

# Notice of Race

2012 SHIELDS NATIONAL REGATTA

Shields Fleet #10

Beverly Yacht Club

Marion, MA

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – Sunday, September 23, 2012

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## 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules* as posted at <http://www.shieldsclass.com/bluebook/>.

1.2 The organizing authority is the Beverly Yacht Club in conjunction with the Shields Class Sailing Association and Shields Fleet #10, Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts.

1.3 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 73.

1.4 RRS 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the *Sailing Instructions* and this *Notice of Race*, the *Sailing Instructions* shall apply."

## 2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising is restricted by ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and the *Class Rules*

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

3.1 The regatta is open to boats and crews of the Shields class that have satisfied the prerequisites for entry under the provisions of the *Shields Class Rules (Section VI)*. Each skipper shall be a current member of US Sailing, or of his or her own national authority.

3.2 Registration material will be available on the website <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2012/>. Eligible boats may enter by registering on approved entry forms received by the Beverly Yacht Club not later than 1800 on Thursday, September 13, 2012. Eligible boats that entry after this time will be accepted prior to noon on September 19, 2012 and will be charged an additional fee of \$100.

3.3 A *Certificate of Compliance* and a *Regatta Waiver* shall be completed, signed, and submitted with registration.

3.4 The entry fee is \$570 per boat, payable to Shields Fleet #10. Entry fee includes launch and haul at posted times for visitors on trailers, mooring or rafting and five (5) tickets each for the Wednesday informal dinner, Thursday event social and the Saturday Awards Cookout.

3.5 Tickets for the Friday Regatta Dinner are \$35 per person. Extra event tickets at \$12 each for informal Wednesday or Saturday meals will be available and may be purchased with registration. Box lunches can be ordered in advance at \$8. All events except Thursday event social are cash bar.

3.6 For out of town Shields sailors, borrowed boats (not including sails) will be available by advance registration and a required insurance deposit of \$250 paid with registration. The deposit will be returned to the extent it is not used.

## 4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1800 on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 on the website at <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2012/> and at the registration desk on Wednesday September 19, 2012.

## 5 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

5.1 Launching and hauling for visiting yachts on trailers is included in the entry fee. Launching and rigging is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19 between 1000 and 1400. Hauling and unrigging is scheduled for Saturday September 22 between 1400 and 1900. Owners must make their own arrangements, at their own expense, for launching/hauling any other day or time. Only visiting yachts on trailers will be included in the launch and haul.

5.2 All boats shall be in the water by 1800 Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Boats shall not be hauled out after that time for the duration of the regatta without prior permission of the Principal Race Officer.

5.3 Moorings will be available through the Beverly Yacht Club on a first come basis. For reservations, please contact Graham Quinn at [regatta2012@shieldsclass.com](mailto:regatta2012@shieldsclass.com). All visitors will be accommodated with at least rafting space.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

1000 - 1400	Launch for visitors on trailers.
1000 - 1500	Registration and boat inspection.
1400	Informal sparring and sailing tune up. There will be no formal practice race.
1730 - 1800	Registration.
1800	Skipper's meeting and Annual Meeting
1900	Event informal dinner at BYC

Thursday, September 20, 2012

0800	Continental breakfast at BYC (cash basis) Box Lunch pick up (separate fee – pay in advance)
1030	First warning signal
1830	Event social at and sponsored by Harding Sails

Friday, September 21, 2012

0800	Continental breakfast at BYC (cash basis) Box Lunch pick up (separate fee – pay in advance)
1030	First warning signal
1830	Regatta Dinner at BYC (separate fee – pay in advance, cash bar)

Saturday, September 22, 2012

0800	Continental breakfast at BYC (cash basis) Box Lunch pick up (separate fee – pay in advance)
1030	First warning signal
1400	No First Warning after this time
1400 - 1700	Haul out
1800	Awards ceremony and cookout at BYC

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters of Buzzards Bay off Marion, Massachusetts.

## **8 COURSES**

The courses will be described in the sailing instructions and will conform to Section VI-2.4 of the Rules Governing the Running of the National Championship Regatta of the *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules*.

## **9. SCORING**

9.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

9.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When five (5) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **10 SUPPORT BOATS**

10.1 Competing boats may be towed to the racing area by a support boat before the first race of the day.

10.2 Other than outside help defined in RRS 41, no assistance shall be given or gear transferred between support boats and a competing boat from the warning signal of the first race until the completion of the final race of each day without prior approval from the Principal Race Officer or Jury Chair.

## **11 COMPLIANCE AND MEASUREMENT**

11.1 A *Compliance Certificate* shall be submitted and signed by each skipper with registration that includes eligibility of skipper and co-skipper (if any); eligibility of professional crew (if any); certification of total crew weight; certification of yacht and sails; and certification of on-board required equipment.

11.2 A valid *Sail Inventory* printout from the online Sail Inventory Registry shall be signed and submitted with registration.

11.3 Boat and sail measurement checks may be made at any time during the regatta. Skippers shall make their yacht and sails available as directed by the Regatta Committee.

## **12 PRIZES**

12.1 Prizes will be awarded after sailing and final scoring on Saturday, September 22, 2012.

12.2 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers of the first five place finishers.

12.3 Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each race.

12.4 Other Prizes will be awarded according to the Shields Class Sailing Association Class Rules.

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

13.1 The organizing authority and its sponsors shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

13.2 VHF radio will be used by the Race Committee to communicate announcements and recall numbers to competitors. The use of VHF radio communication, or failure to do so, by the RC shall not be considered a valid reason for request for redress.

13.3. Except in an emergency, a yacht shall not have outside communications while racing that are not available to all yachts.

## **14 INSURANCE**

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident.

## 15 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

15.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. 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 the Beverly Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification.

15.2 The Beverly Yacht Club and the Shields Class Sailing Association are not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and waives any and all claims, including those arising from negligence or lack of due care, which he/she may have against the Beverly Yacht Club, its regatta committee, and its officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents, or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does responsibility for the safe condition of the boat, including safety equipment and rigging. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Beverly Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

## 16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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