



50TH SHIELDS NATIONALS



LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB 2014

September 10 – 13, 2014

Organizing Authority (OA): Larchmont Yacht Club and Shields Fleet One

Larchmont, NY 10538 USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Rules 62.2 and 66 will be changed in the sailing instructions to shorten the time on the last scheduled day of racing to request redress based on a protest committee decision or to request a reopening of a hearing. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on all standard VHF channels. A specific VHF channel for communications from and to the Race Committee will be designated in the sailing instructions.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is restricted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Appendix 1, Advertising Code.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to Shields Class boats and crews who have satisfied the requirements for entry under the provisions of Section VI: Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta of the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and other required documentation (Certificate of Compliance and Sail Inventory Registry printout as per 6.1, below, and the Regatta Waiver form) and sending them, together with the required fee payable to Shields Fleet One, to Larchmont Yacht Club, One Woodbine Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538, Attn: Race Committee
- 3.3 Entries will not be accepted after 1800 EDT Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Entries submitted after Saturday, August 9, 2014 will be subject to a late fee of \$100.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$600 which covers: launching and hauling; a mooring at LYC; continental breakfast each morning, dinner on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings, and any other social events for up to five crew members (including the skipper).
- 4.2 Additional social tickets may be purchased for \$150 per person.
- 4.3 Box lunches ordered from LYC will be provided for an additional fee.

5 SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 9

1700-2000 Registration (in the Pandemonium)

Wednesday, September 10

1000-1800 Registration (in the Pandemonium)

1430 First warning signal for practice starts and practice race

1800 Competitors meeting (in the Pandemonium)

Thursday, September 11 and Friday, September 12

1030 First warning signal of the day

Saturday, September 13

1030 First warning signal of the day

1400 No warning signal after this time

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Skippers will be required to submit a signed Certificate of Compliance and Sail Inventory Registry.
- 6.2 The OA may make measurement checks at any time to confirm compliance with the Class Rules, Section IV, including: mast step location, mast and boom band markings, mast partners, hatch seals, spinnaker pole length, and required U.S. Coast Guard and Shields Class required safety equipment, including an approved PFD for each crew member. The OA may also measure sails at any time to confirm compliance with the Class Rules, Section V, and to confirm agreement with the Sail Inventory Card.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at registration and online no later than August 25.

8 COURSES AND SAILING AREA

- 8.1 Courses will be described in the sailing instructions and will conform with Section VI of the Class Rules.
- 8.2 The racing area will be in Long Island Sound, south of Larchmont Harbor.

9 PENALTIES

- 9.1 Appendix T, Section D - Arbitration will apply.
- 9.2 Appendix T, Section B - Post-Race Penalties will apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 A minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 If four or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4 No more than three races will be held on any one day, and no more than eight races will be held in the regatta.

11 LOANER BOAT POLICY

A limited number of loaner boats will be made available for the regatta. Eligible skippers wishing to borrow a boat must contact the Event Co-Chairs prior to entry.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Support boats shall display the sail numbers of the boats they are supporting.
- 12.2 Except for Outside Help as defined in rule 41, no assistance shall be given nor gear transferred between a support boat and a competing boat between the first warning signal of the first race until the boat has finished the final race of each day, without prior approval from the Principal Race Officer or Protest Committee Chair.

13 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out between the first and final races of the regatta without the written permission of the Protest Committee.

14 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, boats shall not have any outside communication while racing that is not available to all boats.

16 MEDIA, SOUND, AND IMAGES

The organizing authority has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Keeper trophies will be awarded in conjunction with each of the perpetual awards listed in the Class Rules, Section VI, 5.2 (Awards).
- 17.2 In addition, keeper trophies will be awarded to the winners of each individual race, as well as for skippers and crews finishing in second through fifth place overall.

18 DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY

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.

19 INSURANCE

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

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Larchmont Yacht Club, One Woodbine Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538.

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