



2019 ILYC Shields Wednesday Night Series – Notice of Race

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB IN ASSOCIATION WITH SHIELDS FLEET 9

1. RULES.

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 U.S. Sailing Appendices T & V will apply
- 1.3 Rule changes – Rule 44.1 – see NoR #10.1, Appendix A Scoring changes – see NoR #11.
- 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

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 Class boats. Skippers must be current 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 entering any race. A copy of the insurance certificate shall be submitted with the entry form.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Boats that have not completed registration with Fleet 9 will not be scored and shall not compete until registered.

4. ENTRY FEE: Total \$ 370.00 payable to Shields Fleet 9 by noon on May 1st, 2019.

A \$50 late fee will be assessed to boat registering after the May 1st deadline.

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.

Spring Series	May 8 – June 19	Warning Signal 5.35 PM Rendezvous – Goat/Rose Island
Summer Series	June 26 – August 7	Warning Signal 5.35 PM Rendezvous – between “13” & Gould Isl.
Fall series	Aug 14 – Aug 28	Warning signal 5.35 PM Rendezvous – between “13” & Gould Isl.
	Sept 4 - Oct 2	Warning signal 5.00 PM , Rendezvous – Goat/Rose Island

NOTE Racing on Sept 18th is not part of the Fall Series (Shields Nationals 19-22 Chicago)

- 5.1 The Spring & Summer series may consist of up to 9 races. The Fall series may consist of up to 7 races.
- 5.2 In the event that sailing conditions above the bridge are unsuitable, the race committee may announce an alternate starting location on Ch79A, display Flag “L” and proceed to the new starting location.

6 ‘SECOND’ RACE

- 6.1 In an attempt to hold a second race or in the event that a race is not held or completed, the Race Committee may, if conditions permit, start a second race on any Wednesday during the Spring & Summer series. This will be indicated by Flag 2nd Substitute flown on the Committee Boat at the end of the first race and an announcement on Ch 79A.

- 6.2 The first race to be sailed on the following Wednesday will be the postponed race.
6.3 See SI 5.1 and 11.2 re potential for sailing up to 9 races in the Spring and Summer series.

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 –SIs will be available from the Fleet Captain and on the Fleet 9 web site.

9. COURSES – courses will be in accordance with the 2018-2021 South Bay chart published by SAIL NEWPORT except that if Flag “**D**” is flown on the Committee Boat before or with the warning signal, the marks of the course, the side on which they are to be left and the rounding order will be displayed on the Committee Boat.

Flag “**O**” displayed on the Committee Boat with course signals indicates that an offset mark will be set at the **first** windward mark and is to be passed on the same side as the windward mark. An offset mark will not be set if the windward mark is changed.

Flag “**G**” displayed on the Committee boat indicates that a “gate” will be set in the vicinity of the leeward mark.

10. Penalty System

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

9.2 If an arbitrator is available, hearings will be held at Ida Lewis YC immediately after sailing. Any subsequent protests will be heard on the schedule determined by the ILYC Protest Committee.

11. SCORING.

11.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with Appendix A – Low Point System except that at least two boats must start in order for a race to be scored; a boat that does not come to the starting line shall be scored THREE points more than the number of boats that started in that race.

11.2 If 8 or more races are concluded in the Spring and Summer series, 2 discards will be allowed.

This changes rule A2.1

If 3 to 7 races are completed in a series, 1 discard will be allowed.

11.3 A minimum of 3 completed races is required to constitute a series.

11.4 Scoring penalties - Appendices **T and V** will apply. (RRS page 182 & 185)

11.5 Failure of a boat to provide three persons to serve on the Race Committee on the day assigned shall result in the boat being scored DNF which may not be discarded.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. 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.

The Race Committee will endeavor to broadcast an announcement on **Ch79A** VHF approximately one hour prior to the Warning Signal regarding the status of racing.

The Race Committee may broadcast information regarding the status of the starting line on Ch. 79A VHF.

Failure to make any of the above Race Committee announcements is not grounds for seeking redress.

13. PRIZES. For each series, prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. There will also be prizes for 1st through 5th for combined scores in the three series.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY. 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.

15. 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. Competitors are also reminded of the restriction zone on the west side of the Navy Base and War College.

16. 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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