



Shields 60th National Championship Regatta

September 18 – 21, 2024

Organizing Authority (OA): Larchmont Yacht Club and Shields Fleet #1

Sailing Instructions

[NP] The notation '[NP]' in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Shields Class Sailing Association [Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta](#).
- 1.2 Appendix V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT shall apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as changed: At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add: (c) If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears that protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- 1.4 U.S. Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2 is deleted.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 hrs. on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on Yacht Scoring
- 3.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 72 & 78A.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF 78A.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 From one hour prior to the scheduled first warning of the day until a boat has finished racing for the day, it may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from a publicized source available at no cost to all competitors. Subscription, password-protected or restricted access web pages are considered private information and may not be used for the transmission or reception of specialized weather information.
- 3.6 General use of the Internet and publicly available web sites to obtain weather including all National Weather Service data is authorized. Weather data developed specifically for the Race may not be received while racing.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the main flagpole on the front lawn of the Larchmont Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 5.1 | Tuesday, September 17 | |
| | 1700 - 2000 | Check-in in the Pandemonium |
| | Wednesday, September 18 | |
| | 1730 - 1800 | Skippers' Meeting in the Pandemonium |
| | 1800 - 2000 | Welcome Cocktails & Lite Bites in the Pandemonium provided by Shields Fleet #1 |

1830 - 1930	Shields Class Annual Meeting in the Pandemonium
Thursday, September 19	
1030	First warning signal of the day
After Racing	Keg and Signature Drink Selections
1800 - 2030	Tie-Dyed Shirt BBQ at the Tiki Bar
Friday, September 20	
1030	First warning signal of the day
After Racing	Keg and Signature Drink Selections at the Tiki Bar, Dinner on your own
Saturday, September 21	
1030	First warning signal of the day
1430	No warning signal after this time
1830 - 2130	Awards Dinner on the Quarterdeck

5.2 A total of eight races are scheduled. No more than three races will be held on any one day.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Shields Class pennant.

7 RACING AREA

The Racing area will be in the waters off Larchmont Harbor.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 Course will be windward/leeward as described in Addendum A.

8.2 No later than warning signal the signal vessel will post the course number, the approximate distance in nautical miles, and bearing to the first mark and announce the course on Official VHF Channel. Failure of competitors to receive or hear such announcements shall not be grounds for redress.

9 MARKS

9.1 The original weather rounding mark will be a orange MarkSetBot or orange tetrahedron. Leeward marks, including gates, will be an orange MarkSetBot with an orange tetrahedron.

9.2 The offset mark (1a) will be a YELLOW ball.

9.3 New weather marks, as provided in SI 11, will be either the original MarkSetBot or an yellow tetrahedron. New Leeward marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and, either the course side of an orange mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat at the port end of the line.

10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee shall hail her sail number via the official vhf channel. Failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.4 Competitors are reminded that it is the responsibility of each boat to start correctly; and if they are aware they have not done so, they should return and start correctly even though they were not identified by the race committee and they were not hailed by the race committee as a premature starter.

10.5 A boat which has not started 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will either move the MarkSetBot or lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When a subsequent new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 The RC may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length of the leg, up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. Changes will be announced via VHF. This changes RRS 33.

11.3 In the event that the Race Committee changes the weather mark after the initial weather leg, there will be no offset mark set.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 For courses 4 and 6, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a signal vessel and the course side of an orange mark.
- 12.2 For course 5, the finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the weather mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to pass the first windward mark shall be 45 minutes.
- 13.2 The time limit for the first to start, sail the course and finish shall be 120 minutes.
Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat has started, sailed the course, and finished will be scored "TLE". This changes rule 35.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM:

- 14.1 RRS T1(b) is changed to read: "A Post Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in Rule 443.3(c) if the Penalty is taken before Arbitration. If the penalty is taken after Arbitration it is 30%. However, Rule 44.1 applies."
- 14.2 RRS 44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turn Penalties is changed to prohibit a boat taking a penalty turn within the Zone: "After getting well clear of other boats and the Zone as soon after the incident as possible ..."

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Rule 61.1(a) is changed, add: Immediately after finishing, a protesting boat shall notify the race committee of her intent to lodge a protest and the identity of the boat she intends to protest. Protest forms will be available at the front desk of the clubhouse. Protests and Hearing requests shall be delivered to the Protest Secretary on the second floor of the main clubhouse. All such requests shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the signal vessel personnel come ashore. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4 Hearings will be held as soon as practicable after protest forms are filed. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest room. Failure of a boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Jury as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).
- 15.5 Rule 63.5 is changed by adding — "A protest involving contact may be heard by the Jury even though the requirements of rule 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled."
- 15.6 Penalties, if any, for breaches of rules other than rules of Part 2 may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.7 On the last day of racing a request for redress, based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.
- 15.8 Other requests for redress shall be delivered no later than the end of the protest time limit or 30 minutes after learning of reasons for making the request, whichever is later.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Two completed races shall constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 No more than three races will be held on any one day, and no more than eight races will be held in the regatta.
- 16.5 A boat scored "TLE" Time Limit Expired will receive 2 points more than the number of finishers but will not be scored worse than DNF.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Prior to the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the race signal vessel on starboard tack, hail her sail number and be acknowledged by the race committee. Check-in via VHF will not be acknowledged.
- 17.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race after checking in shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT:

- 18.1. Each boat shall compete with the same number of crew throughout the event.
- 18.2. Crew substitutions do not require approval of the race committee; however, in the event a boat plans on replacing a crew member, they shall notify the Race Committee and confirm that the replacement and the resulting crew comply with Shields Class Rules, specifically the Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta and the requirements specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 18.3. Replacement of damaged or lost equipment shall require approval of the Class Measurer.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and any event relevant equipment rules.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 [NP] All support boats shall carry on board a VHF radio and monitor the designated Race Committee Channel. Support boats agree to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so.
- 20.2 While on the water, support vessels shall conspicuously display a flag indicating the sail numbers of the boat they are supporting using black numbers on a white background.
- 20.3 All support vessels shall register with the OA during Check-in with their flag.
- 20.4 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 between the first warning signal of the first race until the boat has finished the final race of each day, without prior approval from the Principal Race Officer or Protest Committee Chair.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Keeper trophies will be awarded in conjunction with each of the perpetual awards listed in the Class R Rules, Section VI, 5.2 (Awards).
- 21.2 In addition, keeper trophies will be awarded to the winners of each individual race, as well as for skippers and crews finishing in second through fifth place overall.

22 MEDIA RELEASE: Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, to the Shields One Design Class, Shields Fleet 1, Larchmont Yacht Club, sponsors and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media World-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information.

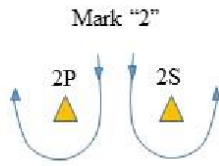
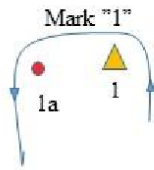
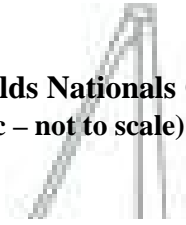
23. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors are reminded of the Disclaimer of Liability to which they agreed as stated in the notice of race

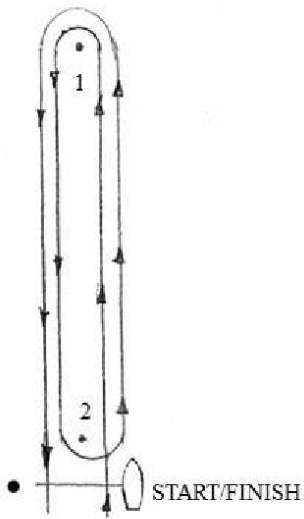
24. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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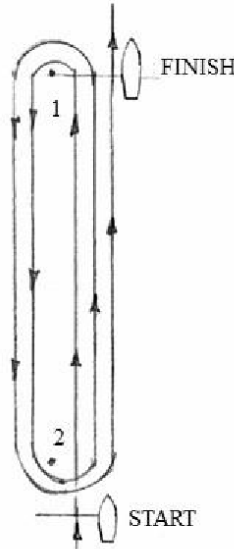
ADDENDUM A- 2024 Shields Nationals Course Diagrams
(Schematic – not to scale)



Course 4
 START-1-1a-2-1-1a-FINISH



Course 5
 START-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-FINISH



Course 6
 START-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-1-1a-

