



**50TH SHIELDS NATIONALS
LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB 2014**

REGATTA LAUNCH / HAUL-OUT PROCEDURES

Welcome to Larchmont Yacht Club. We are including here several notes relevant to those towing their Shields to compete in the 50th Nationals at LYC – thank you very much for doing so!

RIGGING SERVICES

While we expect most teams will step / launch themselves utilizing the crane at Larchmont (procedures described below), any team wishing to have their boat launched and rigged professionally can contact one of several yards in the area. McMichael's Yacht Yard (447 E Boston Post Rd, Mamaroneck, NY 10543), in particular, has extensive experience working on Shields, from prep and launch, to salvage and restoration. They can be reached at (914) 381-5900.

UK Sails (on City Island) has a full loft for emergency sail repair. Hathaway's, Landfall Navigation, and West Marine (all in Stamford) are the nearest stores for gear and running rigging needs. Hathaway's in addition offers rigging and sail repair services.

ARRIVAL

Larchmont Yacht Club is located at 1 Woodbine Ave, Larchmont, NY 10438. Regardless of GPS directed routes, we suggest avoiding trailering a Shields down windy Monroe Ave. Instead, we suggest approaching Woodbine Ave. via Larchmont Ave. (one street over). The turn onto Larchmont Ave. is a right turn off Boston Post Road if driving northbound on Boston Post Road and vice versa.

Teams will be responsible for rigging their own boats but Club staff and volunteers will be on hand from 8am Tuesday and Wednesday to assist with stepping and launching. We will make every endeavor to launch boats upon arrival; those arriving in the evening will likely be held off from launching until the following morning. We ask that any boat participating in the Legends Regatta Wednesday morning arrive in time to be launched and rigged Tuesday if possible. Boats are encouraged to arrive earlier than Tuesday and may be launched during regular Club hours

To help keep things orderly, we request that all visiting entrants contact John Mawe at John.mawe@liftedtackllc.com – phone (917) 270-5525 as soon as possible with a guestimate for expected date and time of arrival (updating as needed).

Upon arrival at the club, boats will be directed to a staging area for hitch disconnection and prep work prior to launch. The Club's tractor will be used to maneuver boats through the boatyard to the gin pole and hoist in order as ready. Before proceeding to the hoist, please note the following:

- have a long bow and stern line cleated to the boat;
- Have a line ready to attach to crane hook for side stability;
- fenders also recommended (port side);
- Boom, Backstay and Main halyard should not be attached;
- Teams are strongly encouraged to provide their own lifting bar / bolts if possible;
- Water and unnecessary weight should be removed prior to launch;
- Once launched, boats will be moved to work dock for SHORT TERM gear transfer;

Please note that Shields should only be launched utilizing the primary 4 ton hoist, which will be shut down at night and may only be operated in the presence of Club staff/volunteers. Trailers will be stored on-site and should be clearly marked.

Once launched and gear transferred, we will utilize club RIBS to maneuver boats to their designated moorings for the regatta. We expect all teams to be on moorings but suggest bringing lines/fenders to assist tying alongside the dock for short term gear transfer. Launch service will be available throughout the regatta and can be hailed on channel 72.

HAUL-OUT

Given limited maneuvering room and space at the work dock, boats returning to LYC post-racing on Saturday are requested to return and tie up to their designated moorings while preparing for haul-out. RIBS will be utilized to maneuver boats to the hoist so sails and boom may be stowed while on the mooring and awaiting hoist.

We expect most teams to haul Saturday but will be happy to accommodate anyone wishing to get a jump start on social activities by avoiding the lineup Saturday and deferring haul out until Sunday. Staff will be on hand both Saturday and Sunday to assist. Further instructions re haul out will be provided during the regatta.

QUESTIONS

Again, thank you for bringing your beautiful Shields to this year's regatta. For any additional questions, please reach out to John Mawe at John.mawe@liftedtackllc.com or on his cell (917) 270-5525, or to the club sailing director, Lincoln White at sailingdirector@larchmontyc.org or on his cell (914) 482-3814.