



Shields Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup
Organizing Authority – Shields Fleet 9 and Ida Lewis Yacht Club
Friday June 6th – Sunday June 8th, 2025
Newport, Rhode Island

Notice of Race

1. **RULES** This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Shields Class specifications.

2. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted and available at the Ida Lewis Yacht Club (ILYC), and available before and during the regatta.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the ILYC clubhouse and online.

3.2 Each boat shall carry an operational VHF radio.

3.3 The Race Committee will use VHF radio for on-the-water communications with competitors. When used, this will supplement signal flags and course boards.

3.4 Competitors shall only use VHF communications for emergencies during racing.

4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 The regatta is open to a Shields Fleet representative from each recognized fleet. Each fleet is solely responsible for selecting their representative entrants. The skipper shall be a member of The Shields Class Sailing Association.

4.2 There will be a minimum of eight boats made available up to a maximum of ten boats.

4.3 Eligible boats/crews may register online at <https://yachtscoring.com>

4.4 Entry deadline is April 4, 2025, at 1800 EDT. After April 4, unallocated boats will be made available to additional entries from local Fleet #9 to owners who have donated the use of their boat (owner teams). Entry order of owner teams will be determined by a random draw.

4.5 Local owners from Fleet #9 who have donated their boat, are not a fleet representative, and are selected to race, must complete their registration by 1800 EDT April 11, 2025. Owner teams must complete their registration by the deadline, or their position will be given to the next owner team.

4.6 Skipper, helmsman, and professional crew, as defined by the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules, must be Shields Class members and shall have raced in at least ten Shields races since January 1, 2024. These requirements may be waived upon request to the Shields Governing Board and their assent.

4.7 The number of people aboard a boat shall not be less than four. For crews of five or more, a maximum weight limit of 1000 lbs. shall apply. Each boat shall be required to carry the same number of people aboard as at the start of the first race of the regatta.

4.8 To be considered an entry for the OGLC, a boat shall complete all registration requirements

and pay all fees.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$525. The fee includes entry to the welcome reception and the post racing awards party for competitors. Tickets for non-competitors are available. The cost for entry for both events is \$25 and these must be purchased by May 9th. No additional tickets will be available after this date.

5.2 Each participating boat will be insured for damage by a policy owned by The Shields Class Sailing Association, the Borrowed Boat Insurance Policy is the Burgee Program offered by the Gowrie Group (800.262.8911), 70 Essex Rd, Westbrook, CT 06498. Borrowed Boat Insurance Application must be completed by Fleet #9 Owners prior to April 15, 2025.

5.3 A damage deposit of \$750 for both fleet and owner teams will be collected from each entry at registration – check or credit card. 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. Photos of each boat will be taken prior to assignment to establish a baseline of condition.

6. BOATS AND SAILS

6.1 Boats will be assigned randomly to registered fleet teams. Owners may not race on their own boat. If a draw has an owner on their boat a re-draw will occur.

6.2 Each entry shall provide their own sails that conform to Shields Class Rules from a boat in their home fleet. After all boats have been assigned, a report describing the equipment on the boat will be provided to each team.

6.3 Jib sheets, spinnaker sheets, and spinnaker poles will be provided with each boat, but competing teams may supply their own. Compass and PFDs are the responsibility of the competing teams.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday: Boat drawing at ILYC after the Fleet 9 weekly race.

Friday June 6th	1000- 1200	Registration at ILYC
	1200	Competitors meeting at ILYC.
	1400	Practice starts and races.
	After racing	Welcoming Reception at ILYC
Saturday June 7th	1100	First Warning signal
Sunday June 8th	1100	First Warning signal
	1500	No Warning signal after this time
	After racing	Awards at ILYC

8. COURSES AND SAILING AREA

8.1 This regatta shall be sailed in southern Narragansett Bay. The racing area shall be either north or south of the Newport to Jamestown (Pell) Bridge.

8.2 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with a target time of 1 hour, as described in the sailing instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. Up to 7 races may be sailed.

9.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded. Practice races will not be included in scoring.

9.3 RRS Appendix A, A.4 shall be used for scoring.

10. PRIZES

The Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. Keeper trophies will be awarded to the top three overall finishers. The Perpetual Trophy will remain at the Chicago Yacht Club.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All sailors (skippers and crew) must sign the ILYC release of liability form prior to competing. Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in these races to the fullest extent permitted.

By registering for this event, the person in charge of each boat agrees with the following:

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.

I will inform all crew members of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.

12. INSURANCE

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors racing participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3. Decision to Race. The organizing authority race committee or any other organization or official will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after an ILYC sailing event.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 The OA will attempt to provide housing for all travelling sailors. Requests for housing should be indicated at the time of registration.

13.2 Regatta Housing Liaison: Rana Johnson (ranajohn@cox.net)

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