



## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

The Organizing Authority is the Chicago Yacht Club in association with Fleet 3. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS)* and *the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules version 2009*. The *Shields Class Sailing Association By-Laws Governing the National Championship Regatta* (Section VI) are changed as follows: *Rule 2.5 Number of Races* is replaced by paragraph 10 of this Notice of Race. *RRS 44.2* is altered as indicated in paragraph 9.1. Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on US channels 9, 16, 71, 72 and 78.

### 2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to boats and crews of Shields Class yachts who have satisfied the requirements for entry under the provisions of the Shields Class Rule Book (section VI). Eligible skippers may enter by completing the entry form and other documentation required (Certificate of Compliance and Waiver forms) and sending it together with the required fees payable to Chicago Yacht Club, 400 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603-6493.

Late entries will be not be accepted after 0900 CDT Thursday, September 17, 2009. Entries submitted after Wednesday, September 2, should not expect to have local housing available.

### 4. FEES

The entry fee is \$550, which covers launching and hauling at CYC plus tickets to all Regatta meals and social for the skipper and three crew members. Meals and social events include light appetizers each night, dinner on Thursday and Awards Dinner on Saturday. Additional social tickets for the package described cost \$75 per person. (Note: Box lunches for race days, Friday lite fare dinner at CYC, and wine and mixed drinks will be available on a cash or credit card basis.) Entries (including check for entry fees) received after August 15 will be charged an additional \$75.

## 5. SCHEDULE

	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 16 Wednesday	Registration	0800-1700	Chicago Yacht Club--Belmont
	Practice Race & Starts	1400	Approx. 2.0 NM East of Belmont Harbor
	Welcome Reception		
	And Lite Fare	1730-2100	Chicago Yacht Club--Belmont
	Skippers Meeting	1830-1900	Chicago Yacht Club--Belmont
September 17 Thursday	Shields Class Annual Meeting	1900-	Chicago Yacht Club--Belmont
	Late registration	0800-0900	Chicago Yacht Club--Belmont
September 18 Friday	Warning signal	1100	Approx. 2.0 NM East of Belmont Harbor
	After racing	1730	Chicago Yacht Club--Belmont
			No scheduled event. Cash bar and Lite Fare will be available at CYC
September 19 Saturday	Warning signal	1100	Approx. 2.0 NM East of Belmont Harbor
	Dinner & Awards	1800	Chicago Yacht Club--Belmont

- 5.1. It is the intention of the Race Committee to run seven races for the series. Not more than three races per day will be sailed.
- 5.2. In the event that the completion of a race is threatened by the approach of the time limit, the race committee may, at its discretion, shorten the race provided that the course sailed is a "fair" test and will be at least 4 miles in length.

## 6. MEASUREMENT

In the spirit of Corinthian racing, the Regatta host is relying on the signed Certificates of Compliance and Sail Inventory Cards as evidence that all participating yachts are compliant with all rules governing participation in the National Championship Regatta.

Entrants shall provide a copy of their Sail Inventory Card to the CYC Registration desk. Each entrant shall also provide the completed Certificate of Compliance signed by the skipper, Fleet Measurer and/or Fleet Captain of the entrant's home fleet.

Measurement checks may be made at CYC at any time during the regatta and may include: mast step location check, mast and boom band markings, mast partners, hatch seals, spinnaker pole length, mainsheet partners and presence on board of the Shields Class and US Coast Guard required safety equipment including a USCG approved PFD for each crew member. Sail checks may also be made at CYC at any time during the regatta to confirm compliance with Sail Inventory Card and to check that sails are properly marked on their tacks.

Competitors from Fleet 3 will be subject to the same measurement checks prior to the regatta.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and earlier on the 2009 Shields National Championship website

## **8. COURSES & SAILING AREAS**

Courses will be windward-leeward courses and will be sailed on Lake Michigan generally east of Belmont Harbor.

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1.** The Scoring Penalty, *RRS* 44.2 is altered as follows: A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty by making ONE TURN including one tack and one gybe that, in all other respects, complies with *RRS* 44.2. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the three length zone of any rounding or passing marks, her penalty shall be a TWO TURNS penalty in compliance with *RRS* 44.2 This modifies *RRS* 44.2.

## **10. SCORING**

- 10.1.** A maximum of SEVEN races are scheduled.  
**10.2.** If five or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded.

## **11. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 11.1.** Support boats shall display the sail number(s) of the boat(s) she is supporting.  
**11.2.** Competing boats may be towed to the racing area by a support boat.  
**11.3.** Other than outside help defined in *RRS* 41, no assistance shall be given, communication made, or gear transferred between support boats and competing boats from the warning signal of the first race until the completion of the final race of each day without prior approval of the Principal Race Officer or Protest Committee Chair.

## **12. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out after the start of the first race of the regatta except with the written permission of the Protest Committee.

## **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **13. 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 cell phones.

## **14. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:  
Daily first place winner in each race.  
Regatta trophies to Skippers of first five place finishers.

Shields National Champion Trophy to the winner.  
James B. Moore Trophy to the crew of the winning boat.  
Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize to the most improved competitor.  
Shields Class National Championship Institutional Bowl for the best institutional crew performance.  
Moore trophy for the best performance among the five oldest skippers.  
Junior Skipper Award for the best performance among the five youngest skippers.  
The Take A Bow award for the most dubious achievement.  
The Golden Stern Award to the last placed finishing boat that competed.

## **15. CONDUCT & RESPONSIBILITY**

- 15.1.** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Chicago Yacht Club, its Board of Directors, and Shields Fleet 3 will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during and after the regatta.
- 15.2.** The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests during the regatta, whether on shore or on the water. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with the request of any Race Officer, committee member or agent of Chicago Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification from the Championship.

**16. VISITING YACHTS**

CYC anticipates having adequate dock or mooring space for all visiting yachts. All support boats may use CYC facilities on a space available basis after all participating Shields and Committee Boats are accommodated.

**INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third- party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

- 17. FURTHER INFORMATION** – contact Kevin Teborek at 847-707-1918.