



Shields Class Sailing Association

The 53rd Shields National Championship Regatta

Wednesday, September 20 – Saturday, September 23, 2017

[2017 Shields National NOR v1.6, including all amendments through August 28, 2017](#)

NOTICE OF RACE

1. GOVERNANCE

1. The Regatta shall be managed by a National Championship Committee appointed by the Governing Board of the Shields Class Sailing Association, including the President, the Measurer and one or more members of the host fleet.
2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mason's Island Yacht Club (MIYC) in association with Shields Fleet 19.

2. RULES

1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS)* and the Shields Class Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta except as modified by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

3. ADVERTISING

1. No advertising will be allowed per *RRS J 1.2(2)* and World Sailing Regulation 20.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. The regatta is open to Shields Class yachts that have satisfied the requirements for entry under the provisions of the Shields Class Sailing Association Class Rules (Section VI; Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta).

Eligible skippers may enter by completing the entry form available at the 2017 Shields National Championship website

www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2921 other documentation required such as Appendix 1: Certificate of Compliance and Appendix 2: Waiver of Liability.

2. Further regatta information may be found on the event website masonslandyachtclub.com/shieldsnationals/. Information about Mason's Island Yacht Club may be found on the club website masonslandyachtclub.com. Complementary housing in Mason's Island Yacht Club members' homes will be provided for crews whose registration is complete, including the payment of fees, by August 15, 2017. After August 15th, housing will be provided on a space available basis. Housing will be provided during the regatta from Tuesday night until Sunday morning. To request complimentary housing, submit a completed Housing Request form found on the event website www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2921 to Lee Reichart at hreich@mac.com.

5. FEES

1. **Advanced registration fee: \$650. Registration fee after August 15, 2017: \$750**
2. **Launching** - Mason's Island Yacht Club does not have launching and rigging facilities. Special arrangements have been made for launching and mast stepping prior to the regatta, trailer storage during the regatta and mast unstepping and hauling after the regatta at Mystic Shipyard West, mysticshipyard.com, 100 Essex Street, Mystic, CT 06355; (860) 536-6588 for \$350. This fee will be paid directly to Mystic Shipyard West at time of launching.
3. **Social Events/Dinners** - Tickets to all regatta meals and social events for five are included in the registration fee. Meals and social events include buffet dinner Wednesday, MIYC Lobsterfest Thursday, Dan's Famous Chowder Friday and Awards Dinner Saturday. Additional social tickets for the package described are \$150 per person.

6. SCHEDULE

1. **Tuesday September 19, 2017**
 - 6.1.1. Launch at Mystic Shipyard West, 100 Essex St., Mystic (860) 536-6588
 - 6.1.2. Sail or tow to mooring off MIYC
 - 6.1.3. Early Registration And Housing Assignment – MIYC – 1300-1700
2. **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**
 - 6.2.1. Launch at Mystic Shipyard West, 100 Essex St., Mystic (860) 536-6588
 - 6.2.2. Sail or tow to mooring off MIYC
 - 6.2.3. Registration – MIYC – 0900-1700
 - 6.2.4. Practice Racing – Vicinity Seaflower Reef - 1300
 - 6.2.5. Shields Class Annual Meeting – MIYC - 1830
 - 6.2.6. Casual Dinner at MIYC - 1900
3. **Thursday, September 21, 2017**
 - 6.3.1. Breakfast – MIYC - 0700-0900
 - 6.3.2. Harbor Signals – MIYC - 0900

- 6.3.3. Championship Racing - Vicinity Seaflower Reef - 1100
- 6.3.4. Lobsterfest Dinner – MIYC - 1900
- 4. **Friday, September 22, 2017**
 - 6.4.1. Breakfast – MIYC - 0700-0900
 - 6.4.2. Harbor Signals – MIYC - 0900
 - 6.4.3. Championship Racing - Vicinity Seaflower Reef - 1100
 - 6.4.4. Dan’s Famous Chowder – MIYC - after racing
 - 6.4.5. Crews Free For Dinner In Town
- 5. **Saturday, September 23, 2017**
 - 6.5.1. Breakfast – MIYC - 0700-0900
 - 6.5.2. Harbor Signals – MIYC - 0900
 - 6.5.3. Championship Racing - Vicinity Seaflower Reef – 1100
 - 6.5.3.1. No race shall be started after 1500
 - 6.5.4. Visiting Boats Hauled At Mystic Shipyard West
 - 6.5.5. Awards Banquet – MIYC - 1930

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and earlier on the 2017 Shields National Championship yachtscoring.com website.

8. SAILING AREAS

- 1. Races will be sailed on the waters of eastern Long Island Sound. The Starting Area will be west of Seaflower Reef.

9. COURSES

- 1. The courses will be set in accordance with the Shields Class Sailing Association, Class Rules- [Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta](#); [Section VI 2.4 Courses](#).

10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

- 1. Each participating yacht shall complete a Certificate of Compliance (Appendix 1 and electronically on yachtscoring.com.) as a condition for participating in the regatta.
- 2. Measurement and equipment checks may be made at any time during the regatta.

11. CREW NUMBERS AND WEIGHT

- 1. Crew weight shall be certified as part of the Certificate of Compliance at registration by the skipper and shall not be subject to protest by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee.
- 2. The number of persons aboard a yacht racing shall be not less than three. For crews of five or more a limit of 1,000 lb. shall apply. There is no weight limit on crews of three or four persons.
- 3. Crew substitutions may occur but must be certified by the skipper to be in conformance including the new crew’s signing the Waiver of Liability form.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

1. Appendix V1 will apply.

13. NUMBER OF RACES

1. There shall be not more than eight nor fewer than three races. Three races completed will constitute a Regatta. No more than three races per day can be scheduled.
2. If five or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

1. A support boat shall display the sail number(s) of the boat(s) she is supporting.
2. Other than outside help defined in *RRS* 41, no assistance shall be given, communication made, or gear transferred between a support boat and competing yachts from the warning signal of the first race until the completion of the final race of each day without prior approval of the Principal Race Officer or Protest Committee Chair.

15. VHF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

1. Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on U.S. channels.
2. During the starting procedure, in addition to sound and flag signals the Race Committee may use VHF radio communication to announce OCS sail numbers. The use of VHF radio communication, or failure to do so, by the RC shall not be considered a valid reason for protest or request for redress.
3. Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all yachts. This restriction applies to cell phones.

16. PRIZES

1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

16.1.1. Winner of each race.

16.1.2. Regatta Trophies to skippers and crews of first place finisher, and to skipper of next four finishers.

16.1.3. Annual Class Trophies:

Shields National Championship Trophy to the regatta winner.

James B. Moore, Jr. Memorial Prize to the crew of the winning boat.

Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize to the most improved competitor.

Senior Skipper Award (Moore Trophy) for the best performance among the five oldest skippers.

Junior Skipper Award (Moore Tray) for the best performance among the five youngest skippers.

Gordon L. Benjamin Memorial Newcomer Award to the top-finishing skipper sailing in his or her first nationals.

Kap-Dun Trophy awarded to the winning fleet calculated by the fleet's top three finishers with a minimum of three boats racing in order to qualify.

Take A Bow Trophy for the most dubious achievement.

17. LIABILITY, CONDUCT & RESPONSIBILITY

1. As a condition of entry, all crewmembers are required to execute a Waiver of Liability (Appendix 2).
2. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk per *RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE*. MIYC officers, trustees, the Shields Class Sailing Association officers and Governing Board, Shields Class Fleet 19 officers and members, Race Committee members, Protest Committee members, volunteers, club members, sponsors, or any other organization or officials will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during and after the regatta.
3. The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew and guests during the regatta, whether on shore or on the water. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with the request of any Race Officer, committee member or agent of MIYC, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification from the Championship.

18. VISITING YACHTS

MIYC anticipates having adequate moorings for visiting Shields. Support boats may use MIYC facilities on a space available basis after all participating Shields and Race Committee boats are accommodated.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta and Sailing Information:

Al Burnett, (860) 857-4720, alburnett14@gmail.com

Lee Reichart, (614) 209-7579 hreich@mac.com

Housing:

Lee Reichart, (614) 209-7579 hreich@mac.com

Candy Briggs, (860) 536-9565, Candybriggs123@yahoo.co

Registration: Pre-regatta at yachtscoring.com

At regatta: **Suzie Canning**, (860) 536-2231, wgcanning@comcast.net

Mason's Island Yacht Club Manager:

Paul Root, (970) 376-2882 paulrootbc@sbcglobal.net

Appendix 1: Certificate of Compliance

THE 53rd SHIELDS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I/We hereby certify compliance with the rules governing the National Championship Regatta as specified in the Shields Class Sailing Association Rule Book as currently posted on the Class Website.

ELIGIBILITY

The skipper(s), helmsman, and any professional crew have met the eligibility requirements including but not limited to having sailed in a minimum of ten sanctioned races in 2017 and skippers being Active Members of the Shields Class Sailing Association.

Skipper/Helmsman _____

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Professional Crew _____

YACHT

Our team is requesting a borrowed boat: Yes _____ No _____

(If “yes,” you may skip forward and submit yacht certification upon arrival. Note: Skippers will be responsible to confirm borrowed boat conforms to specs. If “no,” please confirm specifications below.)

Hull number _____ will be raced and has been certified by its local Fleet Measurer. The yacht is a Registered Yacht and conforms to the Specifications, including but not limited to the following:

Specification	Complies
Mast Step Location	
Mast Partner Location	
Mast Marking	
Boom Marking	
Spinnaker Pole Length	
Jib Sheet Car and Track Placement	
Backstay Purchase 8:1 or less	
Integrity of Floatation Tanks	

EQUIPMENT

The following equipment is present on the yacht and meets Class Specifications:

Equipment	Onboard
Life Jackets For Each Crewmember	
Throwable Flotation Device	
Anchor	
Paddle	
Pump & Bucket(s)	
Compass	
VHF Radio	
Horn or Sound Device	

SAILS

Sail number _____. The sails that will be used in the regatta have been measured and marked by Skipper's Fleet Measurer and entered into the Class Website sail inventory registry. Skipper and skipper's Fleet Officer affirm that each sail has been used in at least ten sanctioned races in 2017.

WEIGHT

Combined crew weight for crews of five or more does not exceed 1,000 lbs.

CERTIFICATION

I/We certify our boat is insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

I/We certify that the skipper(s)/helmsman, crew, yacht, sails, and equipment for the Shields identified above meet the rules governing the National Championship Regatta as specified in the Shields Class Sailing Association Rule Book.

Fleet Captain or Measurer _____

Skipper Signature _____ Date _____

Skipper 2 Signature _____ Date _____

Appendix 2: Waiver of Liability

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WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

As a condition of participation

1) I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. I have read the *Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020, Rule 4, **Decision to Race***, and hereby acknowledge and agree that I am participating in this event entirely at my own risk.

2) I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority nor the race committee will be responsible for:

- a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or
- b) any injury, including death, sustained as a result of my participation in this event.

3) I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered as a result of my participation in this event, whether on the water or on shore, and I hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.

4) I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that I, my crew or fellow crew and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

FULL NAME _____

SKIPPER _____ CREW _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SAIL NUMBER _____ BOAT NAME _____