



Shields Class National Championship Regatta

Waiver Request Form

Boat Name: Rebel

Sail #: 79

Submitted By: Nate Dunker Date: Sept. 8, 2026

Pursuant to Shields Class Rules Section VI – Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta – waiver of any qualification requirement in section 1.2 - *Entrants* may be granted following a request made to the Governing Board at least seven days before the commencement of the Regatta.

A waiver is requested for the following sections of the qualification/eligibility requirements (check next to relevant section):

☐ - Must be a Registered Yacht as defined by By-Law Section II 2.0.

☐ - Must be certified by a Fleet as conforming to the class specifications.

☐ - Must have antifouling bottom paint and have followed her fleet's rules for wet or dry sailing for her ten qualifying races.

☒ - Must have completed in ten or more sanctioned races in the calendar year of the Regatta, as certified by a Fleet or Fleets (this can be waived for chartered boats).

☒ - Must carry only qualified sails.

☐ - May be inspected as deemed appropriate by the Committee.

☐ - Waived specifications of low performance impact to a particular chartered boat.

Justification/rationale for this request is as follows. Provide specific supporting details:

I bought the boat mid-2026 and have not had the opportunity to get my ten qualifying races in before the National Championship due to the Fleet 21 schedule and adverse weather conditions. I have been an active Shields sailor for the last 4-5 years, crewing on various boats including Martin at the 2023 and 2024 Nationals. I have actively crewed on Martin this season as well. The boat and sails were actively used by the previous owner in the 2026 season and I have since sailed 5 qualifying races as well as one Friday night race. I plan to sail 2 more Friday night races and compete in the Sunday Tune-Up regatta before the Nationals to further use my boat and get closer to meeting the qualification requirements. If additional rationale is needed, please let me know.

Determination:

☒ - Request Approved ☐ - Request Denied

Rationale: Attempts to qualify proactively are self-evident. Entrant has completed 8 sanctioned races as of 9/21.

Signed: Wesley Bernus

Date: 9/21/26