



**SHIELDS CLASS SAILING ASSOCIATION  
2010 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA**

**Wednesday, September 22 – Saturday, September 25, 2010**

**Hosted by**

**Mason's Island Yacht Club and Shields Fleet 19**

**7 Yacht Club Road, Mystic, CT 06355**

[masonslandyachtclub.com](http://masonslandyachtclub.com)

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. GOVERNANCE**

**1.1** 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.

**1.2** The Organizing Authority is the Mason's Island Yacht Club (MIYC) in association with Shields Fleet 19.

**2. RULES**

**2.1.** The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS)* and the *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules version 2010*, except as modified by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

**3. ADVERTISING**

No advertising will be allowed per *RRS J1.2* and ISAF Regulation 20.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

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 2010 Shields National Championship website [shieldsclass.com/2010](http://shieldsclass.com/2010) with other documentation required such as Certificate of Compliance and Waiver forms, and sending them together with the required fees payable to **Shields Fleet 19** to:

**Shields Fleet 19**  
**C/o Suzie Canning**  
**6 Old South Road**  
**Mystic, CT 06355**

Entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, September 15, 2010.

Complementary housing in Mason's Island Yacht Club members' homes will be on a first-registered, first-served, space available basis during the regatta from Wednesday night through and including Saturday night.

**5. FEES**

**Advanced registration fee: \$550**

**Registration fee after August 15, 2010: \$625**

**Launching** - Mason's Island Yacht Club does not have launching and rigging facilities. Special arrangements have been made for launching prior to the regatta, trailer storage during the regatta and hauling after the regatta at Mystic Shipyard West, [mysticshipyard.com](http://mysticshipyard.com), 100 Essex Street, Mystic, CT 06355 for \$200. This fee will be paid directly to Mystic Shipyard West at time of launching.

**Social Events/Dinners** - Tickets to all regatta meals and social events for the *skipper and three crewmembers* are included in the registration fee. Meals and social events include buffet dinner Wednesday, MIYC Lobsterfest Thursday and Awards Dinner at Mystic Seaport Saturday. Additional social tickets for the package described are \$125 per person.

**Lunches** - Box lunches for race days will be available for \$10 each and will be available at 0800 at MIYC each morning. Lunches should be ordered on the Registration/Entry Form and paid for with your registration fee.

**6. SCHEDULE**

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tues., Sept. 21	0800-1700	Launch Boats	Mystic Shipyard West 100 Essex St., Mystic (860) 536-6588
Wed., Sept. 22			
Wed., Sept. 22	0800-1700	Registration	MIYC
	1400	Practice Starts and Tune-up Race	West of Groton Long Pt. in the vicinity of N 26
	1800	Skipper's Meeting	MIYC
		w/ Local Knowledge Lecture	
		Buffet Dinner	
		Shields Class Sailing Association Meeting	
		Settle into quarters	

Thurs., Sept. 23	0800	Registration	MIYC
	0900	Harbor Signals	MIYC & Ram Isl. YC
	1100	Warning Signal	West of Groton Long Pt.
	1800	Lobsterfest	MIYC
Fri., Sept. 24	0900	Harbor Signals	MIYC & Ram Isl. YC
	1100	Warning Signal	West of Groton Long Pt.
		Dinner on your own	
Sat., Sept. 25	0900	Harbor Signals	MIYC & Ram Isl. YC
	1100	Warning Signal	West of Groton Long Pt.
	After Racing	Haul Boats	Mystic Shipyard West
	1900	Cocktails	Olin Stephens Room Mystic Seaport
	2000	Awards Dinner	Latitude 41° Restaurant Mystic Seaport

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and earlier on the 2010 Shields National Championship website, [shieldsclass.com/2010](http://shieldsclass.com/2010).

## 8. SAILING AREAS

Races will be sailed on the waters of eastern Long Island Sound and western Fishers Island Sound. The Starting Area will be in the vicinity of Horseshoe Reef Nun "26" west of Groton Long Point.

## 9. COURSES

The courses will be Windward-Leeward courses with an offset windward mark and may have a leeward gate.

## 10. MEASUREMENT

**10.1.** In the spirit of Corinthian racing, the Regatta hosts are relying on the signed Certificates of Compliance and Sail Inventory Cards as evidence that all participating yachts are compliant with all rules governing participation in the National Championship Regatta.

**10.2.** Entrants shall provide a copy of their Sail Inventory Card at registration. Each entrant shall also provide the completed Certificate of Compliance signed by the skipper, Fleet Measurer and/or Fleet Captain of the entrant's home fleet.

**10.3.** Measurement checks may be made at any time during the regatta and may include: mast step location check, mast and boom band markings, mast partners, hatch seals, spinnaker pole length, mainsheet parts and presence on board of the Shields Class and US Coast Guard required safety equipment including a USCG approved PFD for each crewmember.

**10.4.** Sail checks may also be made at any time during the regatta to confirm compliance with the Sail Inventory Card and to check that sails are properly marked on their tacks.

**10.5.** Competitors from Shields Fleet 19 will be subject to the same measurement checks.

## **11. CREW NUMBERS AND WEIGHT**

**11.1.** The number of persons aboard a yacht shall be not less than three. For crews of five or more a limit of 1000 lbs shall apply. There is no weight limit on crews of three or four persons. Each boat shall be required to carry, throughout all races, the same number of persons on board as at the start of the first race of the regatta.

**11.2. Enforcement** - Crew weight shall be certified as part of the signed 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. Crew substitutions may occur but must be certified by the skipper to be in conformance including the new crew's signing the Liability and Release form.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Scoring Penalty, *RRS* 44.2, is altered as follows: A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty by making ONE TURN including one tack and one gybe that, in all other respects, complies with *RRS* 44.2. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the three length zone of any rounding or passing marks, her penalty shall be a TWO TURNS penalty in compliance with *RRS* 44.2.

## **13. SCORING**

**13.1.** Up to eight races will be held, with no more than three races per day. Four races will constitute a regatta.

**13.2.** If five or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded.

## **14. SUPPORT BOATS**

**14.1.** A support boat shall display the sail number(s) of the boat(s) she is supporting.

**14.2.** 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. YACHT BOTTOM CONDITIONS**

### **15.1. Anti-Fouling Paint**

Yachts must have anti-fouling bottom paint.

### **15.2. Haul Out Restrictions**

Yachts shall be wet-sailed and not be hauled out after the start of the first race of the regatta except with the written permission of the Protest Committee.

### **15.3. Extraordinary Means Of Bottom Maintenance**

Extraordinary means of maintaining the yacht's bottom shall not be employed. Extraordinary means include underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **16. VHF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

**16.1.** Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on U.S. channels.

**16.2.** 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.

**16.3.** 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.

## **17. PRIZES**

**17.1** Prizes will be awarded as follows:

**Winner of each race.**

**Regatta Trophies** to skippers and crews of first five place finishers.

**17.2** 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.

**Shields Class National Championship Institutional Trophy** for the best institutional crew performance.

**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.

**Golden Stern Award** to the last placed finishing boat that competed.

## **18. LIABILITY, CONDUCT & RESPONSIBILITY**

**18.1.** As a condition of entry, all crewmembers are required to execute a waiver of liability. The Waiver will be distributed with the registration packet and will be posted on the event website, [shieldsclass.com/2010](http://shieldsclass.com/2010) and will be available at registration.

**18.2.** 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.

**18.3.** 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.

**19. 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.

**20. INSURANCE**

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident.

**21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Regatta and Sailing Information	Chris Wick	(860) 460-3990 <a href="mailto:mischief@snet.net">mischief@snet.net</a>
Launching and Mooring	Al Burnett	(860) 536-1238 <a href="mailto:awburnett@sbcglobal.net">awburnett@sbcglobal.net</a>
Housing	Candy Briggs	(860) 536-9565 <a href="mailto:Candybriggs123@yahoo.com">Candybriggs123@yahoo.com</a>
Registration	Suzie Canning	(860) 536-2231 <a href="mailto:wgcanning@snet.net">wgcanning@snet.net</a>