

Notice of Race

July 3, 2006

2006 SHIELDS NATIONAL REGATTA

Shields Fleet #10

Beverly Yacht Club

Marion, MA

Wednesday, August 9, 2006 – Saturday, August 12, 2006

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS)* and the *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules*.
- 1.2 Part 5, Section B of the *RRS* is changed to provide for arbitration of protests.
- 1.3 This regatta is designated Category A.
- 1.4 The organizing authority is the Beverly Yacht Club in conjunction with the Shields Class Sailing Association. The host is Shields Fleet #10, Buzzards Bay.
- 1.5 By Authority of the Class Executive Committee, the *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta* (Section VI) are changed as follows:
Rule 2.3, “Scoring”, and Rules 2.4(b), 2.4(c) and 2.4(d), “Courses”, are replaced by paragraphs 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 and 10.5 of this *Notice of Race*.
- 1.6 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 73.
- 1.7 Life jackets will be required to be worn at the start and the finish of each race and are strongly encouraged at other times. Coast Guard approved inflatable Type I or II life jackets are acceptable.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 2.1 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 Rule Book* (Section VI).
- 2.2 Registration material will be available on the website <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2006/>. Eligible boats may enter by registering on approved entry forms received by the Beverly Yacht Club not later than 1800 on Wednesday, August 2, 2006. Boats that register after this time will be accepted prior to noon on August 9, 2006 and charged an additional fee of \$100.
- 2.3 A *Certificate of Compliance* and a *Regatta Waiver* shall be completed, signed, and submitted with registration.
- 2.4 The entry fee is \$650 per boat, payable to Shields Fleet #10. Entry fee includes launch and haul, daily continental breakfast and four (4) tickets each Wednesday night dinner, Thursday night cocktails, Friday night cookout, and the Saturday awards dinner. Extra event tickets will be available and may be purchased at registration.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1800 on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 on the website at <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2006/> and at the registration desk on Wednesday August 9, 2006.

4 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 4.1 All boats shall be in the water by 1800 Wednesday, August 9, 2006. Boats shall not be hauled out after that time for the duration of the regatta without prior permission of the Principal Race Officer.
- 4.2 Moorings will be available thru the Beverly Yacht Club on a first come basis. For reservations, please contact Graham Quinn at Harding Sails Inc, 508-738-0334.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 9, 2006

0800 - 1200	Launch.
0800 - 1500	Registration and boat inspection.
1100 - 1500	Sail Measurement
1400	Practice race warning signal
1700	Skipper's meeting
1730	Annual meeting
1830	Event dinner at BYC

Thursday, August 10, 2006

0800	Continental breakfast at BYC
1055	First warning signal
1830	Event cocktails

Friday, August 11, 2006

0800	Continental breakfast at BYC
1055	First warning signal
1830	Event cookout sponsored by Harding Sails

Saturday, August 12, 2006

0800	Continental breakfast at BYC
1055	First warning signal
1400	No race sequence to be initiated after this time
1400 - 1700	Haul out (if racing concludes)
1800	Awards ceremony and dinner at BYC

Sunday, August 13, 2006

	In the event that the minimum of four races have not been completed, races could be conducted. No race sequence will begin after 1400.
0800 - 1200	Haul out (if racing continues Saturday afternoon)

6 COURSES

Courses will be windward-leeward, Olympic or Gold Cup courses as described in the *Sailing Instructions*.

7 RACING AREA

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

8 SUPPORT BOATS

- 8.1 Competing boats may be towed to the racing area by a support boat before the first race of the day.
- 8.2 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.

9 SAIL MEASUREMENT.

- 9.1 Sails shall be brought to sail measurement location at the First Congregational Church Community Center (144 Front Street Marion, MA 02738) during the hours of 1100 to 1500 on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 and measured if no valid Sail Inventory card is presented as part of registration.
- 9.2 If a valid Sail Inventory card is presented as part of registration then sails shall be made available on each boat for inspection (see hours in Section 5) as part of boat inspection.

10 SCORING AND NUMBER OF RACES

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A (*RRS*) will apply.
- 10.2 A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled. Four (4) completed races will constitute a series.
- 10.3 If fewer than five (5) races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If five (5) or more races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to rule 89.3(b).
- 10.4 No more than 3 races can be run on a single day.
- 10.5 In the event that the completion of a race is threatened by the approach of the time limit, the race committee may, at its discretion, shorten the race, provided that the course sailed is judged a "fair" test and will be at least 4 miles in length.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded during the event dinner on Saturday, August 12, 2006.
- 11.2 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers of the first five place finishers.
- 11.3 Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each race.
- 11.4 Other Prizes will be awarded according to the *Shields Class Sailing Association Class Rules*.

12 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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