



Shields Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority (OA) Shields Fleet # 9 and Ida Lewis Yacht Club

Dates - June 29th – July 1st, 2018

1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)
- 1.2 Rule V 1, Penalty at the Time of Incident, will apply.
- 1.3 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF channel **79A**.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is limited to the number of charter boats that Shields Fleet # 9 can make available. Shields Fleet # 9 will announce the number of available boats by April 1st 2018.
Only one entry per visiting fleet recognized by the Shields National Class Association will be accepted. Priority will be on a “first come first serve” basis based on paid fee received, with one boat reserved for Shields Fleet # 9. After April 1st 2018, Shields Fleet # 9 may, at its discretion, attempt to add additional boats. After June 1st, all unallocated boats will be assigned to other Shields Fleet # 9 entries.
- 2.2 Fleets shall be solely responsible for selecting their entrants. Skipper, helmsman and professional crew, as defined by the Class Rules, must have raced in at least ten Shields races since January 1st 2017.
- 2.3 The number of persons aboard a boat shall not be less than three. For crews of five or more, a limit of 1000 lbs. shall apply. There is no weight limit for crew of three or four persons. Each boat shall be required to carry the same number of persons aboard as at the start of the first race on Saturday June 30th.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may be entered by downloading the entry form at www.shieldsfleet9.com/oglc, completing the form and making the entry fee payment.
- 2.5 Entries received after 1800 on June 1st 2018, may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

3 FEES, INSURANCE AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$295. This fee includes dinner for the skipper and crew on June 30th
Extra dinner tickets will be available at registration for \$25 per person.
- 3.2 Each participating boat shall be insured through a policy provided by Ida Lewis Yacht Club & Gowrie Insurance. See 3.3 for terms.
- 3.3 A damage deposit of \$750 will be collected from each entry at registration – check or credit card.
This deposit will be used if there is damage to a loaned boat or refunded if no damage found. Sails are not covered under this policy. Photos of each boat will be taken prior to assignment to establish a baseline of condition.
- 3.4 The OA reserves the right to dismiss from further competition any boat involved in situations during which significant damage occurred.

4 BOATS AND SAILS

- 4.1 The regatta will be sailed in Shields Class sailboats provided by Shields Fleet # 9 and distributed by random assignment on Monday, June 18th 2018. No skipper shall sail in the boats on which he is the owner or regular helmsman.
- 4.2 Each entry shall provide their own sails that conform to Shields Class Rules from a boat in their home fleet.
- 4.3 Sails may be shipped to Ida Lewis Yacht Club, 170 Wellington Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.
After racing, sails should be repackaged and prepared for return shipment. Shipping will be at the owner's expense and in the owner's packaging.
- 4.4 Fleet #9 will make its best effort to provide a spare boat if a major breakdown occurs during racing.
The Race Committee will not be under any obligation to delay or postpone races for breakdowns.

5 SCHEDULE

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| 5.1 Friday June 29 | 1000 – 1200 | Registration at Ida Lewis Yacht Club |
| | 1200 | Competitors meeting at Ida Lewis Yacht Club |
| | 1400 | Practice starts and races |
| | After racing | Welcome Reception at Ida Lewis Yacht Club |
| Saturday June 30 | 1100 | First warning signal |
| | 1830 | Informal dinner at Ida Lewis Yacht Club |
| Sunday July 1 | 1100 | First warning signal |
| | 1500 | No warning signal after this time |
| | After racing | Awards at Ida Lewis yacht Club |
- 5.2 The number of races on Saturday will not be more than four and on Sunday, not more than three.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and also on the IYC website – ilyc.org

- 7 **RACING AREA** Area A Start between Rose and Goat Islands, Narragansett Bay
 Area D North of the Newport to Jamestown Bridge, Narragansett Bay
A race area chart provided by SAIL NEWPORT will be available at registration.

8 COURSES

Courses will be windward leeward with multiple legs totaling not less than 3 n.m.

The exact number of legs and their distances will be at the discretion of the race committee.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The total number of races (excluding practice races) will not be more than seven. One completed race constitutes a series.
- 9.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the practice race, with no discard.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 The Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. Keeper trophies will be awarded to each member of the top finisher boat.
- 10.2 The Perpetual Trophy will remain at the Chicago Yacht Club.

11 DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

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