



Shields 60th National Championship Regatta
September 18 – 21, 2024

Organizing Authority (OA): Larchmont Yacht Club and Shields Fleet #1
Larchmont, New York

NOTICE OF RACE

[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as changed: At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add: (c) If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears that protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes rule 63.3(a).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the Larchmont Yacht Club site at: <https://www.larchmontyc.org/>, and on [Yachtscoring.com](https://www.yachtscoring.com), no later than 1800 August 25, 2024. Copies will also be available during registration

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on [Yacht Scoring](https://www.yachtscoring.com).
- 3.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard VHF channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ADVERTISING

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

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Eligible boats may register online at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16362> regatta by the entry form along with the Certificate of Compliance and Risk statement. Sail Inventory Registry printout as per 6.1, below, and the online Regatta Waiver form must be included as well.
- 5.3 The entry deadline is 1159, Saturday, August 10, 2024. Entries submitted after that date will be subject to a late fee of \$150. Entries will not be accepted after 1800 EDT Tuesday, September 10, 2024.
- 5.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$900 which includes: launching and hauling at LYC; a guest mooring at LYC; continental breakfast each morning, lite bites on Wednesday, dinner Thursday, and Awards Dinner Saturday, and any other social events for up to five crew members (including the skipper).

4.2 Additional social tickets may be purchased for \$200 per person.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 17

1700 - 2000 Check-in in the Pandemonium

Wednesday, September 18

1000 - 1800 Check-in in the Pandemonium

1430 First Warning Signal for practice starts and practice race

1730 - 1800 Skippers' Meeting in the Pandemonium

1800 - 2000 Welcome Cocktails & Lite Bites in the Pandemonium provided by Shields Fleet #1

1830 - 1930 Shields Class Annual Meeting in the Pandemonium

Thursday, September 19

1030 First Warning signal of the day

After Racing Keg and Signature Drink Selections

1800 - 2030 Tie Dyed Shirt BBQ in the Pandemonium

Friday, September 20

1030 First warning signal of the day

After Racing Keg and Signature Drink selections at the Tiki Bar, Dinner on your own

Saturday, September 21

1030 First warning signal of the day

1430 No warning signal after this time

1830 - 2130 Awards Dinner on the LYC Quarterdeck

6 MEASUREMENT

6.1 Skippers will be required to submit a signed Certificate of Compliance and Sail Inventory Registry by the last date of Registration on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

6.2 The OA and/or Class Measurer 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.

6.3 Crew weight shall be certified as part of the signed Certificate of Compliance at registration by the skipper and shall not be subject to protest by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or Fleet Measurer. Weigh-ins performed shall be in light clothing and occur in the LYC Junior Clubhouse following the expiration of the protest time limit following that day of racing. Crew substitutions may occur but must be certified by the skipper to be in conformance.

7 COURSES AND SAILING AREA

7.1 Courses will be described in the sailing instructions and will conform with Section VI of the Class Rules.

7.2 The racing area will be in Long Island Sound, south of Larchmont Harbor..

8 SCORING

8.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 When fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.3 If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.4 No more than three races will be held on any one day, and no more than eight races will be held in the regatta.

9 LOANER BOAT POLICY

A limited number of loaner boats will be made available for the regatta. In order to qualify for a loaner boat, a skipper must complete registration on the website by August 1, 2024, and comply with all the requirements, including a damage deposit of \$750 payable at on-site registration. Deposits shall be returned following a post-

regatta inspection for undamaged boats and may be retained for damaged boats until proper repair estimates can be made. This deposit may be used entirely or in part to cover any damage to the chartered boat. Sails are not covered under this policy. Eligible skippers wishing to borrow a boat must contact the Event Co-Chairs no later than August 1, 2024.

10 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 10.1 While on the water, support vessels shall conspicuously display a flag indicating the sail numbers of the boat they are supporting using black numbers on a white background.
- 10.2 All support vessels shall register with the OA during Check-in with their flag.
- 10.3 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.

11 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.

12 BOTTOM CLEANING

Washing or cleaning bottoms of hulls is prohibited from the first warning signal of the first race to the finish of the last race of the Regatta.

13 MEDIA, SOUND, AND IMAGES

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

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Keeper trophies will be awarded in conjunction with each of the perpetual awards listed in the Class R Rules, Section VI, 5.2 (Awards).
- 14.2 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.

15 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.

16 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.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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