



Shields Class National Championship Regatta
Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL
September 19-22, 2019
NOTICE OF RACE



1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority is the Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association.
- 1.2 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Shields Class Association Rules.
- 1.3 Appendixes T and V1 will apply.
- 1.4 All boats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio while sailing in this event. This changes Shields Class Rule Section IV 10.9.
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to Shields Class boats and crews who have satisfied the requirements for entry under the provisions of Shields Class Sailing Association Rules, Section VI, Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta.
- 3.2 Eligible skippers may enter by completing the entry form, with payment, available via the link provided at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=7320>, and submitting their Certificate of Compliance, Sail Inventory Registry and Waiver of Liability forms at on-site registration.
- 3.3 Registrations will not be accepted after 1800 CDT Thursday, September 19, 2019.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$650 per boat for entries received by August 15th, 2019.
- 4.2 The entry fee is \$750 per boat for entries received after August 15th, 2019.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes launching, hauling, and docking at Belmont Station (subject to rafting), and storage for boat trailers for the duration of the event. Social activities after racing and the class dinner for up to 5 crew members in total are included in the fee.
- 4.4 Additional social tickets for after-racing events may be purchased at on-site check-in for \$125.
- 4.5 Box Lunches may be ordered at on-site check-in for an additional fee.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Daily Schedule

Thursday September 19	All Day	Hoists and Gin Pole Available
	1200 to 1800	On-Site check-in Available
	1400	Practice Races
	1700	Class Meeting
	1800	Welcome Dinner
Friday, September 20	0800	Breakfast Available
	1000	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Free Evening
Saturday, September 21	0800	Breakfast Available
	1000	First Warning Signal
	1900	Shields Class Dinner (Monroe Station)
Sunday, September 22	0800	Breakfast Available
	1000	First Warning Signal
	1430	No Warning Signal after this time
	After Racing	Refreshments and Awards
		Hoists and Gin Pole Available

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 The Organizing Authority will rely on the signed Certificates of Compliance and Sail Inventory Registry printouts as evidence that participating yachts are compliant with all rules governing participation in the National Championship Regatta. Skippers will be required to submit a signed Certificate of Compliance and Sail Inventory Registry.
- 6.2 The Organizing Authority may make measurement checks at any time to confirm compliance with Class Rules, Section IV; and required U.S. Coast Guard and Shields Class required safety equipment. The Organizing Authority may also measure sails at any time to confirm compliance with the Class Rules, Section V and to confirm agreement with the Sail Inventory Card.
- 6.3 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.

7 LOANER BOATS

- 7.1 Complimentary Loaner boats will be available in accordance with The Shields Class Sailing Association Rules section VI section 1.2(e).
- 7.2 Each visiting fleet is responsible for determining which of its members will be allotted its loaner boat.
- 7.3 A damage deposit of \$2500 will be collected at registration for each loaner boat in the form of a check or credit card hold. Deposits will be returned after the completion of the event less charges for any damages.
- 7.4 Loaner boats may be requested by completing the Loaner Boat Request Form available on the event web site [here](#) by July 15th, 2019.

8 HOUSING

- 8.1 Complimentary housing will be provided during the regatta for visiting crews with fleet and club members, subject to space available. To request accommodations, submit a completed housing request form on the event web site [here](#) by August 15th, 2019.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available prior to the first scheduled event on the official notice board at the Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station and, as a courtesy, on the event website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=7320>
- 9.2 The official notice board will be in the North facing window in the CYC Belmont Station Barge

10 VENUE AND COURSES

- 10.1 Racing will take place on the waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor.
- 10.2 The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions and will conform to the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules, Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta, Section VI.
- 10.3 Regatta headquarters and all social events will be at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Appendixes T and V1 will apply.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 A minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 If four or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 11.3 If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4 No more than three races will be held on any one day, and no more than eight races will be held in the regatta.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Awards will be given in conjunction with each of the perpetual awards listed in the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules, Section VI, 5.0, Awards.
- 12.2 Awards shall be provided for boats finishing in 2nd through 5th place in the regatta. Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats must be register with the Organizing Authority.
- 13.2 All support boats shall carry on board a VHF radio and monitor the designated Race Committee Chanel. Support boats agree to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so.
- 13.3 Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Except for Outside Help as defined in rule 41, no assistance shall be given nor gear transferred between a support boat and a competing boat during this time.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out between the first and final races of the regatta without the written permission of the Race Committee.
- 14.2 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the first warning signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices.
- 15.2 The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The race committee's VHF channel will be provided at the skippers meeting and posted on the official notice board.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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