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Note from the Editor: This issue of the Masthead is again the informal format. We plan to do a special printed issue during the summer. Please send photographs and news by the end of June for publication. In particular we are interested in photographs of your fleet members, the winner thus far in the series, your yacht club etc. - whatever will give us an idea of what is happening in Shields fleets throughout the country. Thank you for your response with news for this issue. Please contact me at: 617-267-8612 19 Braddock Park, Boston 02116 or in Marion at 617-748-0490.

Joan Thacher Tiffany, Editor

AL MERIL WINNER OF RUSH CREEK INVITATIONAL REGATTA!!
(see Fleet News for complete results.)

Make note of these dates!

July 4 - 6:

Ida Lewis Invitational Regatta
Newport, Rhode Island

Contact: Arthur W. Murphy, Vice Commodore
Ida Lewis Yacht Club, P. O. Box 479
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

The event will consist of three to five races with social activities hosted by Michelob including prize giving on Sunday afternoon. Hoist and pier facilities available... A \$10 charge for launching and recovery. Other classes include J-24, Ensign, Sea Sprites and Tempests.

July 12 - 19:

Larchmont Race Week
Larchmont Yacht Club
Larchmont, New York

Contact: Frederick M. Werblow, Chairman
Western Long Island Sound Shields Fleet
83 Griffen Avenue
Scarsdale, New York 10583
(914) 723-3742 (Home)
(212) 489-8900 (Office)

- July 17 - 19: Edgartown Race Week and 57th Annual Regatta
Martha's Vineyard Island, Massachusetts
Contact: James H. Cannon, Commodore
(Fleet Sec./Treas. Fleet #8)
Edgartown Yacht Club
Edgartown, Massachusetts 02539
The Regatta racing for Shields will hopefully include at least one race each day and ideally two making a total of six races.
- July 27 - Aug. 2: Marblehead Race Week
Marblehead, Massachusetts
Contact: Robert L. Nutt
Ten Waldron Court
Marblehead, Massachusetts 01945
(617) - 631-5939 or 423-6100 (Home or Office)
- One race each day beginning at noon. Social activity every evening. No racing Tues.; prizes on Saturday afternoon.
- August 1 - 3: New England Shields Championship (Salignac Cup)
at Buzzards Bay Regatta
Padanaram, Massachusetts
Contact: Edwin P. Tiffany, N.E. Secretary
One Fish Pier Road
Boston 02110
(617) - 426-6530 or 267-8612 (Office or Home)
- August 20 - 24: Manhasset Bay Race Week
Manhasset, New York
Contact: Richard C. Jordan (Secretary Fleet #2)
12 Orchard Farm Road
Port Washington, New York 11050
(516) 883-7691 (Home)
(212) 869-0977 (Office)
- September 10 - 14: Shields National Championship Regatta
Host: Martha's Vineyard Fleet #8
at Edgartown Yacht Club
Contact: R. Brandon Harrison, Jr.
Special Events Chairman
Edgartown Yacht Club
Edgartown, Massachusetts 02539
(617) 627-4361

With the exception of the National Regatta all of the racing outlined is open to any member of the Shields Fleet. While in many cases it may not be possible for you to bring your own boat, if you are interested in sailing there will no doubt be opportunities to charter or borrow boats, or also to crew. While it is tough to beat the hospitality of the most recent Shields Regatta in Texas, everyone is encouraged to come to at least one of these events during the summer.

Please let me know if there are other open racing events for Shields sailors during the summer that everyone should hear about.

News from the Fleets:

Western Long Island Sound reported by Fred Werblow: Craig Barnes and John Lyons have bought #35. Bill Rich has become part owner of #106. The Maritime Academy will be chartering boats to sailors including four groups that will be racing with Western Long Island Sound Fleet. New mainsails have been purchased by the fleet from Shore Sails, and they have been delivered. The first race of the season will be on May 3 and extend through October 13. The Cox-Sprague scoring system will be used for the Championship series.

Manhasset Bay reported by Dick Jordan: Sixteen boats in fleet this year; two are chartered from the New York Maritime Academy. Lots of enthusiasm and excitement in fleet this spring, many are refurbishing their boats with new paint. North jibs made from yarn tempered polyester cloth have been purchased for spring delivery. The 1981 sail purchase by the fleet will be for spinnakers. The season begins on May 10 and ends on October 5 with 50 possible starts! This year the Fleet has elected to use the Cox-Sprague scoring system, using the "10 Boat Rule" which they experimented with last year. This rule means that if fewer than ten boats appear at the starting line, those that finish will be scored as if they were racing against ten boats. "since no one likes to give freebies, it motivates the less inclined into getting out there on those days that look like 'dog day' drifters or 'hell bent for election' winds out of the northeast." Special events: "Crew Race" on July 4; "Single-handed Race" complete with spinnaker leg; "Long Distance Race" - 25 knots; "Team Race," and a day cruise to Larchmont Yacht Club for lunch and fun before Race Week.

Chicago reported by Nancy Hostak: On April 12 the Chicago Fleet had their most recent meeting and dinner. Slides were shown of the Nationals in Marion. (The slides were taken by Bryan McSweeney, National Secretary.) Racing season will begin with tune-up races on May 24, 25 and 28 with the different series to begin May 28 and end on September 28. The Chicago fleet has races on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday evenings. The protest procedure is - Accept protest: lose three positions or Protest and lose: receive last position (of number racing) plus two. There are "no score" races the weekend of August 23 and 24 to introduce potential Shields sailors/racers to racing. The fleet sail purchase is Shore mainsails.

Martha's Vineyard (Edgartown) reported by Jim Cannon: The fleet welcomes Dana W. Atchley, Jr., R. Brandon Harrison, Jr., Peter Hufstader and Donn and Jeffrey Randall as new Shields owners this season. Edgartown now has eight boats, and they are hoping that the National Championship will stimulate further interest. In a new policy this year the Shields Fleet will have its own official score keeper, and will act as its own Protest Committee with appeals only going to the Club Protest Committee.

Narragansett Bay (Newport) reported by Chuck Roberts: Racing will begin on May 17 and extend to October 18. The Fleet includes nineteen registered Shields, six of which are owned by the Naval Education and Training Center.

Buzzards Bay (Marion) reported by Ed Tiffany: A brand new Shields has been purchased by Thornton Ash. Season begins on June 14 with tune-up races and ends on Labor Day. Next fleet meeting Sat., May 31 at 6:00 p.m. prior to informal one-design gathering and dinner at Beverly Yacht Club.

Northern Mass. Bay reported by Robert Nutt: In Marblehead racing activity is shared by four yacht clubs - Eastern, Corinthian, Boston and Pleone. This year racing begins with the spring series (sponsored by Eastern) on May 10. Racing is held on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The high tax assessment on Shields reported on in the last Masthead has been reduced from \$9,300 to \$6,000.

Dallas reported by John Wright: The Rush Creek Invitational Regatta for Shields was a tremendous success including perfect weather conditions, close competition and the usual superb hospitality. There were a total of six races with one throw-out. During the first day wind was light with a maximum of 8 knots, the second day wind was 5 - 10 knots and the third day up to 20 knots. Going into the last race there was one point or less separating four contenders for third place. (Photos in next Masthead!) Prizes were carved wooden sailing figures.

Results of Rush Creek Invitational Regatta:

- 1.) Al Meril with crew: Bill Holten, Fred Weiner, Ken Huggins (Rush Creek Fleet).
- 2.) Phil Audet (Northern Mass. Bay) with crew: Jeff Anderson, Steve Craig, Diane Wilson, David Hunt.
- 3.) Marshall Nelson with crew: Greg Ellis, Cassey Nelson, Judy Crozier, Dr. Jim Jackowski (Rush Creek Fleet)
- 4.) Gary Fretz (formerly of Western Long Island Sound now in New Orleans and Texas)
- 5.) Dennis Kleper (Chicago)
- 6.) Herb Swafford (Rush Creek)
- 7.) Chick Hudson (Monterey Bay)
- 8.) Bill Nolton (Rush Creek)
- 9.) Manning Grinnen (Rush Creek)
- 10.) Jim Berry (Rush Creek)

Jim Craig has just purchased a Shields making the number in the fleet thirteen with a goal of fifteen by the end of the summer in anticipation of hosting the Nationals in 1981.

Monterey Bay reported by Bob Coffin: Shields #99 Kathleen has been purchased by Dick Fraser of Carmel. The Fleet has a twenty race championship series with two races each Saturday and Sunday during a weekend in April, May, June, July and August. Delivery has been made on fleet purchase of 7 1/4 oz. dacron jibs from North loft in Alameda, California. Shields sailors compete in about 50 races on a year round basis. After 4 of the 10 spring series races, Dick Clark in Stillwater and Mike Polkabra in Tara are tied with 5 1/2 points each and Yankee sailed by Lloyd Lathrop is third with 16 points. A major event for the Shields each year is the Konigshofer Regatta. Jon Konigshofer, an architect who designed the Bing Crosby house on Pebble Beach, and who is a fine Shields sailor, donated perpetual prizes for a four race regatta that is held each July in Stillwater Cove in Pebble Beach. The boats are sailed around the previous week (about 14 miles) and usually remain at Stillwater for a week or so. Monterey also has a special Christmas Race! -- With great regret, after Bob Coffin wrote to me, Shields #186 "Barbara" was sunk in winds of 35 knots in 100' of water. Unfortunately the boat accepted a tow when filled with water and as a result sunk immediately as it hit the first wave. It belonged to the Naval Postgraduate School.

New England Shields Association: About 50 sailors from New England Shields fleets gathered on March 14 for dinner and meeting. The event was hosted (organized) by Buzzards Bay. Slides were shown of the Nationals by Bryan McSweeney. The meeting was presided over by Rick Wakeman, Fleet Capt. Briefly, results of the meeting were as follows: 1.) Assess each boat \$5 for expenses of New England organization. 2.) New England Championship to be held concurrently this year with Buzzards Bay Regatta. The Regatta will be open to anyone and the only restrictions for the Shields Class will be sail measurements that must conform to National Association rules. 3.) Officers of New England Association will be the officers of the Host Fleet of the Championship. Newport will be host in 1981. 4.) Prizes for New England Championship: Cornelius Shields half-model goes to National Shields member who attains lowest score in this regatta; Salignac Trophy to any participant who attains lowest score in this regatta. 5.) Ralph Thacher Memorial Trophy established to be given to that person who contributes the most to New England Shields sailing. The trophy is a lovely old silver sailing prize that Bryan McSweeney found in an antique store. Anyone wishing to contribute toward this prize should send a check to Bryan (Three Main Street - Marion 02738).

Boats for Sale: #47 "The Spirit" white, built by Chris Craft, two mains, three jibs, one spinnaker, brand new cockpit cover, motor bracket, cradle. Has not been raced in last ten years. All wood refinished last year. Four winches barients. Asking price: \$10,500. Contact: Bob Etheridge 700 44th Street SE Grand Rapids, Michigan - 616-531-1733 (H.) or 459-4418 (O.) Note: Mr. Etheridge is interested in getting jump seats that fit forward of present benches. At some point these jump seats were made by Chris Craft? Anyone that can be of help please contact Mr. Etheridge.

Cape Cod Shipbuilding Co. Mr. E. Leslie Goodwin has just returned to Marion after having a successful heart bypass operation done by fellow Shields sailor Dr. Jim Bougas. I visited Uncle Les in the hospital, and he seemed in great shape so I expect that it will be no time at all before he will be out on the water again. In fact, he won't have missed a season! One Shields was sold at the Boston Boat Show (to Thornton Ash - Marion) which leaves three more available. A new brochure has been printed, and anyone who would like a copy should contact Gordon Goodwin at Cape Cod Ship - Wareham, Mass. 617-295-3550.

Fleet Questionnaires: As of the April 15 deadline for this issue, only four fleets had responded to Nick Baker. Nancy Hostak (#3), Bob Nutt (#4), Ed Tiffany (#10) and Bob Coffin replied. It is hoped now that the other fleets will send in their most up-to-date list of class officers and include too the names of any sailmakers or press people who might be interested in receiving the Masthead. (JTT has additional info. from Fred Werblow and Chuck Roberts.)

Missing Boats: Four additional boats have been located. According to Dick Chesebrough, Director of Waterfront Activities at the Maritime College - Fort Schuyler, New York one of the missing was "Theresa" (#159) which he reports, "was hit by an unexpected storm with winds of over 60 knots in October 1976 while racing in the extreme western end of Long Island Sound." Apologies to Bill Brakman one of the co-owners of "Southerly" (#31) that had been incorrectly listed among the missing. The missing presently are: nos. 12, 37, 42, 43, 56, 58, 102, 109, 115, 117, 132, 152, 153, 172, 203, 204, 209.

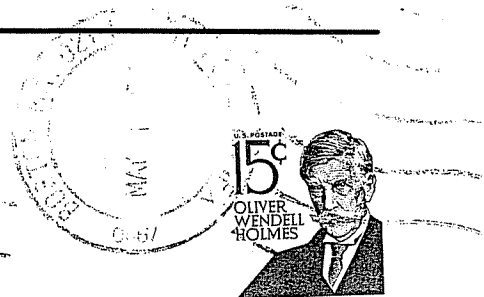
Contact regarding missing boats and questionnaires: Nick Baker, Nat'l. Treas.
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