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Ida Lewis Yacht Club
Attn: William O'Hanley
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Dear Mr. O'Hanley:

Thank you for submitting an Application for Marine Event, dated March 6, 2021, for the "Shields Fleet 9 Wednesday Night Races", scheduled for May 19, 2021 through October 06, 2021 on Thursdays. After review of your application and proposed event, it has been determined that this event does not meet the definition of a Marine Event or Event as outlined in Coast Guard Commandant Instruction Manual 16751.3. **For this reason, a Coast Guard Permit for Marine Event is not required.**

You are reminded that, while no Coast Guard permit is required, you must comply with all existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations that may impact your ability to hold your event as proposed. You should take appropriate action to ensure compliance with all such requirements prior to holding your event. Additionally, it is your responsibility to contact this office if there are any changes to the event, including the number of participants and/or expected spectators, location, or any other significant changes that may necessitate reconsideration as to whether a permit is required.

I sincerely appreciate your proactive effort in bringing this marine event to my attention. Because of the dynamic nature of the waterway, boating, and maritime activities, the Coast Guard carefully considers the totality of the risks associated with each event on a case-by-case basis when determining whether a permit is needed. **Although a Coast Guard Marine Event Permit is not required for this occasion, you should continue to submit an Application of Marine Event, Form CG-4423, for this, and any similar events you may sponsor in the future.**

Nothing in this determination is intended to restrict the Coast Guard's ability to take action authorized under the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, the Magnuson Act, or other authorities to ensure the safety of vessels, waterfront facilities, and the protection of the navigable waters and the resources therein. Such actions could include, but are not limited to, promulgation of Regulated Navigation Areas or Limited Access Areas, broadcasting safety notices, and/or disseminating safety flyers.

The decision that your proposed event does not require a Coast Guard permit in no way implies that the event is without risk or deemed completely safe, nor does it imply that the Coast Guard

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has approved the event. As the event sponsor, you are still responsible for the overall safety of the event and obtaining any appropriate permits from other Federal, State, or local authorities.

If you have any questions, please contact Sector Southeastern New England's Waterways Management Staff at telephone number (401) 435-2348, or e-mail SENEWWM@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

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