

# SHIELDS NATIONALS



**September 21-24, 2011**

**Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club  
Oyster Bay, New York**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1 ORGANISING AUTHORITIES**

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Shields Class Sailing Association, the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club and the Oakcliff Sailing Center. The host fleet is Shields Fleet #5.

### **2 VENUE**

The venue will be Oyster Bay, New York, USA.

### **3 RULES**

- 3.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules version 2009-2012*, except as modified by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 3.3 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 are deleted.
- 3.4 Protest Arbitration as defined in the Sailing Instructions will be used at the regatta.

### **4 ELIGIBILITY**

The eligibility requirements for competitors, boats, and sails for this regatta are those set forth in the By-Laws Governing the National Regatta of the Shields Class Sailing Association.

### **5 ENTRY & REGISTRATION**

- 5.1 Competitors may enter early by delivery of the regatta entry form with the applicable entry fee payable to Shields 2011 Nationals no later than August 25, 2011 to:  
Shields Fleet 5  
c/o Wayne Marciano - 9 Tiffany Road , Oyster Bay Cove, NY 11771

- 5.2 Entry forms received after 1700 on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, will not be accepted, unless the time for receipt of entry forms is extended by the OA.
- 5.3 Registration will be at the main clubhouse of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club from 1000 to 1800 on Wednesday, September 21, 2011
- 5.4 Only competitors who have entered and completed registration may participate in this regatta. Registration shall be complete upon measurement of boat and sails, completion of all paperwork, and payment of all fees.
- 5.5 The regatta entry form, sailing instructions, social schedule, and registration form for social events will be available on the national web site: <http://shieldsclass.com/2011>

## **6 FEES**

- 6.1 The entry fee for each boat that enters on or before August 25, 2011, is \$525
- 6.2 The entry fee for each boat that enters after August 25, 2011 is \$595
- 6.3 The social fee is \$125 per person.
- 6.4 All payments shall be made by check, credit card or cash.
- 6.5 **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 dinner Wednesday, Thursday and the awards dinner Saturday. Additional social tickets for the package described are \$125 per person. Coffee and light breakfast served each race day.
- 6.6 **Lunches** - Box lunches for race days are \$10 each and will be available at 0800 at SCYC each morning. Lunches must be ordered on the Registration/Entry Form and paid for with your registration fee.

## **7 MEASUREMENT**

- Boat and sail measurement for Fleet 5 members entered in this event will take place between August 1 and August 30 at the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club.
- 7.1 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. Submission of these documents shall serve as the entrant's representation that boat and crew are compliant with all rules governing participation in the National Championship Regatta.
  - 7.2 Boat and sail measurement checks may be made at any time during the regatta.

## **8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

- 8.1 The Race office will be open from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs on September 21, 2011.
- 8.2 Registration will be from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs on September 21, 2011.
- 8.3 A practice race is planned for 1500 hrs on September 21, 2011.
- 8.4 Racing days are September 22-24, 2011.
  - (a) The warning signal for the first race of each day will be at 1100 hrs.
  - (b) There will be a maximum of three races each day.
- 8.5 After racing Social program :
  - Wednesday 9-21: 1800 hrs Dinner- BBQ at SCYC Skippers meeting
  - Thursday 9-22: Grill night, at Oakcliff - Sponsored by Jack Halyards
  - Friday 9-23: Wine Party at SCYC with Band, Dinner- Sponsored by Robert Oatley
  - Saturday 9-24: Seafood Awards banquet Sponsored by BMW of Oyster Bay
- 8.6 The prize awards will be on September 24, 2011, at the awards dinner.

## **9 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be Long Island Sound off Oyster Bay, NY, and surrounding waters.

## **10 COURSES**

The courses will be described in the sailing instructions and will conform to Section 2.4 of the Rules Governing the Running of the National Championship Regatta.

## **11 SCORING**

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

11.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. The regatta will consist of a maximum of eight (8) races.

11.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.4 Scoring for Shields Class prizes (see 12 below) will be in accordance with Class rules.

## **12 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers of boats placing first through fifth in this regatta.

Prizes will be awarded to the skipper of each boat winning each race of the regatta.

**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.

## **13 MEDIA, IMAGES, SOUND AND COMMUNICATION**

13.1 The OA and its sponsors shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

13.2 VHF radio will be used by the Race Committee to communicate announcements and recall numbers to competitors. The use of VHF radio communication, or failure to do so, by the RC shall not be considered a valid reason for request for redress.

13.3. Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all yachts. Restriction applies to cell phones.

## **14 SUPPORT BOATS**

Support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for a race until after all boats have finished or the race committee has signalled a postponement, abandonment, or general recall.

**15 LAUNCH/ HAUL OUT & BOTTOM CLEANING**

**15.1** Boats may be launched Wednesday, September 21st 0900 hrs to 2000 hrs without reservations. Any boats needing to launch Tuesday must have a reservation in order to use the lift. There is no charge to use the SCYC hoist however there must be a club/fleet representative on hand - no exceptions.

**15.2** Boats participating in this regatta shall be afloat by 2000 hrs on Wednesday, September 21, 2011- No bottom cleaning may be performed after that point, and no boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury.

**16 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its sponsors, their agents, employees, representatives, trustees, members, race committee, jury members, and officials accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

**17 INSURANCE**

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

**18 INFORMATION**

Please contact the following for further information:

Regatta Chairman: Wayne Marciano - [waynett@earthlink.net](mailto:waynett@earthlink.net) 516 987 1500

Event Registration: Constance & William Denslow

Measurement: Boat Bam Miller

Measurement: Sails Bam Miller / Woody Glenn

Hoist use: Mark Swanson

Borrowed Boats: Dawn Riley

Housing: Fife & Heather Whitman / Diana Russell

Social Events: Fife & Heather Whitman

**Wayne Marciano, Dawn Riley - Regatta Co- Chairs**  
**Ian McCurdy, Principal Race Officer ~ John Mooney, Chief Judge**

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