



Edgartown Yacht Club
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SHIELDS CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

September 5-8, 2018
The Edgartown Yacht Club
Edgartown, Massachusetts

NOTICE OF RACE

The Edgartown Yacht Club will host the 54th Annual Shields Class National Championship Regatta on September 5-8, 2018.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is Edgartown Yacht Club (EYC) in association with Shields Fleet 8 of Edgartown, MA.
- 1.2 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* (RRS) and the Shields Class Association Rules, as posted on the Class website, <http://www.shieldsclass.com>.
- 1.3 RRS 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.
- 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 World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

1.2.18 Shields Nationals NOR

3 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- 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 <http://www.edgartownyc.org>, 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 EDT Wednesday, September 4, 2018.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee will be \$750 which includes tickets to all social events for up to five crew members, including the skipper. Entries, including payment of entry fees received after August 15, 2018 will be subject to a late fee of \$100. Additional tickets for all of the social events can be purchased for \$150 per person.
- 4.2 Moorings will be provided for free. Skippers should anticipate rafting with one other Shields on each mooring.
- 4.3 Edgartown Yacht Club does not have a launching and rigging facility. Facilities for launching and rigging are available at other locations including Edgartown, Falmouth, and Wareham, MA. Visiting skippers are discouraged from launching at Edgartown due to the added cost and logistical challenges associated with bringing boat and trailer to the island on the ferry. More detailed information will be provided on the regatta website.
- 4.4 Complimentary housing will be provided during the regatta from Tuesday through Sunday morning. To request complimentary housing, submit a completed Housing Request form found on the event website. Requests received after August 1st will be filled on a space available basis.
- 4.5 Box lunches can be ordered from Edgartown Yacht Club for an additional fee.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

1400-1700	Early registration and housing assignments	EYC
1830	Welcome reception	TBD

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

0900-1700	Registration and housing assignments	EYC
1100	Skippers' Meeting for Practice Race	EYC
1300	Practice Race	
1800	Reception and Casual dinner	EYC
1900	Shields Class Annual Meeting	EYC
1930	Skippers' Meeting for Championship Regatta	EYC

Thursday, September 6, 2018

0730-0830	Breakfast	EYC
1030	First Warning Signal	
1830	Dinner	EYC

Friday, September 7, 2018

0730-0830	Breakfast	EYC
1030	First Warning Signal	EYC
	Crews free for dinner in town	

Saturday, September 8, 2018

0730-0830	Breakfast	EYC
1030	First Warning Signal	
	No Warning Signals after 1400	
1800	Awards Dinner	EYC

6 MEASUREMENTS

- 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 Sail Inventory Registry.
- 6.2 The OA 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 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.
- 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 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and online.

8 VENUE

The races will be sailed in Vineyard Sound to the north of Edgartown Outer Harbor and/or Cow Bay.

9 COURSES

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 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix 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.
- 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 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 July 15, 2018. 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 July 15, 2018 shall be made available for racing by their local owners and for other qualified skippers on the basis of their fully paid registration.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support and coach boats shall register with the Race Committee. Support boats shall display the sail numbers of the boats they are supporting.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 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.

14 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.

15 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.

16 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.

17 MEDIA, SOUND, AND IMAGES

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

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Keeper trophies will be awarded in conjunction with each of the perpetual awards listed in the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules, Section VI, 5.0, Awards.
- 18.2 Keeper trophies will be awarded to the winners of each individual race, as well as for skippers finishing in second through fifth place overall.

19 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, or after the Regatta.

20 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.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Edgartown Yacht Club Race Committee Office, One Dock Street, P.O. Box 1309 Edgartown, Massachusetts 02539, Telephone (508) 627-4364, <http://www.edgartownyc.org>

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