

# SHIELDS NATIONALS



September 21-24, 2011      Oyster Bay, New York

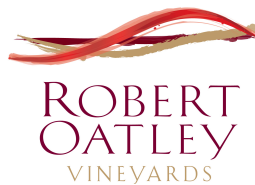
## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules version 2009-2012*, except as modified by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Protest Arbitration as defined below in paragraph 15.5 of these Sailing Instructions will be used at this regatta.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the living room of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club clubhouse.



### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag ‘AP’ is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 90 minutes’ in Race Signals ‘AP’. This changes Race Signals ‘AP’.
- 4.3 When flag “L” is displayed ashore, a change has been made in the Sailing Instructions.

### **5 SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT**

When Flag ‘R’ is displayed from a race committee boat at the finish line of a race, it means ‘Another race will be sailed today. The warning signal for the next race will be made 1 minute after removal with one sound signal unless at that time the race is postponed or abandoned.’ The flag “R” will also be flown from the committee boat at the starting line and a sound will be made from this location.

### **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the practice race on September 21, 2011 is 1500.
- 6.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race on September 22, 23, and 24, 2011, is 1100. The warning signals for subsequent races shall be made as per paragraph 5.
- 6.3 There will be a maximum of three races on each of the following days: September 22, 23, and 24, 2011

### **7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area will be Long Island Sound off Oyster Bay, New York.
- 7.2 The rendezvous for the first race on each day of the regatta will be a point approximately half way between Bell 17 off Centre Island and R32A mid sound
- 7.3 The Race Committee may change the location of the *Practice Race*.

### **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The two diagrams attached show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. These courses will be designated as “W” and “L”.
- 8.2 The minimum length of the course sailed shall be six (6) nautical miles.
- 8.3 If there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

**9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, and start / finish marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The offset mark if used will be a white hippity hop.
- 9.3 Gate Marks when used will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 Change marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

**10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between staff displaying yellow flag on the committee boat and a mark as defined in paragraph 9.1 on the port end of the starting line.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1 and 63.1.

**11 RECALLS**

Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2. In addition, the race committee will attempt to hail the recall number of each recalled boat on VHF channel 5. The following shall not be grounds for redress [this modifies RRS 62.1]:

- (a) failure of a boat to have a VHF radio;
- (b) failure of a boat to hear or receive a recall broadcast;
- (c) a boat's position in the sequence of recall numbers broadcast;
- (d) promptness of the broadcast.

**12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the committee boat and a nearby mark as defined in paragraph 9.1 and shown on the attached diagrams.

**13 TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1 The time limit for each race is three (3) hours.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.
- 13.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within one (1) hour after the start, the race will be abandoned.

**14 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, & ARBITRATION**

- 14.1 Forms for protests and requests for redress are available at the front desk of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there before the expiration of applicable time limits.
- 14.2 The time limit for protests and requests for redress is one hour after the principal race officer returns to shore at the end of the day. The time limit will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.
- 14.3 Notice of protest by the Race Committee or by the Jury will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.4 Notice of hearings will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board within thirty (30) minutes of the time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Sherman Hoyt Room on the second floor of the Club. Parties should remain in the area of the hearing room to be available when called.
- 14.5 Arbitration (this changes: For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing will be held as soon after submission of

the protest form as is possible. One representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator; no witnesses will be allowed. Decisions made during arbitration are not grounds for redress or reopening and cannot be appealed. A boat that accepts fault at arbitration will receive a score for the place worse than her actual finishing place by the whole number [rounding 0.5 upward] nearest to 40% of the number of boats entered, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF. The scores for other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score. The arbitrator will not be a member of the Jury that hears the protest, but will be permitted to observe the testimony at the hearing and offer testimony.

## **15 SCORING**

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. The regatta will consist of a maximum of nine (9) races.
- 16.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to RRS 88.3(b).
- 16.4 Scoring for special Shields Class prizes (see 22.3 below) will be in accordance with Class rules.

## **17 SAFETY**

- 17.1 Before the warning signal for the first race of each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and check in. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be determined by the Jury in its sole discretion and may include disqualification from one or more races.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **18 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat and its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and with the rules of this regatta.

## **19 MEDIA, IMAGES, SOUND AND COMMUNICATION**

- 19.1 The OA and its sponsors shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.
- 19.2 VHF radio will be used by the Race Committee to communicate announcements and recall numbers to competitors. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 5.
- 19.3 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to all electronic media.

## **20 SUPPORT BOATS**

Support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for a race until after all boats have finished or the race committee has signalled a postponement, abandonment, or general recall.

## **21 HAUL OUT & BOTTOM CLEANING**

Boats participating in this regatta shall be afloat by 2000 on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with

and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury. Bottom cleaning, will not be permitted after 2000 on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

**22 PRIZES**

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers of boats placing first through fifth in this regatta.
- 22.2 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper of each boat winning a race of the regatta.
- 22.3 Other prizes may be awarded and these may include the following: the Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize, the Shields Class National Championship Institutional Trophy, the Senior Skipper Award, the Junior Skipper Award, the James B. Moore Jr. Memorial Prize, Cap Dun Trophy and the Take-A-Bow Trophy.

**23 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its sponsors, their agents, employees, representatives, trustees, members, race committee, jury members, and officials accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

**Wayne Marciano, Regatta Chairman**

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**Ian McCurdy, Principal Race Officer**

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**John Mooney, Chief Judge**

COURSE DIAGRAMS

