

Indian Harbor Yacht Club

SHIELDS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24, 2012

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 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channel 71.
- 1.3 The organizing authority is Indian Harbor Yacht Club (“IHYC”) and Shields Fleet #2

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 inside the front door of IHYC.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal boat Sachem . 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 23

1225	First Warning
1800	Shields BBQ Party

Sunday, June 24

1225	First Warning
1500	No warning signal after this time

Awards ceremony after the completion of racing on Sunday.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be either in the waters southwest of Red Nun #2 which is west of Great Captain Island or inside the Captain Islands.

7 COURSES AND MARKS

7.1 Courses will be windward-leeward using either configuration identified as follows:

- 2 Windward, finishing to leeward
- 3 Windward, leeward, finish to windward
- 4 Windward, leeward, windward, finish to leeward
- 5 Windward, leeward, windward, leeward, finish to windward

7.2 Offset marks will be used at the windward mark.

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

7.4 All marks shall be rounded to port.

7.5 Rounding marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. The offset mark will be a grey/blue hippity hop.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with Appendix S – Sound-Signal Starting System however the starting sequence in S3 shall be 5 minutes. In the event of a mechanical failure, starting will proceed in accordance with Rule 26. For purposes of Rule 26, the class flag will be Delta.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between a yellow or orange flag on a committee boat and a yellow tetrahedron on the port end.

9 RECALLS

- 9.1 The race committee will endeavor to recall boats by broadcasting their sail number over VHF 71.
- 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 a yellow tetrahedron with a black band . When a subsequent change of course is signaled, the yellow tetrahedron with a black band will be replaced with the original mark.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be between a yellow or orange flag on the committee boat and a yellow tetrahedron: when sailing Courses 2 & 4, a staff displaying a yellow or orange flag on the opposite side from the starting line; or when sailing Course 3 & 5, 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 1 1/2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 20 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 front desk of IHYC .
- 14.3 Protest forms are available at the front desk of IHYC.
- 14.4 The expiration time for filing protests shall be 45 minutes after Sachem returns to the dock, such arrival to be signaled with one horn.
- 14.5 Hearings will begin as soon as practicable. The scheduling order will be posted on the official notice board.

15 PENALTIES

- 15.1 Rule 44.1 & 44.2 is modified whereas Two-Turns Penalty is deleted and replaced by One-Turn Penalty.

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 24 on the south lawn of IHYC. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place finishers.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, or any other organization) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 18.3 As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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