

Sailing Instructions
Mason's Island Yacht Club
Shields Fleet 19 One Design Thursday Series
June 30 - September 1, 2011

1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS)

2 Entries

- 2.1 Shields Class boats which are registered in Shields Fleet 19 and have paid their 2011 dues are eligible to race.

3 Notice to Competitors

- 3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the sailing notice board at the Mason's Island Yacht Club located in the breezeway of the Bath House.

4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes prior to the scheduled race.
- 4.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the MIYC flagpole.
- 5.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

6 Schedule of Races

6.1 Schedule

July Series: 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28
August Series: 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 9/1

- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Thursday races is 1700.

7 Class Flag

- 7.1 Class Flag will be a Shields insignia on a white flag.

8 Racing Area

- 8.1 The racing area will be Fishers Island Sound. Rendezvous location will be south east of Enders Island.

9 Courses

- 9.1 The course will be announced by the Race Committee on CH 72 VHF prior to the warning signal

10 Marks

- 10.1 Turning marks will be either government marks or portable marks. Portable marks will be yellow or orange inflatable tetrahedrons, cylinders or spheres.

11 The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 RRS. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange or yellow flag on the committee boat and the port end starting mark.

12 Recalls/VHF Broadcasts

- 12.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72 during racing and will use that channel to announce its intentions.
- 12.2 The Race Committee will endeavor to hail sail numbers of premature starters, including broadcast on CH 72 VHF. Failure of a boat to hear her hail and the order and timing of such hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

13 Finishing

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange or yellow flag is displayed on the race committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark.

14 Protests

- 14.1 Protests shall be delivered to the MIYC steward's office within 60 minutes after the committee finish boat docks.
- 14.2 Protests will be heard in the MIYC Commodore's Room on the following Thursday at 2000.

15 Scoring

- 15.1 The low point system of Appendix A of RRS will apply except that at least two boats must start in order for a race to be scored.
- 15.2 If at least five races are completed in a series each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score.

16 Radio Communications

- 16.1 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 16.2 Competitors shall monitor CH 72 VHF while racing for Race Committee communications.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk.
- 17.2 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 races.

