



2023 Shields Midwinter Championship

Daniel Island Yacht Club

101 River Landing Drive - Charleston, SC 29492

<https://www.danielislandyachtclub.com/>



March 22-26, 2023

Notice of Race

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Daniel Island Yacht Club (DIYC) in association with Shields Fleet 22.
- 1.2. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Shields Class Sailing Association.
- 1.3. The only US Sailing Prescriptions that shall apply are RRS 32 and RRS Appendix V.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions (SI) will be available online by 1800 hours on March 21, 2023 and at check-in.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15569>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard marine VHF channels.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. Except in an emergency, a boat shall make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Shields Class and crews who have satisfied the requirements for entry.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing all registration requirements online at the Yacht Scoring link listed above.
- 4.3. Eligible boat shall also complete a Certificate of Compliance, Sail Inventory Registry and Regatta Waiver form online at the Yacht Scoring link above.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. The deadline for entries is 1800 hours - Friday, March 17, 2023.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$200 and includes tickets to all social events for up to five crew persons. Additional social tickets may be purchased for \$50 per person.
- 5.2. Entries received after February 24, 2023 will be subject to a late fee of \$100.
- 5.3. The entry fee includes launch/haul services and trailer storage. Boats wishing to launch and haul their boat and store their trailer shall make arrangements directly with Joel Bays.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA
- 6.2. Advertising is restricted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

7. SCHEDULE

Wednesday – March 22

1500-1800	Early check-in	DIYC
By appointment	Launching	Daniel Island Marina
1800	Cash Bar Open	DIYC

Thursday – March 23

1100-1500	Check-in	DIYC
1400	Practice starts with practice race	
1830	Skippers Meeting	DIYC
1830-2100	Welcome Reception and Cash Bar	DIYC

Friday – March 24

1130	First warning signal	
After Racing	Daily Awards and Cash Bar	DIYC

Saturday – March 25

1130	First warning signal	
After Racing	Daily Awards and Cash Bar	DIYC

Sunday – March 26

1100	First warning signal	
1430	No warning signal after this time	
After Racing	Daily Awards and Cash Bar	DIYC
1830	Dinner and Awards Banquet	DIYC

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. In the spirit of Corinthian sailing, the OA is relying on the signed Certificates of Compliance, Valid Measurement Form and a Sail Inventory Registry as evidence that all participating yachts are compliant with all rules.
- 8.2. The OA may make measurement checks at any time to confirm compliance with the Class Rules, Section IV, including: mast step location, mast and boom band markings, mast partners, hatch seals, spinnaker pole length, and required U.S. Coast Guard and Shields Class required safety equipment, including an approved PFD for each crew member. The OA 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.

9. VENUE

The racing area will be on the Wando River or the Charleston Harbor.

10. COURSES

Courses will be windward-leeward where the weather mark will have an offset mark and the leeward mark may be a gate.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply except that 30% is changed to 20% in RRS Appendix V2.

12. SCORING

12.1. A maximum of eight (8) are scheduled.

12.2. A minimum of one (1) completed race shall constitute a regatta.

12.3. The Low Point System in RRS Appendix A4 shall apply.

12.4. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.5. 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.

12.6. The overall Shields Winter Series will be scored as follows:

12.6.1. Competitors must register, pay and compete in the Shields Midwinter Championship and Charleston Race Week.

12.6.2. The same boat must be used in both events.

12.6.3. One crew member must be the same in both events.

12.6.4. A boat's overall Winter Series score will be the total of all of her races in both events excluding the races as allowed in each event, however excluded scores shall count in order to break a series tie.

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

13.1. Support vessels are required to monitor the race committee VHF channel to be designated in the Slis at all times and respond promptly to any requests.

13.2. Added to RRS 41 is: Support and Official vessels are allowed tow boats to and from the racing area.

13.3. Support vessels shall remain 500 feet outside the entire racing area and all marks of the race course at all times while boats are racing.

14. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

14.1. A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race. See RRS Appendix G.

14.2. A limited number of loaner boats may be available for the regatta. Contact Stefan Kuehn for additional information.

14.3. In order to qualify for a loaner boat, a skipper may be required to complete a loaner boat application and comply with all the requirements, including damage deposit and insurance, contained therein.

15. BERTHING

Moorings are available at DIYC during the event on a first come basis and will be assigned based on when a boat's online registration is paid and complete. Additional days shall be the responsibility of each boat which shall be arranged directly with DIYC.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of written permission of an Event Chair, the Chief Judge or the PRO.

17. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

18. INSURANCE

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

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Prizes for daily race winners will be awarded after each day of racing.
- 19.2. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 overall boats.
- 19.3. Additional prizes may be awarded.
- 19.4. For the Winter Series, a trophy will be awarded to the top overall boat.

20. EVENT CONTACTS

Daniel Island Yacht Club		843-471-1881	
Event Chair/Fleet 22 Rep	Joel Bays	410-991-1986	joel@danielislandyachtclub.com
Event Chair/Loaned Boats	Stefan Kuehn	631-487-2239	stefan@danielislandyachtclub.com
Chief Judge	Jim Walsh	732-995-9446	networksupport@cgschools.org
Principal Race Officer	Chip Till	843-556-6554	chiptill5351@gmail.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LOCAL HOTEL:

DIYC has blocked off rooms at the Home2 Suites which is walking distance to DIYC.
Home2 Suites By Hilton Charleston Daniel Island - use code "Shields Midwinters"
120 Fairchild Street - Charleston, SC 29492 (843) 981-5800
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/chsdnht-home2-suites-charleston-daniel-island/>

LAUNCHING, HAULING and TRAILER STORAGE:

Daniel Island Marina
669 Marina Drive - Charleston, SC 29492 (843) 884-1000
<https://www.danielislandmarina.com/>

PARKING:

DIYC has limited parking in the vicinity of the club.