

Shields Class National Championship

September 19-22, 2012

Hosted by: Beverly Yacht Club, Marion, MA, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS") and the *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules* posted at <http://www.shieldsclass.com/bluebook/>.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Beverly Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0830 on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 or the Protest Time Limit, whichever is earlier, on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Beverly Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than ninety (90) minutes" in Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Thursday, and Friday, September 20-21	1030	First warning signal
Saturday, September 22	1030 1400 After racing	First warning signal No first warning signal for a new race after this time Awards ceremony

5.2 The race committee will run as many races as practical each day up to three.

6 RACING AREA

6.1 The event racing area is located in Buzzards Bay, approximately 3 miles SSE of Ram Island (Sippican Harbor).

7 THE COURSE

7.1 The courses will be windward – leeward courses with either four or five full legs as shown in attachment A. The offset mark (1A) will be located approximately 8 boat lengths to port of the windward mark. A Gate may be substituted for the Leeward mark. If a Gate is used a "G" will be added to the course designation. The course designation (4 or 5 (G)) and the

approximate compass course to the first mark and the length of the first leg will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

- 7.2 The minimum length of the course shall be 6 miles. However, courses may be shortened.
- 7.3 If there is a gate, boats shall sail between the two gate marks from the direction of the last mark and round one of the two gate marks.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Rounding marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. The offset mark will be smaller than the rounding mark. New marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 9.2 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 9.3 **Recalls:** The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail number(s) of boats that are subject to RRS 30.1 or OCS on VHF Channel 72. Failure of the Race Committee to hail, failure of the VHF system, the order of the hails, or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark.
- 10.2 If the Race Committee does not intend to start another race on the same day, the race committee finish boat will display code flag A while boats are finishing.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course in accordance with RRS 28.1 is 120 minutes.
- 11.2 Boats still racing thirty (30) minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

12 PROTESTS and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk at the Beverly Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat docks at the Beverly Yacht Club. The Race Committee will post the time of docking on the official notice board as soon as practicable.
- 12.3 The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 12.4 Hearings will be held at the Beverly Yacht Club. Competitors who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain on call at the Beverly Yacht Club.
- 12.5 A competitor who believes that he has been scored incorrectly may deliver a Request for Scoring Review to the Protest Desk. If not resolved by the Race Committee, such requests will be considered redress requests (delivered when the Scoring Review was delivered) and will be considered by the Protest Committee.
- 12.6 Competitors requesting redress relating to an OCS or starting penalty shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the Race Committee may have made. Such competitors will be expected to establish that they started properly. This adds to RRS 62.2.
- 12.7 A breach of SI 16 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

13 SCORING

- 13.1 When fewer than five (5) Races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When from five (5) to eight (8) Races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 A competitor retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat or support boat.
14.2 A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a non-inflatable US Coast Guard approved PFD properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing.

15 COACH AND SUPPORT BOAT REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Support boats and personnel shall stay outside of the racing area from the time of the warning signal until after all boats have finished.

16 ENVIRONMENT

Intentional discharge of trash into the water by competitors or support boats is prohibited.

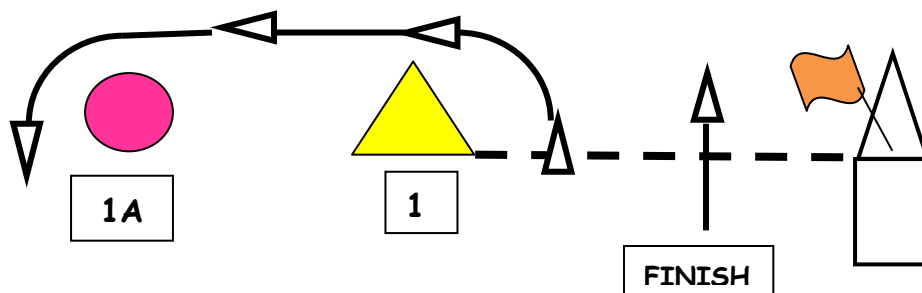
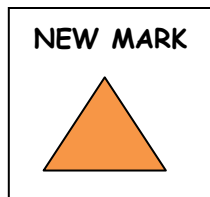
17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority, including those based on criteria other than regatta results.

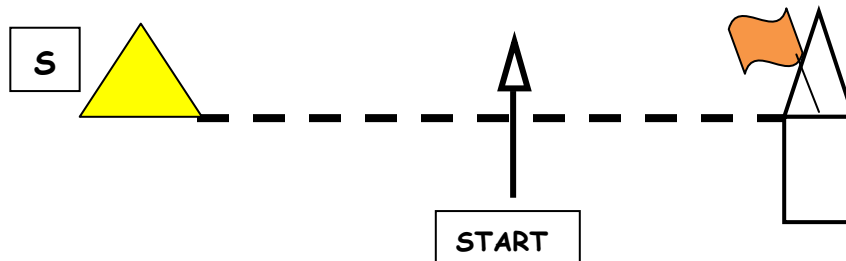
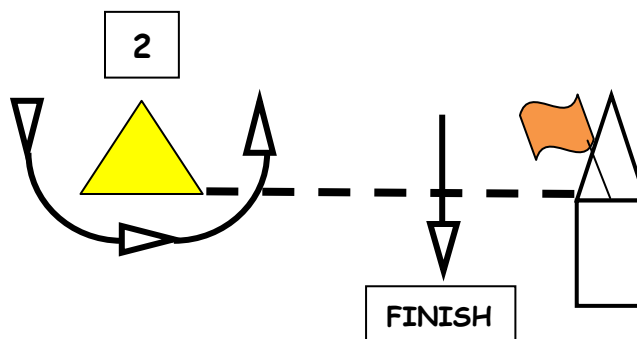
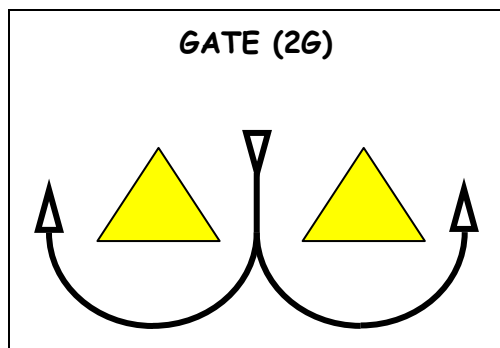
18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and, for minors, their parent or guardian.

SAILING INSTRUCTION ATTACHMENT A WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM



NOT TO SCALE



**COURSE 4: START-1(port)-1A(port)-2(port)-1(port)-1A(port)-
FINISH(downwind)**
**COURSE 5: START-1(port)-1A(port)-2(port)-1(port)-1A(port)-2(port)-
FINISH(upwind)**