

Shields Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup Cover Page

Shields Fleets 10 (Marion, MA) and the Beverly Yacht Club with support from Shields Fleet 8 (Edgartown, MA) intends to hold the event **Shields Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup** as described in the Notice of Race with the understanding this will be done in full compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs) Guidelines for Youth and Adult Amateur Sports COVID-19 Safety Measures and COVID-19 Travel Order in effect at the time of the event.

Changes, if the event is held, required by the Guidelines may include adjustments to the following:

- Crew numbers may have to be adjusted (NoR 2.7)
- Housing may not be provided and hotel rooms used (NoR 5)
- Competitors meeting by remote meeting technology (NoR 6.1)
- Friday social events (NoR 6.1)
- Saturday informal dinner (Nor 6.1)
- Sunday awards ceremony by remote meeting technology (NoR 6.1)

Please check the website at <https://fleet10.shieldsclass.com/oglc/> for updates.



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NOTICE OF RACE

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 Marion, Massachusetts

Dates – June 11 - 13, 2021

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Shields Class Sailing Association Rules.
- 1.2. RRS V1 (*Penalty at the Time of an Incident*) shall apply.
- 1.3. Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on VHF channel 72.
- 1.4. The first sentence of RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall comply with the obligations of RRS 40 (*Personal Floatation Devices*) whether or not the Race Committee displays flag Y with one sound.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Each active Shields class fleet may enter one team in this event (fleet teams).
- 2.2. Fleets shall be solely responsible for selecting their representative entrants.
- 2.3. There will be a minimum of eight boats made available. The entry deadline for visiting fleets is 1800 EDT May 14, 2021. After May 14, unallocated boats will be made available to additional entries from local fleets #8 and #10 to owners who have donated the use of their boat (owner teams).
- 2.4. Eligible fleet teams may enter by completing the forms and making the entry fee payment at <https://fleet10.shieldsclass.com/oglc/>.
- 2.5. Local owners from Fleet #8 and #10 who have donated their boat and are not a fleet representative and wish to be eligible for a boat not assigned must complete the forms at <https://fleet10.shieldsclass.com/oglc/> without payment by 1800 EDT May 14, 2021.

- 2.6. Skipper, helmsman and professional crew, as defined by the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules, must be a Shields Class members and have raced in at least ten Shields races since January 1, 2019. These requirements may be waived upon request to the Shields Governing Board and their assent.
- 2.7. The number of persons aboard a boat shall not be less than four. For crews of five or more, a maximum crew weight limit of 1000 lbs. shall apply. Each boat shall be required to carry the same number of persons aboard as at the start of the first race of the regatta.

3. FEES, INSURANCE AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$295 for both fleet and owner teams. This fee includes dinner for the skipper and crew (maximum crew and skipper total of five) on June 12. Additional dinner tickets will be available at registration for \$30 per person.
- 3.2. Each participating boat will be insured for damage by a policy owned by Beverly Yacht Club.
- 3.3. A damage deposit of \$750 for both fleet and owner 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.

4. BOATS AND SAILS

- 4.1. Available boats will be divided into two groups. Group A will be the newest boats in enough numbers to cover the fleet teams; remaining boats will be group B.
- 4.2. On May 28, 2021 boats will be assigned randomly to fleet teams from group A and randomly to owner teams from Group B. Owners may not race on their own boat and if a draw has an owner on their own boat a re-draw will occur. Owner teams must make payment by May 28, 2021 or their position will be given to the next owner team.
- 4.3. Each entry shall provide their own sails that conform to Shields Class Rules from a boat in their home fleet. After all boats have been assigned a report describing the equipment on the boat will be provided to each team.
- 4.4. Optionally teams may bring jib sheets, spinnaker sheets, spinnaker pole, compass and PFDs.
- 4.5. Sails and other equipment may be shipped to Harding Sails, 732 Mill Street (Route 6), Marion, MA 02738, USA. After racing, sails should be repackaged and prepared for return shipment. Shipping will be at the owner's expense and in the owners packaging.

5. HOUSING

5.1. Housing will be provided for teams as indicated in their entry.

5.2. Housing requests after May 14, 2021 will be provided on an “as available” basis.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Schedule

Monday April 19	1200	‘Go/No Go’ decision depending on Corvid-19 rules
Friday May 14	1800	Entry deadline for visiting fleets
Friday June 11	0900 – 1200	Registration at Beverly Yacht Club
	1000	Competitors meeting at Beverly Yacht Club
	1300	Practice start(s) and race(s)
	After racing	Cash Bar at Beverly Yacht Club and off-site reception
Saturday June 12	1030	First warning signal
	1900	Informal dinner at Beverly Yacht Club
Sunday June 13	1030	First warning signal
	1430	No warning signal after this time
	After racing	Awards at Beverly Yacht Club

6.2. The number of races on Saturday will not be more than four and Sunday not more than three.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and also on the event website <https://fleet10.shieldsclass.com/oglc/>. The Sailing Instructions will allow the race committee to indicate when conditions are such that spinnakers cannot be flown.

8. RACING AREA

The races will be held in the open waters of Buzzards Bay (Marion, Massachusetts) in the vicinity of Sippican Harbor Red Buoy “2” (FI R), Centerboard Shoal.

9. COURSES

9.1. Courses will be windward leeward with multiple legs (typically four legs) with a target length of 1 hour 15 minutes.

9.2. The exact number of legs and their distances will be at the discretion of the race committee.

10. PROTESTS

To comply with local social-distancing regulations, protest hearings may be conducted via remote meeting technology. Details of the process and the freely available software to be used will be outlined in the [Sailing Instructions](#).

11. SCORING

11.1. The total number of races (excluding practice races) will not be more than seven. One completed race constitutes a series.

11.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the practice race(s), with no excluded scores. This changes RRS A2.

12. PRIZES

The Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. Keeper trophies will be awarded to each member of the top finishing boat. The Perpetual Trophy will remain at the Chicago Yacht Club.

13. DISCLAIMER

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, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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