



Shields Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup

Organizing Authority (OA) Shields Fleets 10 (Marion, MA) and the Beverly Yacht Club with support from Shields Fleet 8 (Edgartown, MA)

Location – Beverly Yacht Club (BYC) Marion, Massachusetts

Dates – June 11 – 13, 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Revised June 1, 2021

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2021 – 2024) and *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules* (May, 2021).
- 1.2 [NP] RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall comply with the obligations of RRS40 (Personal Flotation Devices) whether or not the Race Committee displays flag Y with one sound.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at the Beverly Yacht Club porch before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by announcement on VHF channel 72 and "L" flag on the committee boat.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Beverly Yacht Club porch.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.3 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.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on Beverly Yacht Club flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than '30 minutes' in Race Signals "AP".

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Friday	June 11, 2021	1300	Practice start(s) and race(s)
Saturday	June 12, 2021	1030	First warning signal
Sunday	June 13, 2021	1030	First warning signal
		1430	No warning signal after this time

- 6.2 The number of races on Saturday will not be more than four and Sunday not more than three.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class signal will be the Shields insignia on a white flag.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be in Buzzards Bay in the vicinity north of Bird Island (mark "A" on BYC racing chart), Centerboard Shoal R "2" (mark "G" on BYC racing chart) or south of Converse Point (mark "E" on BYC racing chart) approximately south 1 to 1-3/4 nautical miles from Beverly Yacht Club.

9 COURSES

9.1 The Race Committee will display a "W" to indicate a Windward/Leeward course followed by a number which indicates the number of legs to be sailed. If a windward mark offset is to be used, an "O" will be included with the "W" course designation. For example, a "WO4" means a windward/leeward course with a windward offset mark with four legs (windward / leeward / windward / finish downwind). See course diagram.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

9.3 In the event that the RC determines that spinnakers shall *not* be flown during a race, code flag "Z" ZULU shall be flown no later than the warning signal.

10 MARKS

10.1 Turning and starting marks are yellow tetrahedrons. If used, the offset mark will be a red ball. For a changed mark, the offset mark will not be used. The leeward turning mark will be the start mark and left to port.

10.2 Finishing mark will be a yellow cylinder left to port.

10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13, are orange tetrahedrons.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The following lines are designated as obstruction(s):

- Mark G "5" to G "3" to BYC yellow race mark "E" mark off of Converse Point

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five

minutes before the starting signal.

- 12.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.4 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 will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.5 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.
- 14.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 Minutes	120 Minutes	20 Minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned. The Race Committee may abandon a race sooner at their discretion if the race is deemed "unfair" or for changing weather conditions.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the BYC.
- 17.3 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. The location of protest hearings will be posted with the notice of hearings.
- 17.4 [NP] Competitors wishing to protest shall inform the Race Committee of their intention.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The scoring system is RRS A4 Low Point System.
- 18.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores (excluding practice races).

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 No check in is required on the water at the committee signal vessel.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of competitors or equipment is not allowed without approval of the race committee.

20.2 Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 **TRASH DISPOSAL**

21.1 [NP] Trash must be returned to shore for proper disposal.

22 **BERTHING**

22.1 [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour or as assigned by the OA.

23 **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

23.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

24 **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

24.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

24.2 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means.

25 **PRIZES**

25.1 Prizes will be given at Burr Brothers Boats, 309 Front Street, Marion, MA after racing on Sunday.

26 **RISK STATEMENT**

26.1 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.

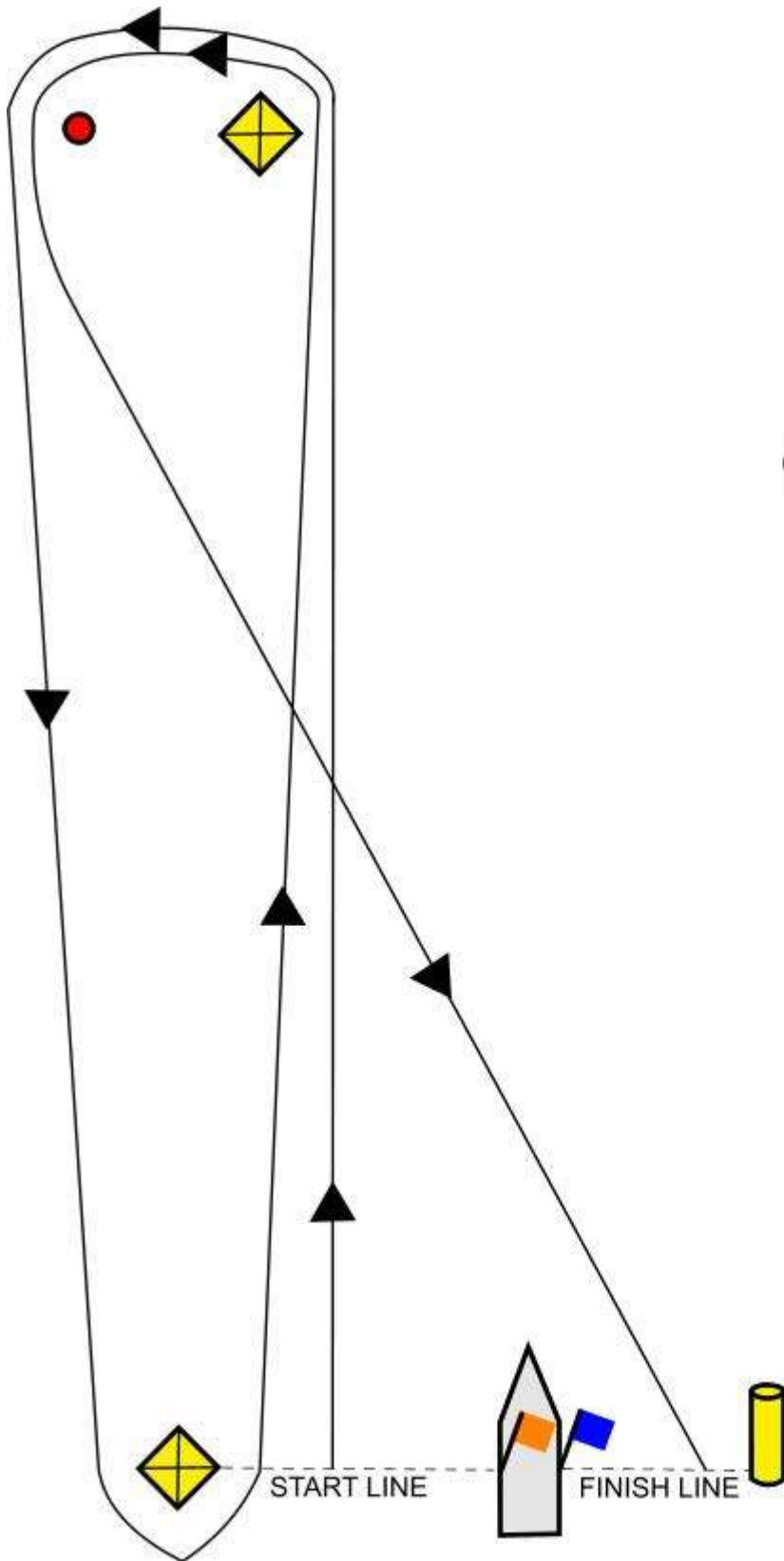
27 INSURANCE

- 27.1 A boat damage deposit of \$750 for teams will be collected from each entry at registration – check or credit card. Deposits shall be returned following a post-regatta inspection for undamaged boats and may be retained for damaged boats until proper repair estimates can be made. This deposit may be used entirely or in part to cover any damage to the chartered boat. Sails are not covered under this policy. Photos of each boat will be taken prior to assignment to establish a baseline of condition.

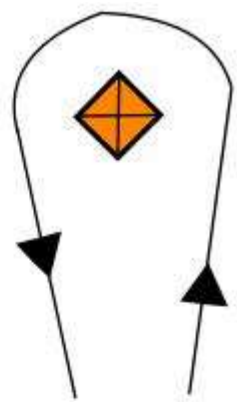
SI ADDENDUM A
BOATS ARE SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

A1 BOATS

- A1.1 Boats will be supplied for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- (a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or mast;
 - (b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - (c) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line;
 - (d) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided the changes comply with the class rules; and
 - (e) the headstay length and shroud tensions may be adjusted.
- A1.2 All equipment supplied with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- A1.3 In addition to sails, teams may bring jib sheets, spinnaker sheets, spinnaker pole, compass, and PFDs.
- A1.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions is disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- A1.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, is disqualification from the race most recently sailed.
- A1.5 [NP] The OA will attempt to have available a spare standby boat in the harbour for breakdowns but racing may not be required to be delayed for breakdowns or time to change boats.



W04 COURSE



CHANGED MARK