

The 52nd Shields National Championship Regatta

September 27 - October 1, 2016

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Shields Fleets 7 & 12

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on marine VHF channels.

2. Signals Ashore, Notices to Competitors and Communications

- 2.1 Signals ashore will be made from the yardarm of the mast on the MPYC clubhouse deck.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the MPYC Official Notice Board, located next to the office in the clubhouse.
- 2.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions, if any, will be posted not later than 1000 on the day they take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it takes effect.
- 2.4 The Race Committee may communicate on marine VHF channel 69.

3. Schedule

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

Tuesday, Sept. 27	1530-1800	Early Registration	MPYC
Wednesday, Sept. 28	1000-1800	Registration	MPYC
	1400	1st warning signal – practice race	
	1800-2100	Welcome Reception and Dinner	MPYC
	1900-1945	Shields Class Annual Meeting	MPYC
Thursday, Sept. 29	1130	1st warning signal of the day Additional race(s) to follow	
	1830	Casual Dinner	Monterey State Historical Park
Friday, Sept. 30	1130	1st warning signal of the day Additional race(s) to follow	
Saturday, Oct. 1	1130	1st warning signal of the day Additional race(s) to follow	
	1500	No Warning Signals after this time	
	1800	Dinner and Awards	Ferrantes Bayview Ballroom

4. Class Flag, Course Signal

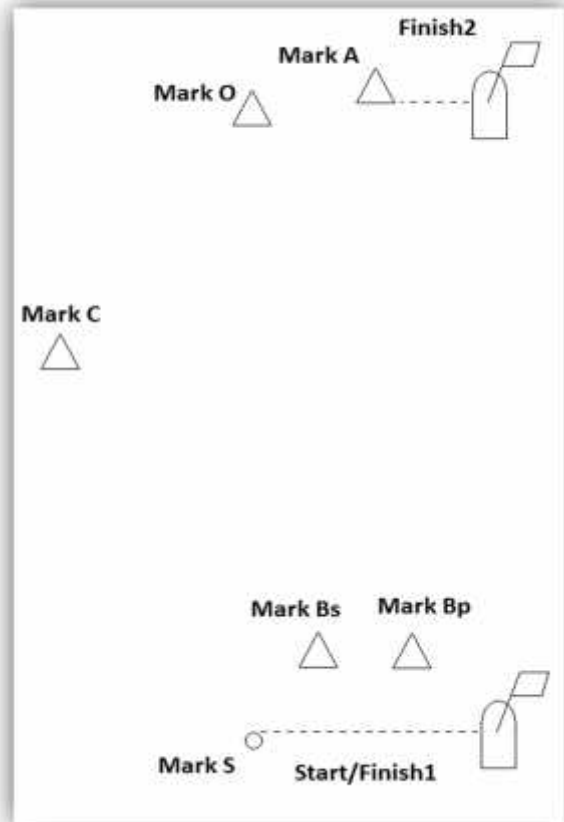
- 4.1 The class flag will be a white flag with the Shields insignia.
- 4.2 A black number on a white placard will be displayed to designate the course to be sailed for each race.

5. Marks

- 5.1 Mark S is an inflatable cylinder mark.
- 5.2 Mark A is an inflatable tetrahedron rounding mark.
- 5.3 Mark O and C are inflatable tetrahedron marks.
- 5.4 Marks Bs and Bp are inflatable tetrahedron marks that comprise a gate.

6. Courses, Starting and Finishing lines, Gate.

- 6.1 The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag and Mark S.
- 6.2 The finishing line for course 1 and 2 will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag and Mark A. The finishing line for course 3 will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag and Mark A.
- 6.3 The gate may be positioned on the course side or the other side of the starting line.
- 6.4 Rule 28 is changed such that if one mark of a gate is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.



Course 1: Start - Mark A (port) - Mark O (port) - Gate B - Mark A (port) - Mark O (port) - Finish1

Course 2: Start - Mark A (port) - Mark C (port) - Mark Bp (port) - Mark A (port) - Finish1

Course 3: Start - Mark A (port) - Mark O (port) - Gate B - Mark A (port) - Mark O (port) - Gate B - Finish2

7. Hailing OCS Boats

- 7.1 The Race Committee may hail (on VHF Channel 69) the sail number or other identifying feature of any boat that was on the course side of the starting line at her start signal.
- 7.2 The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat to hear a hail, or the order of the hail(s) shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes rule 62.1.

8. Penalties at the Time of an Incident

- 8.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

9. Time Limit

- 9.1 The time limit for a race is 3 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

10. Boat Retiring; Check Out

- 10.1 A boat retiring before completing a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible by sailing past a Race Committee boat and hailing, or by hailing the Race Committee (on VHF Channel 69).
- 10.2 A boat that breaks this instruction may be penalized less than points for a DSQ by the Protest Committee. This changes rule 64.1.

11. Scoring

- 11.1 Practice race scores will be ignored for series scoring.
- 11.2 A minimum of three races constitute a series.
- 11.3 If four or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5 A boat disqualified by the protest committee shall be scored the number of entrants in the series plus two. This changes A4.2

12. Protests

- 12.1 Protest filing period expires one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat returns to the dock. The protest filing time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 12.2 US SAILING protest forms will be available at the clubhouse and may be filed with an on-duty club employee as well as the race office. This changes rule 61.3.
- 12.3 Hearing schedules and informing the parties to a hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 90 minutes of the Race Committee Signal Boat's return to the dock.
- 12.4 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 66.
- 12.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.