

Wednesday Night Race Report  
Race #4 Spring Series  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Tinky – 258

## MORE ENTHUSIASM THAN PRECISION

Conditions: moderate breeze, clear skies, and golden-hour sunshine – classic Newport beauty

On a picture-perfect Wednesday evening, five friends aboard Tinky took to the starting line for what turned out to be a particularly dramatic installment of the Shields Class weeknight sailing series. With Hannah at the helm, spirits were high and the wind—though light to moderate — was enough to keep things interesting.

With Clay away on a work assignment, Hannah stepped in as skipper and brought her steady hand to the helm. Brad was on mainsail trim, keeping the power balanced and smooth. Nancy took charge of the spinnaker with precision and poise, Tony kept the jib flying efficiently, and Linda held it down on the bow, always ready for action.

As the start sequence wound down, the fleet surged forward with more enthusiasm than precision. A flurry of boats were over the line early, prompting a chorus of horns and shouts. Unfortunately for many, the excitement got the better of them, and a significant number of boats were ultimately disqualified for jumping the gun.

Tinky wasn't immune to the chaos. We found ourselves in a bit of a kerfuffle at the pin end of the starting line, forcing us to take penalty turns right after the start. It was a tough moment, but Hannah kept us focused and moving.

Once clear, we settled into the race, working clean air and making smart tactical calls. The crew clicked into a smooth rhythm, and we gradually clawed our way back through the fleet, eventually finishing in 6th place on the water.

But the real twist came at the results. With three of the boats ahead of us disqualified for premature starts, Tinky moved up to a well-earned 3rd place overall. A little redemption after the rocky start, and a reminder that clean sailing and staying cool under pressure really do pay off.

It wasn't a flawless race, but it was a memorable one—good competition, great company, and a podium finish to top it all off.

Another Wednesday night in the books, and another reason we love this sport — the camaraderie, the competition, and the pure joy of being on the water together.

HAL 9000  
Team Tinky

# Surprise!

This report was entirely generated from AI / ChatGPT, using this query...

*Write up a report about 5 friends sailing a Shields Class sailboat race on a beautiful Wednesday night where many boats jumped the gun and started the race prematurely and unfortunately were disqualified. Our boat is named Tinky and our skipper is named Hannah. She is filling in for Clay who had a work commitment today. Brad trims the Mainsail, Nancy flies the spinnaker, Tony trims the Jib and Linda is the "bow person". We got in a bit of a kerfuffle at the start and did penalty turns but came back to 6th place but after the boats in front of us were disqualified for being premature starters, we ended up 3rd.*

It's only a matter of time before the boats just sail themselves....



## SHIELDS FLEET 9 RESULTS

SERIES Spring RACE # 4 DATE 6/4/25  
COURSE W3-1.1-190°-AP START TIME 18:24:00 P.R.O. Will M.

2<sup>nd</sup> start 3<sup>rd</sup> start  
1.1 1.1  
200° 190°  
AP AP

1ST FINISHER TIME 19:01:43 TIME LIMIT 19:31:43 RECORDER Adam Witham

1 226	21 6 59
2 217 UFD	22 12 6
3 11 UFD	23 249 17
4 166 UFD	24 249 UFD
5 107	25 80
6 258	26
7 74 UFD	27
8 156 UFD	28
9 181	29
10 201	30
11 109	31
12 254	32
13 57	33
14 245	34
15 151	35
16 160	36
17 33	37
18 39 138	38
19 21 39	39
20 59 221	40

# Individual Recall

Sail #'s 74, 249, 156, 166, 11, 217

General Recalls 9 boats over;  
most over on 2<sup>nd</sup> at 18:07  
"I or U" Flags Reported

U flag raised after 2<sup>nd</sup> general  
at 18:20:00

# Protest flags seen No

Protest Reported

Notes  
+ 25 boats

+ Postponement, AP at 17:56:30

\* switched from W5 to W3

\* AP down at 18:01

\* 18:05:20 - most of the fleet over

\* pin relocated after 2<sup>nd</sup> general recall

RACE COMMITTEE BOAT DOCKED AT 1

RACE COMMITTEE DUTY SHIELDS # \_\_\_\_\_

\* AP up at 18:09:30  
\* AP down at 18:18:00  
\* class flag raised at 18:19