



## **Shields Class Sailing Association**

The 53<sup>rd</sup> National Championship Regatta

Wednesday September 20 to Saturday, September 23, 2017

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017- 2020 and the Shields Class Rules governing the National Championship Regatta except as modified by the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2. Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on all standard VHF channels. The Regatta VHF channel will be 05A.
- 1.3. In the event of a conflict between the NOR and these SI, the SI will prevail.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Mason's Island Yacht Club (MIYC), Mystic, CT and posted on the Yacht Scoring event site.

#### **3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0800 of the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it takes effect on the official notice board and the Yacht Scoring event site.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast at MIYC.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore with two sound signals, the harbor start is postponed. Additionally, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in race signals AP.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

1300 Practice race

Thursday, September 21, 2017

0900 Harbor start

1100 Warning signal, first race of the day  
Friday, September 22, 2017  
0900 Harbor start  
1100 Warning signal, first race of the day  
Saturday, September 23, 2017  
0900 Harbor start  
1100 Warning signal, first race of the day  
No race shall be started after 1500

## **6. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in eastern Long Island Sound, west of Seaflower Reef.

## **7. THE COURSES**

- 7.1. The race committee will signal one of three courses (4,5 or T) along with the approximate magnetic bearing to the windward mark,
- 7.2. Courses 4 and 5 are windward/leeward courses with that number of legs. An offset mark will be set at the windward mark. The leeward mark will be a gate. If a gate is not set, round the leeward mark to port. (See course diagrams, Attachment 1.)
- 7.3. Course T is a triangle, windward/leeward/windward (6 legs). The triangle will approximate a 45/45/90 right triangle. (See course diagram, Attachment 1.)

## **8. MARKS**

- 8.1. The start and finish marks will be orange tomatoes.
- 8.2. The windward and gate marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.3. The offset mark will be an orange ball.

## **9. THE START**

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

## **10. RECALLS**

- 10.1. The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats via VHF channel 05A.
- 10.2. The timing and order of such hails or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1. The race committee will endeavor to broadcast course changes via VHF channel 05A.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the finish mark.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Appendix V1 will apply.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is three hours.
- 14.2. Boats finishing after thirty minutes behind the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored TLE without a hearing.

## **15. PROTESTS**

- 15.1. A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the race committee of its intention after completing the race in question and identify the protested boat or boats.
- 15.2. Protest forms will be available in the clubhouse.

- 15.3. Completed protest forms shall be delivered to the protest desk within the protest time limit which will be one hour after the race committee boat docks.
- 15.4. The protest time limit and a list of protests filed will be posted promptly to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.5. Protest hearings will be held in the Commodores' Room in the clubhouse.
- 15.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- 15.6.1. within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- 15.6.2. no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 15.7. 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

## **16. ARBITRATION**

Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as changed. At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add:

(c) If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator will not be a member of the panel that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes rule 63.3(a).

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. A maximum of eight races is scheduled. Three completed races will constitute a series.
- 17.2. If fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race score subject to rules 90.3(b).
- 17.3. A boat scored TLE shall receive points equal to the number of finishers plus two without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Yacht Scoring Event Site: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2921>

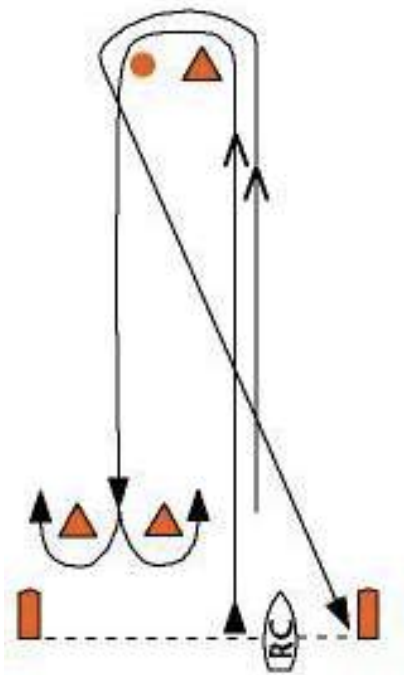
Butch Ulmer: Event Principal Race Officer

Danielle Ames Lawson: Protest Committee Chair

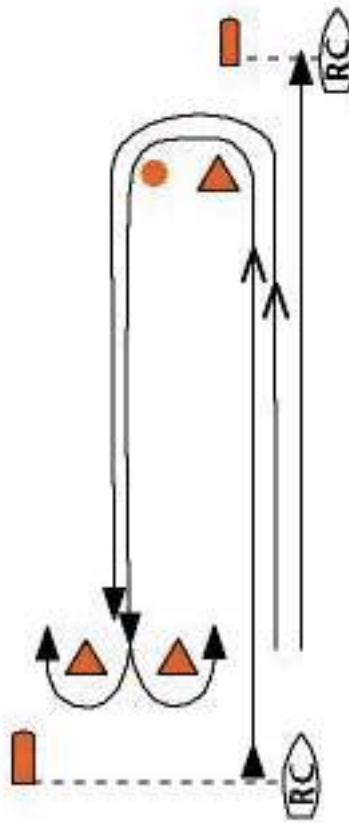
Al Burnett and Lee Reichart: Event Co-Chairmen

## Attachment 1: Course Diagrams

## Course 4



## Course 5



## Course T

