

Sailing Instructions

July 31, 2006

2006 SHIELDS NATIONAL REGATTA

Shields Fleet #10

Beverly Yacht Club

Marion, MA

Wednesday, August 9, 2006 – Saturday, August 12, 2006

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS)* and the *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules* as modified by the *Notice of Race* for this regatta.
- 1.2 In the event of conflict between the *Notice of Race* and the *Sailing Instructions*, the *Sailing Instructions* take precedence. This modifies RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 Part 5, Section B of the *RRS* is changed to provide for arbitration of protests.
- 1.4 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 72.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Shields Nationals official notice board at the Beverly Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the *Sailing Instructions* will be posted before 0900 of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole in front of the BYC Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 90 minutes” in the race signal AP

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1

Wednesday, August 9	1400 (approximately)	Practice Race
Thursday, August 10	1055 First Warning	
Friday, August 11	1055 First Warning	
Saturday, August 12	1055 First Warning	
- 5.2 Conditions permitting, it is the intention of the Race Committee to run as many as three races on Thursday and Friday.
- 5.3 Only two races will be run on Saturday unless it is necessary to run a third race to complete a series.

6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1 The races will be held in Buzzards Bay outside of Sippican Harbor, Marion MA.

7 CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The class flag will a red Shields insignia on a white background.

8 CHECK-IN PRIOR TO THE START

- 8.1 Each boat is required to check-in with the signal boat prior to the first warning signal on each day of racing. Approach the stern of the signal boat on a close hauled starboard tack course and call your sail number. This hail will be acknowledged by the signal boat. Failure to check in may result in the Race Committee assigning a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 8.2 If a boat leaves the course and returns, she should repeat the check-in.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses will be set at a minimum of 6 nautical miles but may be shortened.
- 9.2 Courses will be designated as follows:
 - “W” Windward-Leeward (windward, offset mark, leeward). All marks except the gate are to be left to port. The offset mark will be a mark of the course only for the initial rounding of each race. See Attachment 1.
 - “O” Olympic (triangle, windward, leeward, windward). All marks are to be left to port. See Attachment 2.
 - “G” Gold Cup (triangle, windward, leeward). All marks are to be left to port. See Attachment 2.
- 9.2 Course letter designations will be displayed from the signal boat along with the approximate bearing and distance in nautical miles to the windward mark.
- 9.2 For course “W”, the number of legs will also be displayed. The distance from the windward mark to the offset mark is not a separate leg of the course. For example, W3 is windward, leeward, windward.
- 9.3 When a gate is used at the leeward mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Course marks will be 4 ft orange cylinders. The windward offset mark will be a small red sphere, the start and finish marks will be 4 ft yellow cylinders.
- 10.2 Change marks will be 4 ft yellow tetrahedrons. A second change for a given mark will be an original mark.
- 10.3 The leeward mark or leeward gate marks will be set approximately 100 yard to windward of the starting line.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end starting mark. The port-end starting mark may be replaced by a boat displaying an orange flag, in which instance the starting line will be between the two staffs displaying orange flags.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats using VHF Ch 72.
- 12.2 Failure to hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, or untimely hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of the nearby finish mark.

- 13.2 When finishes are to windward, the finish line may be located approximately 100 yard to windward of the windward mark.
- 13.3 When finishes are to leeward, the finish mark will be on the starboard side of the signal boat.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 14.2 The Race Committee intends to use the VHF CH 72 to supplement the flow of signaled information to all boats. Thus, a second VHF with a well charged battery is recommended.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit for each race will be 3 hours.
- 15.2 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, 63.1, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the race committee of its intention and the identity of the protested boat (s) as soon as possible after finishing.
- 16.2 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk. Completed protests shall be delivered to the protest desk as soon as possible but not later than one hour after the race committee boat has docked. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.3 A list of protests delivered to the protest desk will be posted as soon as possible. Protest hearings will be scheduled to start as soon as possible and the protest committee will attempt to hear them in the order of receipt.
- 16.4 Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest desk.
- 16.5 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 and that involve only two boats, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, section B of the *RRS*. No witnesses will be allowed. A boat that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule of Part 2 shall receive points equal to 40% of the number of entrants added to her score for that race. The acceptance of an arbitrator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.
- 16.6 Any protest unresolved will be referred to the jury. The arbitrator may not be a part of the jury but he may attend the hearing and give testimony as a witness. This changes *RRS* 63.3(a).

17 SCORING

- 17.1 A maximum of eight races is scheduled. Four 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 score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to rule 89.3(b)
- 17.3 The Low Point Scoring System of *Appendix A* will apply.

18 SAFETY

- 18.1 All sailors are required to wear USCG approved personal flotation devices at the start and finish of each race and are strongly encouraged to wear such devices at all times on the race course.
- 18.2 Boats retiring from a race are requested to inform the race committee by VHF CH 72.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded during the event dinner on Saturday, August 12, 2006.
- 19.2 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers of the first five place finishers as well as to Senior and Junior

skippers, the Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize and the Take a Bow Trophy.

20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

20.1 All boats shall be in the water by 1800 Wednesday, August 9, 2006.

20.2 Boats shall not be hauled out nor bottoms cleaned during the regatta except with the prior permission of the principle race officer.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

21.1 Competing boats may be towed to the racing area by a support boat before the first race of the day.

21.2 Other than outside help as permitted in *RRS* 41, no assistance shall be given or gear transferred between support boats and a competing boat from the warning signal of the first race until the completion of the final race of each day without the prior approval of the PRO.

22 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

22.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for the action of his crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee members or agents of the Beverly Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

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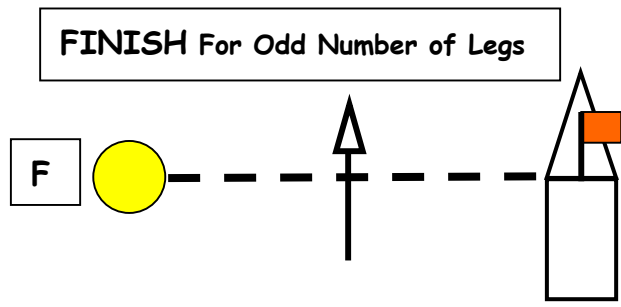
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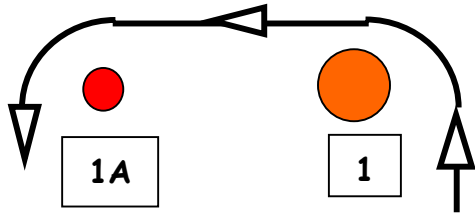
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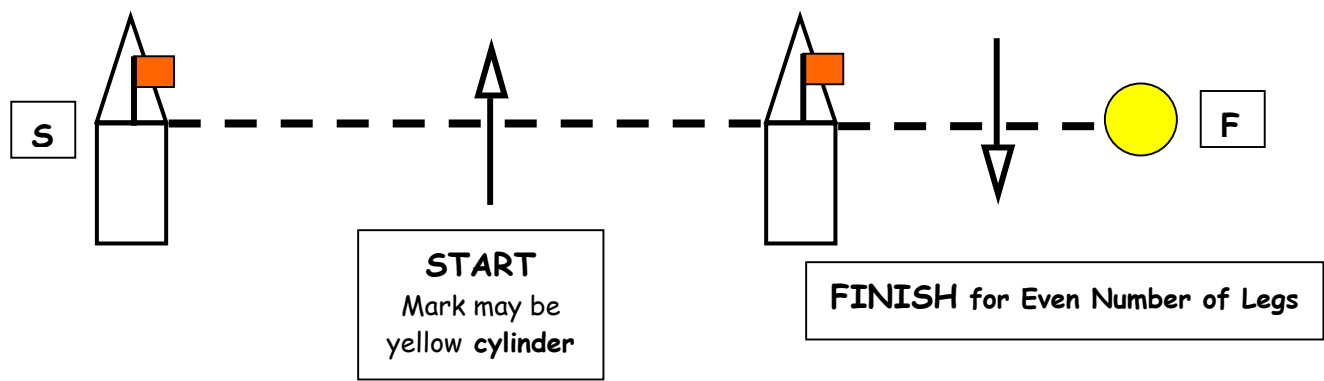
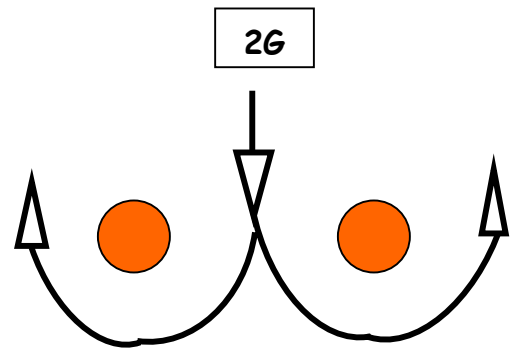
ATTACHMENT 1: W-L COURSE DIAGRAM



Offset mark (1A) must be rounded only on the first windward rounding.



NOT TO SCALE



ATTACHMENT 2 - TRIANGLE COURSE DIAGRAM

