



SHIELDS NATIONALS

MONTEREY PENINSULA YACHT CLUB



**THE 52ND SHIELDS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 1, 2016**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club in association with Shields Fleets 7 & 12, Monterey, CA.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013–2016 (RRS).
- 1.3 Rules 62.2 and 66 will be changed in the sailing instructions to shorten the time on the last scheduled day of racing to request redress based on a protest committee decision or to request a reopening of a hearing. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on all standard marine VHF channels. A specific VHF channel for communications from and to the Race Committee will be designated in the sailing instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is restricted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Appendix 1, Advertising Code.
- 2.2 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 Section VI: Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta of the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules.

3.2 Eligible boats may register for the Regatta by going to the regatta web site (shields.mpyc.org) and following the instructions and completing forms on the site including the other required documentation (Certificate of Compliance and Sail Inventory Registry printout as per 6.1, below, and the Regatta Waiver form) and registering online or mailing them, together with the required fee payable to Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Attn: Shields Nationals, Wharf II, Monterey, CA 93940.

3.3 Late entries will not be accepted after 1800 EDT Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

4. FEES

4.1 The entry fee is \$650.00 and includes tickets to all social events for up to five crew members, including the skipper. Entries, including payment for entry fees, received after August 15, 2016, are subject to a late fee of \$100.

4.2 Storage, Trailer Storage, Mooring, Hoist Services and Slip Fees - The entry fee does include trailer storage, launch/haul, and slip storage for the week of the regatta.

4.3 Facility fees for additional days are the responsibility of each competitor and shall be arranged with Monterey Marina Harbormaster for slip storage. More information will be posted on the regatta website.

4.4. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase for guests to attend the social events. Pricing will be posted on the regatta website.

4.5. Box lunches ordered from MPYC will be provided for an additional fee.

5. SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 27

1530 - 1800 Early registration-MPYC

Wednesday, September 28

1000 - 1800 Registration - MPYC

1400 First warning signal for practice starts and practice race

1800 - 2100 Welcome reception and grill night - MPYC

1900 - 1945 Shields Class Annual Meeting - MPYC

Thursday, September 29

0930	Rendezvous signal - MPYC/VHF
1130	First warning signal of the day
1830	Casual Dinner - Monterey Memory Garden

Friday, September 30

0930	Rendezvous signal - MPYC/VHF
1130	First warning signal of the day
Post Race	"Get Together" - TBA

Saturday, October 1

0930	Rendezvous signal - MPYC/VHF
1130	First warning signal of the day
1500	No warning signals post 1500
1800	Dinner & awards - Monterey Marriott

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 In the spirit of Corinthian sailing, the regatta host is relying on the signed Certificates of Compliance and Sail Inventory Registry printouts as evidence that all 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 signed Sail Inventory Registry

6.2 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.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at registration and online.

8. COURSES AND SAILING AREA

- 8.1 Courses will be described in the sailing instructions and will conform to Section VI of the Class Rules governing the Running of the National Championship Regatta of the Shields Class Association Rules.
- 8.2 The racing area will be in the waters of Monterey Bay approximately one mile north of the Monterey Marina.
- 8.3 Racing headquarters will be Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.

9. PENALTIES

- 9.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 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. This modifies RRS 44.2

10. SCORING

- 10.1 A minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 If four or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4 No more than three races will be held on any one day, and no more than eight races will be held in the regatta.

11. LOANER BOAT POLICY

A limited number of loaner boats will be made available for the regatta. Information for eligible skippers regarding the loan or charter of boats will be on the regatta website. Each fleet shall determine which skipper will be allotted its loaner boat and the Fleet Captain will inform the Event Chair by August 15, 2016. The allotment for each racing fleet's loaner boat shall not be impacted should any of its skippers elect to bring their own boat to the regatta.

Any fleets unclaimed loaner boats after August 15, 2016 shall be made available for racing by their local owners and for other qualified skippers on the basis of their fully paid registration.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Support and coach boats shall register with the Race Committee. Support boats shall display the sail numbers of the boats they are supporting.

12.2 All support boats are required to monitor the specific VHF channel designated in the Sailing Instructions during the regatta and respond promptly to all Race Committee or Organizing Authority directives. Additional rules pertaining to support boats may be supplied with the Sailing Instructions.

12.3. 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.

12.4. Support Boats shall remain 500 feet outside all lay lines and above/below all marks of the course at all times while boats are racing.

13. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out between the first and final races of the regatta without the written permission of the Protest Committee.

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

Except in an emergency, boats shall not have any outside communication while racing that is not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all outside communication, including but not limited to mobile phones.

16. MEDIA, SOUND, AND IMAGES

The organizing authority has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Keeper trophies will be awarded in conjunction with each of the perpetual awards listed in the Class Rules, Section VI, 5.2 (Awards).

17.2 In addition, keeper trophies will be awarded to the winners of each individual race, as well as for skippers finishing in second through fifth place overall.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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