



51st SHIELDS NATIONALS
IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB, NEWPORT RI
 Shields Class Sailing Association Championship Regatta
 Ida Lewis Yacht Club in association with Shields Fleet 9

September 9-12, 2015



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 1.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on all standard marine VHF channels. The fleet VHF channel for this regatta is channel **79A** which shall be monitored by each competitor while racing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the deck at the clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0830 on the day they take effect. 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 flown from the yardarm of the flag pole at the club.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signals "AP".

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Sept 8 Tuesday	1530-1800	Early Registration	Junior Clubhouse ILYC
Sept 9 Wednesday	1000-1800	Registration	Junior Clubhouse ILYC
	1400	Practice starts & race	Narragansett Bay
	1800	Skippers meeting	
	1815	Welcome Reception & Grill Night	ILYC
	1900	Shields Class Annual Meeting	
Sept 10 Thursday	0800-0930	Late Registration	Junior Clubhouse ILYC
	0830	Rendezvous signal	Yardarm & Ch 79A
	1030	First warning Signal	
	1830	Casual dinner	ILYC
Sept 11 Friday	0830	Rendezvous signal	Yardarm & Ch 79A
	1030	First warning signal	
	After racing	Get together at locations in Newport	
		Information in skipper's bags	
		Dinner on your own	
Sept 12 Saturday	0830	Rendezvous signal	Yardarm & Ch 79A
	1030	First warning signal	
	1430	No warning signal after this time	
	1800	Dinner & Awards	ILYC

6 RACING AREAS

There are two potential race areas – Rhode Island Sound and the East Passage of Narragansett Bay
Flag "A" = rendezvous area approx ½ nm south of R"2" Brenton Point
Flag "R" = rendezvous in the vicinity of Half Way Rock, East Passage Narragansett Bay.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The race committee will signal one of five courses (W 4, 5 or 6, T 5 or T 6) along with the approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to the windward mark.
- 7.2 Courses W 4, 5 or 6 are windward-leeward courses with that number of legs.
An offset mark will be set at the windward mark unless it is a change mark.
The leeward mark will be a gate. If the gate is not set, round the leeward mark to port.
The gate does not have to be observed when finishing to leeward.
- 7.3 Courses T 5 and T 6 are triangle, windward/leeward/windward courses of 5 or 6 legs. The triangle will approximate a 45/45/90 right triangle as depicted in Attachment A.
T5 is a leeward finish; T 6 is a windward finish.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be inflatable orange marks.
- 8.2 The offset mark will be an orange "dumple"
- 8.3 A change mark will be an inflatable yellow mark
- 8.4 The finish mark will be an orange cylindrical mark.

9 THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on boats at either end of the starting line.

9.1 FLAG U.

If Flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal.

This changes Rule 26 and A5. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal, rule 29.1 (individual recall) does not apply.

The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

- 9.2 A boats starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.
This changes rules 35 and A5.

10 RECALLS

- 10.1 The race committee will attempt to hail the sail number of OCS boats on **Ch 79A**
- 10.2 The timing and order of such hails, or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a)

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The race committee will endeavor to broadcast changes on Ch 79A

12 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff flying a blue flag on the finish boat and the course side of the finish mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed as follows:
A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than the starting mark, her penalty shall be a **TWO-TURNS** penalty.
- 13.2 Appendix T, Section B, Post Race Penalties will apply, changed as follows:
After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part Two or rule 31 while racing may take a Post Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3 (c). However, rules 44.1 (a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the Protest Committee in writing and indentifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- 13.3 Rule T2.2 is deleted entirely and replaced with the following:
T2.2 The Post-race Penalty shall be 30% if taken before the beginning of a protest hearing involving the Incident.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is three hours.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored "TLE" without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee at the finish line and indicate the sail number of the protested boat(s).
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available from the Protest Committee Secretary in the Junior Clubhouse at ILYC.
- 15.3 Completed protest forms shall be given to the Protest Committee Secretary within the protest time which is one hour after the race committee docks.
- 15.4 The time limit for submitting protests will be published.
- 15.5 A list of protests submitted and the order in which they are received will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.6 Hearings will be held in the ILYC Clubhouse – second floor.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes rule 62.2

16 SCORING

- 16.1 A maximum of eight races is scheduled. Three completed races will constitute a regatta.
- 16.2 If fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores. If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her series score excluding her worst score.
- 16.3 A boat scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of finishers plus one. This changes A 4.2, and 11.

17 NEWPORT TIDE INFORMATION

Sept 9 Wednesday	High 05:42/18:14	Low 0002/11:26
Sept 10 Thursday	High 06:33/19:00	Low 0032/12:02
Sept 11 Friday	High 07:18/19:40	Low 00:55/12:39
Sept 12 Saturday	High 07:58/20:17	Low 01:18/13:17

18 NEWPORT AREA CAUTION

Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have right-of-way over any vessel that may be restricted in her ability to maneuver. Any boat that interferes with commercial shipping or is reported to the race committee by a Pilot, the Coast Guard or DEM Police will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, the following information is provided:

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Event Chair: Robbie Benjamin

Fleet 9 Captain: Betsy Yale

PRO: Robin Wallace

Protest Committee Chair: Carol Barrow

Protest Committee Secretary: Stephanie McLennan

2015 SHIELDS NATIONALS REGATTA – PRACTICE RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

In general the Sailing Instructions for the Shields National Regatta will be used with the following changes:

Race location – above Newport Bridge

Flag “D” flown from the ILYC yardarm at 1200 indicates that practice starts and race will be sailed between Gould Island and the Newport Bridge – see south bay chart.

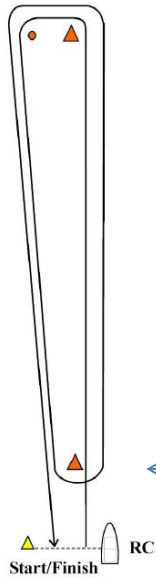
First warning signal is at 1400.

Monitor Ch 79A for information

Expect 2-3 practice starts and then a single practice race.

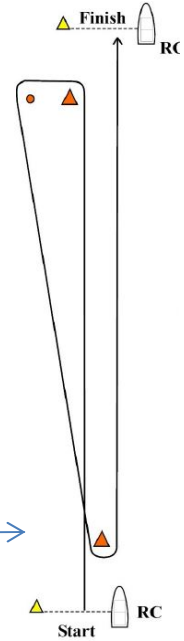
Attachment A: Course Diagrams

Course W
even number of legs

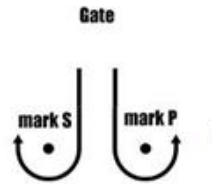


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Even number legs

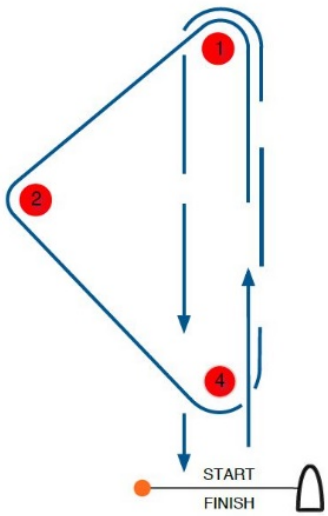
Course W
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Course "W"
Odd number legs



Course T5



Course T6

