, Newport Regatta, and the Winslow Regatta. To qualify, boats must compete in at least two of the four scheduled Aloha race days.

- Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee and Fleet 9.

12. **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.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS.

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

13.2 Racing yachts shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels operating in navigation channels. 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 participants are reminded of their obligation to keep a clear look-out at all times, especially in the vicinity of the Newport Pell Bridge and the entrance to Newport Harbor, which may have a large number of both racing and recreational boats, especially on 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. A protest for a breach of this rule may only be initiated by the OA, Race Committee, or Protest Committee.

13.3 [DP] If a safety regulation protest is upheld, the penalty may be up to disqualification not excludable (DNE). This changes RRS 64.2.

14. **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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