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Note from the Editor: The next issue of the Masthead is scheduled for publication in May. Please keep me advised of all news and, in particular, race dates for the upcoming season. Happy 1981!

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Rush Creek Invitational Regatta - Dallas, Texas: This year's regatta is scheduled for April 23 - 26. There will be six races with one throw-out. All Shields sailors invited on first come first serve basis per fleet. Thirteen boats are available for racing. Crew provided if desired. This regatta is the perfect opportunity to prepare for the Nationals in September. John Wright, Race Chairman, advises that further info. will be mailed to each fleet. Any questions call him at 214-722-8283 (H) or 214-691-2333 (O) c/o Dover Construction Co. 3626 N. Hall, Dallas, Texas 75219. The Texas hospitality and the racing are not to be missed!

Shields National Championship Regatta: September 5 - 11 hosted by the Dallas Fleet at Rush Creek Yacht Club. One boat per fleet!

Cape Cod Ship Building Co. - Gordon Goodwin reports:

Boston Boat Show at Commonwealth Pier on February 21 - March 11. There will be a Shields on display at the show. Volunteers are needed and welcome to help answer questions and share enthusiasm for the Shields Class. Those that helped last year had fun and the Shields was sold! Be in touch with Gordon at 617-295-3550.

Corny Shields has donated another boat to the New York State Maritime College at Fort Schuyler - Shields #221.

#222 has been sold to Michael Steassni of Munich, Germany and Edgartown.

New England Shields Association Dinner: Rick Wakeman, Pres. and Ed Tiffany Sec./Treas. report that the New England Shield's Dinner will be hosted by the Martha's Vineyard Fleet - Jim Cannon, Chmn. - at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass. on Friday, March 13. Save the date! Invitations to be mailed to Association members.

Neckties: The sale of neckties has been progressing slowly and, while we are reported to have a good inventory of unsold neckwear, the treasury was somewhat depleted at the time we went to press. Each fleet was mailed a number of ties last fall, and we are still awaiting payment for these ties as they are sold locally. Checks may be mailed to either Bryan McSweeney or Nick Baker. For those who wish to order contact: Bryan McSweeney Three Main Street, Marion, Mass. 02738. Four ties for \$50, three for \$39, two for \$27 and one for \$14. Colors: antique gold on brown; white on dark green; light blue on maroon; gold on navy. These are the best looking sailing ties we've seen! Don't miss out! Order today!

News from the Measurer Ed Brainard: The Measurer has collected three years of potential updates for rules of Shields Class including various items from Shields owners, fleet measurers and sail makers. These items are being consolidated into recommended changes in the measurement rules by the National Officers and will be circulated at the end of the winter to the membership for approval. It is hoped that answers to many of the questions that have arisen over the last three years will be made clear by the proposed modifications to the rules and make the class continue as a leading national one design fleet.

Dues: News from the Treasurer: Nick Baker, Treasurer, reports that reminders concerning dues for the current year have recently been mailed to all fleet treasurers. According to the class By-laws, dues are payable by the first of July each year. Don't be surprised now if your treasurer gets the annual dues notices out a bit earlier than usual this year. Your national treasurer plans to compile a listing of individual members, broken down into both active and associate categories, which will be published as a supplement to the Class Book.

Monterey Bay reported by Bob Coffin: The fleet is purchasing new tri-radial spinnakers from the North loft in Alameda, California. We have always used radial head prior to this purchase, and we will be interested in seeing the difference in performance.

Shields #186, "Barbara" (named for Corny Shields daughter, Barbara McNitt) was located by a Navy minesweeper which was visiting Monterey. As "Barbara" has been on the bottom of Monterey Bay since March 1980 in about 120' of water and her owners, the Navy Sailing Association of the Navy Postgraduate School, had not been successful in locating her, finding her was a great triumph. Several divers from the School went down and fastened lifting gear to "Barbara" and the minesweeper lifted her to the surface. She is now undergoing a thorough survey. She is in amazingly good condition after her long ordeal.

The Monterey Bay Fleet will conduct a 20 race series for the Fleet Championship. The Fleet races on five weekends with two races on Saturday and two on Sunday. The series starts on the 11 - 12 of April and continues with one weekend each month finally ending on August 1 - 2. The winners of this series qualify for the Nationals.

The Fleet, along with the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, is planning match and team racing among the several yacht club and college and other sailing associations on Monterey Bay. Most of the racing will be done in Shields. We are expecting a lot of good publicity for the Shields Fleet as the result of these matches.

The new Fleet Officers are: Fleet Captain - Robert E. Coffin; Fleet Vice Capt. - Dick Meyer; Secty/Treas. - Paul Moose.

Dallas, Texas reported by Al Meril: New Fleet Officers are: Fleet Capt. - Al Meril; Secretary - Gini Seely; Treasurer - Mike Ward; Race Chairman - John Wright; Measurer - Jim Craig; Assistant Measurer Greg Ellis; Social Secretary - Katie Nolden.

Buzzards Bay: New Fleet Officers are: Fleet Capt. - Bryan McSweeney; Secretary - Bill Moonan; Treasurer - Jim Bougas; Measurer - George Gardner; Assistant Measurer - Thornton Ash; Race Committee reps. - Charles Crowley, Bill Moonan and Bryan McSweeney.

Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a special multi-media program presentation by Gary Jobson at Tabor Academy in Marion. Anyone interested should contact Toby Baker 748-0590 (School) or 617-748-2145. Tickets purchased by Feb. 13 are \$5. This info. reported by Bryan McSweeney as a first rate program.

Buzzards Bay Regatta/New England Shields Championship: August 6,7,8 at Marion, Mass. All Shields sailors invited - not limited to New England fleets. Special prizes donated by Salignac Cognac and Corny Shields. 1982 Championship hosts to be Narragansett Fleet at Newport, Rhode Island.

Chicago: New Fleet Officers are: Fleet Capt. - Fred Fix; Secretary - Gene Bernardoni; Treasurer - Richard Scafidi.

Great news!! Chicago also reports having located another of our missing boats. Hull #132, owned by Chris Smith of Holland, Michigan. We are now down to just 14 boats that cannot be accounted for....

Narragansett Bay reported by Chuck Roberts: Fleet #9 held their annual meeting on November 16. At this meeting it was decided to have 5 spring, 12 summer and 5 fall series races with double races on some dates to have at least one open (no race) weekend per month. It was unanimous that the Shields fleet should be the first class to start before J-24's.

There was general interest in adopting a compulsory insurance program. The major obstacle is that the Navy has been unable to obtain such a policy for their institutionally owned Shields. It was agreed further investigation be undertaken to obtain a fleet group policy to include all individually owned boats and the Navy.

Proposed rule changes: Mike Bonovino, Gary Lash and Bob Berglund expressed a desire to loosen up the Class rules on the following: Back stay adjustment; Spinnaker halyard; outhaul; Cockpit post for mainsail trim; get okay to buy a new bare hull. (Cape Cod Ship has refused to sell bare hulls.)

The Fleet Officers are as follows: Fleet Capt.- R. Montgomerie; Secretary - Chuck Roberts; Treasurer - D. Boenning. Board of Directors: G. L. Benjamin, D. Hadley, C. Withers.

Corrections in last Masthead - with apologies:

Dallas, Fleet #11: Membership figure for 1980 was omitted entirely and should have indicated 13 active members and 2 associate members.

Seawanhaka, Fleet #5: Membership reported as 13 active. It is 15 active.

Narragansett Bay, Fleet #9: Since the time of printing dues have been sent in to increase active membership from 7 to 11.

Edgartown Regatta: July 23 - 25.

By-laws Updated:

The recently printed copies of the Shields Class By-Laws, distributed with the October issue of the Masthead, have been updated as follows:

- (a) Under Article 3.5, Applications and Dues, these words have been deleted: "...except that the dues for Active Members and Associate Members for 1974 shall be payable one-half on July 1 and one-half on November 1 of that year."
- (b) Under Article 8.6, National Championship Regatta, Rules, the words "United States" have been substituted for the words "North American."
- (c) Under Article 8.9, National Championship Regatta, Courses, the words "United States" have been substituted for the words "North American."

The Governing Board of the National Shields Class earnestly believes these changes will in no way adversely affect the intent or meaning of the By-laws as originally written. Unless any objections have been expressed towards any of the national officers within a reasonable period of time, it will be assumed that the newly published By-laws have been accepted as written and duly ratified by the membership.

Submitted by Nick Baker 10/19/80