



Larchmont Yacht Club

SHIELDS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21, 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS).
- 1.2 Part 5 Section B is changed to provide for arbitration of protests of Part 2 rules.
- 1.3 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channel 73.
- 1.4 The organizing Authority is Shields Fleet #1.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration and payment of entry fee as prescribed in the Notice of Race for the regatta.
- 2.2 Eligibility requirements for boats and competitors are set forth in the Notice of Race.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch of the main clubhouse.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the front lawn. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after the "AP" is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 20

1225	First Warning
1800	Event Dinner

Sunday, June 21

1225	First Warning
1430	No warning signal after this time

Awards ceremony and cocktail party shortly after the completion of racing on Sunday.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters south of Milton Point, Rye, New York.

7 COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 Courses will be windward-leeward using either configuration "L" or "W" and identified as follows:

L2	Windward, finishing to leeward
W3	Windward, leeward, finish to windward
L4	Windward, leeward, windward, finish to leeward
W5	Windward, leeward, windward, leeward, finish to windward

- 7.2 Offset marks may be used at the windward mark and will be signaled by displaying flag O (diagonally divided into yellow and orange triangles) from the race committee boat prior to the start of that race.

- 7.3 The leeward mark will be approximately 100 yards to windward of the starting line.

- 7.4 All marks, including the offset if used, shall be rounded to port.

7.5 Rounding marks will be yellow inflatables. The offset mark will be a white hippity hop.

8 THE START

8.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

8.2 The starting line will be between a yellow flag on the committee boat and a staff displaying a yellow flag on the port end.

9 RECALLS

9.1 The race committee will endeavor to recall boats by broadcasting their sail number over VHF 73.

9.2 Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification and the order and timing of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.

10 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

10.1 The change may be signaled before the new mark is in position.

10.2 The new mark will be an orange mark. When a subsequent change of course is signaled, the orange mark will be replaced with the original mark.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and:
when sailing Course L, a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby buoy; or
when sailing Course W, the windward mark..

11.2 The race committee intends to run multiple races. The number of races conducted is at the sole discretion of the race committee. If a subsequent race will be run, the race committee will signal its intention by flying code flag "R" at the finish of the previous race.

12 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 2 1/2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE). This changes rule 35.

13 WITHDRAWAL

A boat that withdraws from the race or that does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the race committee at the first opportunity.

14 PROTESTS

14.1 A boat intending to protest shall report this to the race committee promptly after finishing that race.

14.2 Completed protests shall be delivered to the protest committee desk located on the second floor of the club house.

14.3 Protest forms are available at the front desk of the yacht club.

14.4 The expiration time for filing protests and the list of protests in the approximate order in which they will be heard will be posted on the official notice board.

14.5 Hearings will begin as soon as practicable.

15 ARBITRATION

15.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule in Part 2 – When Boats Meet, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5 Section B of the *RRS*.

15.2 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.

15.3 A boat that accepts fault at the arbitration hearing shall receive a penalty of 40% of the number of entries (rounded upward 0.5) added to her finish position, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

15.4 The arbitrator is neither the race nor protest committee; therefore, decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.

15.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but may be permitted to observe testimony presented and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

16 SCORING

16.1 One race constitutes a series.

- 16.2 The race committee intends to run multiple races. If fewer than five races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If at least five races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to rule 90.3 (b).
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and will be given two (2) points more than the number of finishers, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF. This changes rule 35.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, June 21 on the front lawn. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place finishers as well as participation prizes.

18 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

- 18.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of the Larchmont Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification.
- 18.2 The Larchmont Yacht Club is not responsible and will not accept any liability for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered from any cause. Each participant, including skipper and crew, participates in the regatta entirely at his/her own risk and waives any and all claims, including those arising from negligence or lack of due care, which he/she may have against the Larchmont Yacht Club, its regatta committee, and its officers, trustees, committee members, members, agents, or employees. Responsibility for evaluating the wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each participant as does responsibility for the safe condition of the boat, including safety equipment and rigging and for deciding when to wear life jackets. Patrol boats or other assistance will not likely be available. Assistance, if any, from the regatta committee or other Larchmont Yacht Club vessels, or other patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is entirely at the risk of the participant.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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