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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Long before H.L. DeVore first invited me to come racing aboard #106, *Lady*, a dozen years ago, I was smitten by the boat's classic lines. When I discovered how lively and responsive the boats are, I was hooked. But what has struck me more than anything during my love affair with the Shields Class over the years is the passion of other Shields sailors. That was my overriding thought as I hung up the phone after our Governing Board meeting a few weeks ago. Any hesitation I'd felt in taking on the responsibility of President was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm, experience, and commitment to help demonstrated by those on the call.

The Shields Class owes a debt of gratitude to our outgoing National Officers, President Mike Schwartz, Treasurer Fred Werblow, and Measurer Richard Robbins. Our Class remains vibrant and strong thanks to their significant efforts over the past few years. Rich continues on as our Webmaster and as a Class Vice President, representing Fleet 10. We are fortunate to also retain the considerable services of Wendy Goodwin as Class Secretary. I've already relied on her heavily as I try to get up to speed filling Mike's sizeable shoes. Joining us are Oxford's Jay Dayton as Treasurer and Chicago's Kristian Martincic as Measurer.

While there is much going on behind the scenes, I'd like to highlight the efforts of Jan Slee (Fleet 9), Rick Gibson (Fleet 4), and Roland Schulz (Fleet 1). They have undertaken the task of tracking down every Shields across the country so that we may better support our local fleets and encourage participation at the national level.

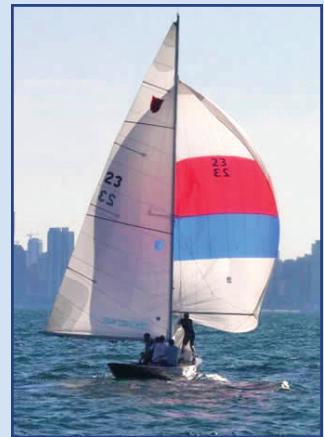
Never one to rest, Mike Schwartz has taken up the initiative begun by Rick Hendee (Fleet 2) last spring in reviving the Great Lakes Ocean Challenge Cup, to be hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club next June.

Those of us fortunate enough to have been in Oxford, MD, in September enjoyed a wonderful National Championship. Thank you to Peter Bailey, Fleet 21, and TAYC for once again setting a very high bar. The entire town of Oxford rolled out the welcome mat. Their work has continued right up to the publishing and distribution of this newsletter, thanks to the hard work of Richard Slaughter and his team at **Attraction** magazine. Congratulations to Tim Dawson and his crew aboard #254, *Aeolus*, whose consistency proved tough to match as they finished 2nd or 3rd in five of the six races sailed. Further congratulations to John Burnham and Reed Baer in #107, *Grace*, who finished second overall, and local Jay Dayton, #73, *Black Pearl*, who finished 3rd.

Excitement is building for the 50th Shields National Championships, next September 10th–13th, in Larchmont, New York. The NOR has been posted on the Class website, so register today!

Happy Sailing!

Com Crocker
Shields Class President



FLEET 1: Shields #23, *Rascal*

A NOTE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

I thank you all for the opportunity to have served as President.

Congratulations to our new president Com Crocker, Treasurer Jay Dayton and Measurer Kris Martincic as well as our all-star Board of Directors. My sincere thanks to Richard Robbins & Fred Werblow for their selfless/tireless contributions to Shields sailing.

The Oxford Nationals held in September underscored the continued vigor of our class. The world-class regatta run by Peter Bailey & fleet reminded me yet again that one of the best things about racing Shields is visiting, enjoying the hospitality and home waters, of some of America's finest Yacht Clubs.

It is in that spirit that I'm happy to announce the rebirth of a regatta initiated in the early 1900's by Indian Harbor YC — The Great Lakes-Ocean Challenge Cup.

The 2014 series will be held at Chicago Yacht Club beginning on Friday, June 27th thru Sunday June 29. Teams will be provided with boats and lodging, and sails will be shipped to the club.



The initial purpose of the cup was to foster competition between "Ocean" and Midwestern Yacht Clubs. The last winner of the Cup was Chicago YC in 1953 and that is where the cup resides.

The National Shields Fleet is reviving this competition with

the intent of fostering competition between Shields fleets and their home yacht clubs on the East and West coasts and Midwest as well. We hope to make this an annual event to bring Shields sailors together in a team format each Spring. Every Fleet is asked to send a representative team. The winning club will host the event in the following year.

Save the dates and watch for further information.



PAST PRESIDENT,
Michael Schwartz

FEATURE STORY: RECAP



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The photographs on the cover and the opposite page are courtesy of Alan Schreitmueller and *SpinSheet Magazine*. Al has been a shooter of black and white and digital color photographs for 50 years. He has a love for the lines of vintage boats and the sailors who choose them. He shoots mostly with Mamiya and Nikon and has been with *SpinSheet* for seven years. When Al is not taking photos on or along the water or racing on Wednesday nights, he sails his J/40 *Lark* with his wife, Betsy, out of Annapolis.

The fourth week of September was an extra special week for the little Chesapeake Bay town of Oxford, Maryland. Shields sailors from far and near descended on Oxford for the Forty-ninth Annual Shields Class National Championship Regatta. Peter Blond, owner of #225, flew in from his home in London. Eric Anderson, Shields owner from Monterey, California, came to crew on #180. Mike Schwartz and crew from Chicago came to sail #243. And from the home waters of the Shields, on the fiftieth anniversary of its design, came several boats from Long Island Sound and Buzzards Bay, all to join our healthy Oxford fleet for a Nationals fleet of twenty-two yachts.

The weather was warm and sunny, and for the most part we had breeze, but unfortunately it was out of the ever fickle north east. With very challenging wind conditions, Past Commodore Tot O'Mara's Race Committee did an admirable job of getting in six races. Major wind shifts were the norm, coupled with major swings in velocity. One race was abandoned after two boats had managed to round the last windward mark, but the air disappeared. In at least one race, boats were seen heading away from the next mark to get to air, and this "breeze hunting" largely paid off for those so inclined. But we also had our share of healthy breezes with all hands on the high side. Weight to the low side, weight up; you name it and we had it. Again, hats off to the Race Committee.

There were many frustrating finishes over the three days of racing, with only two boats not having at least one finish of tenth or higher, but there was also some amazing consistency by several very well sailed boats that obviously deserve a lot of credit. Congratulations to all the competitors, and thank you so much for coming to Oxford and making our regatta such a success. Certainly not to be forgotten are the many shore-side activities that have come to

distinguish our regatta. Wednesday evening's activities featured honored guests, Robbie Benjamin, Ida Lewis Yacht Club Commodore, and Betsy Yale, Fleet 10 Fleet Captain. And with the Annual Meeting comes the changing of the guard. Many thanks to outgoing President, Mike Schwartz, and congratulations to our new President, Com Crocker. Much deserved recognition went to Richard Robbins, who was retiring from his long and distinguished tenure as Fleet Measurer. Thursday evening's crab feast was another smashing success, with many crab mallet bangs on the table (poor crabs). The Awards Dinner on Saturday was a great affair with much joy and laughter. The lovely decorations included pictures and quotes from our Founding Father, Cornelius Shields. A special trophy was presented to Corny, Jr., who was unable to attend the regatta, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Shields design.

As we all know so well, these regattas don't happen without a lot of hard work by a lot of volunteers. Between the Planning Committee, Race Committee, photography, launching and hauling, spectator boat, housing hosts, decorations and registration, we had seventy-five volunteers. Thanks so much to our loyal volunteers and to Vicky and her dedicated staff at TAYC for making the Forty-ninth Annual Shields Class National Championship Regatta a huge success.

Now all eyes turn north in anticipation of the Fiftieth Anniversary event to be held next September at the Larchmont Yacht Club on beautiful Long Island Sound. Everyone should start thinking early about committing to Larchmont so they can achieve their goal of 50 boats.

Fleet 21 and the Tred Avon Yacht Club extend a big thanks to everyone for the successful regatta and best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

SHIELDS NATIONALS 2013 RESULTS (TOP 10)

OXFORD, MD • SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2013

Pos.	Sail	Boat	Skipper(s)	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1	254	Aeolus	Tim Dawson	Ida Lewis Yacht Club Newport, RI	2	2	3	[11]	2	3	12
2	107	Grace	John Burnham	Ida Lewis Yacht Club Newport, RI	3	4	1	[17]	3	5	16
3	73	Black Pearl	Jay Dayton	Tred Avon Yacht Club Oxford, MD	4	[6]	4	1	6	2	17
4	239	Syrinx	Bill Berry	Beverly Yacht Club Marion, MA	1	1	[20]	15	4	1	22
5	23	Rascal	Com Crocker	Larchmont Yacht Club Larchmont, NY	[9]	9	7	2	1	6	25
6	238	White Rabbit	Richard Robbins Ethan Robbins	Beverly Yacht Club Marion, MA	[13]	5	9	10	5	4	33
7	231	Mermaid	H.L. Devore	Larchmont Yacht Club Larchmont, NY	6	13	2	5	10	[18]	36
8	35	Dragonfly	Drew Kellogg	Tred Avon Yacht Club Oxford, MD	5	8	[16]	8	8	9	38
9	182	Lure	Skip McGuire	Larchmont Yacht Club Larchmont, NY	7	7	[15]	12	7	12	45
10	79	Rebel	Chris Wick	Mason's Island Yacht Club Mystic, CT	8	[14]	8	9	14	7	46



FLEET NEWS

FLEET 1

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB, LARCHMONT, NY

The 2013 season has come to a close, and the boatyard at Larchmont Yacht Club is full of Shields bedded down for winter storage. Soon enough, spring will be here and it will be time to splash our boats again...

Before looking ahead to 2014, there is plenty to recap for 2013. 15 local boats raced this season, including a new team of junior sailors. We were also happy to welcome visitors from both the Greenwich and Oyster Bay fleets for Districts and Race Week. Of the 15 local boats, 10 sailed enough races to qualify for the Fleet One season, which runs from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. Our recently elected National President, Com Crocker, won the Fleet One season championship, with Fred Werblow and Skip McGuire taking 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

Fleet Captain Dual Macintyre broadened racing opportunities this past season by introducing Wednesday evening racing. These evenings were well enjoyed by all those who took part, and we plan to build on this momentum and expand the program next year. Other season highlights came in September as five Fleet One Shields headed to Greenwich to join the IHYC Fleet for the always beautiful Indian Harbor Classic Regatta. A week later, six Larchmont teams headed to Oxford, MD to enjoy both Tred Avon's hospitality and another wonderful Nationals.

To those of you who have never had the experience of sailing your Shields in an "away game", all I can say is you are truly missing out on a lot of fun. Personally, bringing #106 and crew to IHYC and TAYC was a highlight of my summer. If your trailer is not currently road worthy, be sure to make that part of next spring's to do list. With a little planning and



FLEETS 7 and 12



FLEETS 7 and 12:

Monterey Bay Shields fleet celebrating the 50th anniversary of the class. (Yes, we know NUTS is from the East Coast, but Ben Hall borrowed his Dad's spinnaker!)

help, you too can have your boat moving at highway speeds...hopefully toward Larchmont next September.

Speaking of Nationals at LYC in 2014, planning is well underway. To kick off the event, all sailors at the 2013 Nationals were already treated to a dockside pre-party with regatta ale and koozies shipped down from New York, followed at the awards dinner by 2014 regatta t-shirts given to all those expressing intent to register. With over 25 boats already in by this measure, we are well on our way to record-setting attendance.

For those of you who have never made the trip to Larchmont, our clubhouse is decorated with 50 years of Shields memorabilia, photos, paintings and trophies - and much will be done to further set the stage for a fantastic regatta on and off the water. The NOR has been published and is posted on the National website. Several events during the regatta are in the planning stage to mark 50 years of Shields National Championships, including a special honored "legends" race on the practice day Wednesday (please send suggestions!). Social events are planned for each day with Thursday night dedicated to a Class celebration of the past 50 years. A lot more obviously to come but make sure to mark your calendar now so as not to miss this historic event for our class!

See you on the water!
John Mawe

FLEET 2

INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB
GREENWICH, CT

Shields Fleet 2, Greenwich CT, had a successful season. Our Shields fleet competed locally and in the Long Island Sound Districts at Larchmont Yacht Club.

With such a small local fleet, we augment our one design racing with some PHRF racing, joining in the Captains Harbor Wednesday night Vespers series, consisting of 35 boats competing in 3 divisions. The Shields is rated at 168 but we take a 3 second/mile haircut so we can race in the highly competitive second division which includes boats with PHRF ratings between 112 and 165. In a series where the start isn't much before sundown when the breeze usually dies, logic suggests that boats at the bottom of the rating pile don't have a chance. The Shields disproved this assumption with finishes that were consistently in the top three, with two horizon jobs. Team Hooke, Shields 145, managed a bullet in the final race of the season to capture second place overall by the razor thin margin of .006 points. Next year, instead of jumping on your friend's hottest new boat for twilight racing, try it with your Shields - you will have a blast and it will show racers from outside our class what a Shields can do!

We closed out the season by again hosting the Indian Harbor Classic Yacht Regatta, and invited

Shields from Western Long Island Sound. Five Shields from Fleet 1 joined us for a great day on the water and at the post race festivities afterwards. When it was all over Justin Gibbons, #54 *Sandpiper*, had a slim 1 point margin of victory over Andrew Wertheim, #176 *Katherine*, with Rick Hendee, #145 *Hooke*, in 3rd place.

Captains Harbor sailors have taken notice of our new Shields fleet, and we have 3 new prospects for the upcoming season.

Rick Hendee,
Fleet 2 Captain



FLEET 4

FLEET 3

CHICAGO YACHT CLUB
CHICAGO, IL

Shields Fleet 3, based out of Chicago's Belmont Harbor had another excellent season. Kristian Martincic's *Peanut*, took first place in the season championship, followed by Gary Ropski's *Insidious* in second place and Mike Schwartz in third place. The Chicago Yacht Club Race Committee did an excellent job of running a very busy Saturday series, with Shields, Luders 16, Etchells, Beneteau 36.7, J/111, and Tartan Tens all participating, sometimes even all on the same day! This year the fleet saw 7 Shields participating, with the new addition of Eric Beyer's *Water Goblin*, Shields 113, which has joined fleet 3 after a recent career day sailing in Virginia.

The Shields fleet also participated in the Verve Cup Inshore Regatta, which had its biggest year in recent memory, with 88 entries in ten one-design classes. Kristian Martincic's *Peanut* and Gary Ropski's *Insidious* again took the first two spots, followed by Sam Veilleux's *Hellcat* in 3rd place. The 2014 event will be held August 23rd and 24th. Shields Fleet 3 invites all other fleets to consider sending a boat, chartering a boat locally, or joining a local fleet member as crew for this great event.

The fleet will again be exhibiting at Strictly Sail Chicago, January 23-26th 2014 at Navy Pier. Both the Chicago Yacht Club and Shields Fleet 3 are regular exhibitors. The Shields on display always attracts the attention of local and visiting sailors, and the Chicago Yacht Club's new booth has won "Best in Show" two years in a row. Please stop by and see us!

FLEET 4

NORTHERN MASSACHUSETTS BAY, MA

Fleet 4 - Northern Massachusetts Bay is back, but with boats spread out over twenty miles, we're not your usual harbor-based, series-racing fleet. This summer, we experimented with racing in larger races in different locations, each theoretically within five miles of at least five boats. Despite hospitable race organizers offering our own start if we get four or five boats to an event, we're not there yet. We had

three boats for our first race in July but only one boat for two races in August. So, it's a slow start, but it is a start. We'll try some other combinations next year so that we can qualify some boats for the fiftieth anniversary nationals in Larchmont.

CROCKER MEMORIAL RACE, July 13 in Manchester:

Ed Berger (*Caviar*, #118) took first in Shields fleet, first in a highly miscellaneous starting class, and an outstanding second place overall among 50± starters in light air and strong current. Rick Metzinger (*Brio*, #24) finished second in Shields fleet and second in starting class. Rick Gibson (*Ariel*, #195) finished third in Shields fleet, fourth in starting class.

FLEET 7

NAVY POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL SAILING
ASSOCIATION, MONTEREY, CA

On Sunday, September 29th, the Monterey fleet held 3rd and 4th races of their Fall Series. To honor the 50th anniversary of the fleet we staged a spinnaker run of most of the fleet before the first race. Twelve boats sailed out to the Monterey mile marker and set their chutes on a run back to the start line. Additionally we bought two cakes, one chocolate and one white, to celebrate the event. After racing we returned to the club to enjoy refreshments and toast the boat, the fleets and class. We thought this was the least we could do since only Eric Anderson, new owner of Shields #191, *Storm*, was our sole representative at Nationals.

Results for the Monterey Bay Fleets are:

Spring Series

- | | |
|------|------------------------|
| 1st: | <i>Stillwater</i> #103 |
| | Garth Hobson |
| 2nd: | <i>Rolly</i> #209 |
| | Pakhtun Shah |
| 3rd: | <i>Carol</i> #112 |
| | Rak Kumar |
- Summer Series**
- | | |
|------|------------------------|
| 1st: | <i>Stillwater</i> #103 |
| | Garth Hobson |
| 2nd: | <i>Rolly</i> #209 |
| | Pakhtun Shah |
| 3rd: | <i>B</i> #186 |
| | Donna Womble |

Fall Series

- | | |
|------|------------------------|
| 1st: | <i>Rolly</i> #209 |
| | Pakhtun Shah |
| 2nd: | <i>Stillwater</i> #103 |
| | Garth Hobson |
| 3rd: | <i>Meritage</i> #175 |
| | Jerry Stratton |
- SEASON**
- | | |
|------|------------------------|
| 1st: | <i>Rolly</i> #209 |
| | Pakhtun Shah |
| 2nd: | <i>Stillwater</i> #103 |
| | Garth Hobson |
| 3rd: | <i>B</i> #186 |
| | Donna Womble |

FLEET NEWS

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Fleet 7, continued

Pakhtun Shah, in *Rolly #209*, won the Sunset series with a total of 15 wins followed by Garth Hobson, *Stillwater #103* and Steve Jackson and Jim Wirtz, *October #96*. All thirteen Shields in Monterey were routinely on the line on Wednesday evenings and twelve boats came out for the weekend series races.



FLEET 8

FLEET 8 EDGARTOWN YACHT CLUB, EDGARTOWN, MA

Seasons Greetings from the Edgartown Shields Fleet 8 crew. We have good news as the "good guys" Shields sailors have taken control of the clubhouse. Our first female Commodore, Clare Gesualdo Harrington is the past owner of Shields #229 and Jeff Randal, co-owner of #219 is now Vice Commodore. Jeff's syndicate boat is appropriately named *Trouble*.

We closed out our season in the third week in August as usual. The short 8-week summer destination program continues to make it tough on the sailors. Fortunately we have one of the more beautiful places in the country to race a Shields boat. The Fleet now has 14 boats with currently 9 in the water and

8 actively racing. That leaves us with 6 on dry dock for various reasons. A better economy and some fleet bolstering should help get a few of those back racing by next summer. We have had good luck with syndicate ownership of our boats. Three boats currently have syndicate ownership and I think we will see more of that this year to share in the cost, responsibility, time and "joy" of boat ownership.

The Fleet has become quite competitive amongst ourselves. We do a very good job of sharing ideas, tactics and rigging tips to balance the fleet finishing positions. This has brought in new boats, more crew of all genders, ages and sizes. Our most recent addition to our fleet is #68 Dan Elias. We are glad to have him join us and look forward to the new people he may bring along as crew. We had a few accidents this year, which we are not happy about, and will work to resolve this issue through rule education and clarification. We continue to practice a "no spinnaker rule" in sustained breeze of over 20 MPH. We have asked the race committee to raise a code flag if they see a sustained breeze prior to each start. This has helped with crew selection by not discouraging more timid and less strong available crew.

We would like to offer special thanks to the Marion (Buzzards Bay) fleet for continuing to support our annual Regatta mid July. Beyond being a fun fleet to sail and socialize with, they always bring their "best game" and teach us sailing lessons regularly.

Thanks to the national committee members for their efforts in maintaining the class rules, exploring safety and technical issues, and keeping the Corinthian spirit at the forefront of their decisions.

FLEET 9

IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB, NEWPORT RI

Fleet 9 registered 34 boats for the 2013 season. Thanks to the efforts of Coasters Harbor Fleet Captain and Fleet 9 Treasurer Ron Oard, the Navy's boats were launched for the season. Racing began May 15 and ended October 2. The Wednesday night series enjoyed good wind with two cancellations. The spring series ran 7 races, the summer series ran 8 races and the fall series ran 7 races. The Friday evening Aloha Series did not enjoy such favorable conditions. Racing was abandoned three times for either too light or too heavy conditions. Seven races were, however, completed.

The Fleet's opening meeting was held April 17 and the Fleet hosted two socials on July 3 and August 21.

Although Fleet 9 sent only 3 boats to the Nationals in Oxford MD, the results were exceptional with #254 *Aeolus* taking first place and #107 *Grace* taking second place. Together with #245 *Hawk*, Fleet 9 was awarded the Kap-Dun Trophy. Fleet 9 urges more boats to compete in the 2014 Nationals at Larchmont. Newport looks forward to hosting the Nationals in 2015.



FLEET 9: At the Fleet 9 dinner and awards ceremony held at NYYC's Harbor Court, Fleet Captain Betsy Yale and Tom Rich congratulate Bill Shore (center) on #74's winning the overall Wednesday Night Series. Well done Bill and crew!

There were few changes to the Fleet officers and appointments. The executive committee remains the same: Fleet Captain Betsy Yale, Secretary Ted Slee, Treasurer Ron Oard, Executive Director Tom Rich, and Director-at-Large Mike McCaffrey. We said goodbye to Wendy Lotz as scorekeeper and webmaster. Andy Segal completed his term as VP to the National Association and is replaced by Betsy Yale.

Two meetings were held this past fall. One meeting discussed growing the fleet and improving competition. The other, with the RC, discussed improvements to overall racing. The ideas from those meetings will be discussed during the winter months.

The Annual Meeting/Awards Dinner was held November 6 at Harbour Court. Attendance was solid with 120 competitors and friends present. Wednesday Night Series top honors went to #74 Karaselet (Bill Shore) and combined Wednesday and Friday Night Series top honors went to #107 Grace (John Burnham and Reed Baer).

Betsy Yale
#203 Chief

FLEET 9, 2013 AWARDS:

Sean Cassidy Memorial Trophy

(*Spring Aloha*)
1st Place: 107 Grace
2nd Place: 138 Envy
3rd Place: 17 Gosling

Toland Memorial Cup

(*Summer Aloha & Winslow*)
1st Place: 138 Envy
2nd Place: 17 Gosling
3rd Place: 121 Mahi

Kendall Trophy (Fall Aloha)

1st Place: 245 Hawk
2nd Place: 163 Ann
3rd Place: 107 Grace

Aloha Cup

1st Place: 107 Grace
2nd Place: 217 John Dory
3rd Place: 245 Hawk

Wednesday Night Spring Series

1st Place: 74 Karaselet
2nd Place: 254 Aeolus
3rd Place: 107 Grace

Night Summer Series

1st Place: 224 Virginia
2nd Place: 226 Ultimate Pressure II
3rd Place: 74 Karaselet

Wednesday Night Fall Series

1st Place: 226 Ultimate Pressure II
2nd Place: 254 Aeolus
3rd Place: 74 Karaselet

John Robertson Memorial Trophy

(*Overall Wednesday Night Series*)
1st Place: 74 Karaselet
2nd Place: 226 Ultimate Pressure II
3rd Place: 254 Aeolus
4th Place: 107 Grace
5th Place: 224 Virginia

Chris Withers Memorial Trophy

(*Best Navy Boat*)
163 Ann

Timothy Dwyer Award

(*Most improved over last year*)
Wednesday night

226 Ultimate Pressure II

Fleet Captain Award

232 Fox (*Showed sportsmanship this year by deviating from course to pick up man overboard*)

Wednesday Night Mid-Fleet Award

245 Hawk

Beck Memorial Trophy

(*Best Ida Lewis YC-owned boat for combined Wednesday & Weekend*)
107 Grace

Special Race, 9-25-12

222 Equus

2013 Nationals Kap-Dunn Trophy

(*Awarded to the winning fleet as calculated by the top 3 finishers*)
Fleet 9:
254 Aeolus
107 Grace
245 Hawk

Wednesday Night Spring Race

Races 1,7,8: 74 Karaselet
Race 2: 33 Maverick

Race 3: 107 Grace

Race 4: 166 Cuillin

Race 5: 224 Virginia

Race 6: 254 Aeolus

Race 7: 101 Rajah

Wednesday Night Fall Race

Races 1,2,5: 226 Ultimate Pressure II

Race 4: 74 Karaselet

Race 3: 17 Gosling

Race 6: 254 Aeolus

Wednesday Night Summer Race

Race 1: 254 Aeolus

Race 2: 74 Karaselet

Races 3,4,5: 224 Virginia

Race 6: 138 Envy

Race 7: 101 Rajah

Wednesday Night Fall Race

Races 1,2,5: 226 Ultimate Pressure II

Race 4: 74 Karaselet

Race 3: 17 Gosling

Race 6: 254 Aeolus



FLEET 10: Goodnews celebrates her 50th Birthday.

(From left to right): George Gardner, Paul Mackinnon,

Chris and Nicholas Memoli.

FLEET 10

BEVERLY YACHT CLUB, MARION, MA

Shields Fleet 10 in Marion, MA held over 40 local races this year in salty Buzzards Bay. With the addition of spinnakers, our comfortable Thursday night races turned into spirited competition.

Saturday afternoon Championship series races also geared us up for Nationals. Several of the fleet 10 Shields celebrated their 50th this year. Happy Birthday to #2 Grace, #3 Persuit, #4 Patience, #6 Anduril, and #8 Goodnews!

June Thursday Twilight Series

1st: #235 Harrier
Graham Quinn &
Shane Wells

5th: #235 Harrier
Graham Quinn &
Shane Wells

2nd: #238 White Rabbit
Richard Robbins

6th: #66 Juice
Richard Gamache

3rd: #247 Kiskadee
Wendy Goodwin

4th: #248 The Grinch
Dan Goodwin &
Jason Vanlnwegen

5th: #66 Juice
Richard Gamache

6th: #244 Nuts
Walsh Family

June Championship Series

1st: #238 White Rabbit
Richard & Ethan Robbins

2nd: #239 Syrinx
Bill Berry

3rd: #244 Nuts
Walsh Family

July Championship Series

1st: #238 White Rabbit
Richard & Ethan Robbins

2nd: #239 Syrinx
Bill Berry

3rd: #8 Goodnews
George Gardner

4th: #140 Gang Agley
William Moonan

5th: #66 Juice
Richard Gamache

6th: #244 Nuts
Walsh Family

July Championship Series

1st: #239 Syrinx
Bill Berry

2nd: #238 White Rabbit
Richard & Ethan Robbins

3rd: #244 Nuts
Walsh Family

4th: #8 Goodnews
George Gardner

5th: #66 Juice
Richard Gamache

August Thursday Twilight Series

1st: #239 Syrinx
Bill Berry

2nd: #238 White Rabbit
Richard & Ethan Robbins

3rd: #244 Nuts
Walsh Family

4th: #8 Goodnews
George Gardner

5th: #66 Juice
Richard Gamache

FLEET NEWS

FLEET 12

MONTEREY PENINSULA YACHT CLUB,
MONTEREY CA

See Fleet 7.



FLEET 17: Icea 15, during Wednesday Fleet 9 racing.

FLEET 17

COASTER'S HARBOR NAVY YACHT CLUB,
NEWPORT, RI

The Navy Fleet in Newport survived another exciting season of racing, the boats are on the shed, and work has already begun for next season. Congratulations to Bernie Patterson and Doug Hancher in *Ann 163*, who finished as the Fleet 17 champion for 2013 and also finished second in the Fleet 9 Fall Aloha Series. During Coasters Harbor's annual George Winslow Memorial Regatta Wendy Lotz in *Envy 138* took the top honors in the Shields class, with Andy Segal in *Rajah 101* edging out David Bush-Brown in *Mahi 121* for second.

The Navy boats didn't fare as well overall during Wednesday racing, but they did manage five top-10 finishes this season in the combined racing with Fleet 9, which is the second highest season total over the past 10 years. Our challenge this offseason will be convincing the Navy they can afford to purchase sails for the boats, as they haven't done so for the past two



FLEET 17: Pulling boats, Navy-style. (Note the Cape Cod cradle chained on top of the flatbed trailer.)

years. We welcome all active-duty military personnel who race in the Newport area to get involved, as the fleet of boats was donated by Cornelius Shields and John Nicholas Brown in the 1960s with this purpose in mind.

See Fleet 9 for more details on the Newport racing and social activities.

FLEET 19

MASON'S ISLAND YACHT CLUB, MYSTIC CT

There is good news and bad news from our last season. First, the good. When our fleet of 5 Shields were all on the line the racing was more competitive than in recent years. The bad news is that our fleet has shrunk to 5 boats and not all made all our races. Though in any race anyone could win, Chris Wick in *Rebel* was favored. Dan VanWinkle in *Rip* had good speed but was not as consistent as *Rebel*. Burnett and Halsey in *Sophie* were off their usual pace, still in the hunt but saw very few bullets. Saluck, Tower and Rothfarb in *Skean Dhu* and *Banas*, Townsend and in *Pearl* were always a threat.

The July and August series were won by *Rebel* with *Rip* second in each series. *Rip* won with *Rebel* second in the Sunday series.

Our goal at this stage is to concentrate on strengthening our fleet from within, with the hope of expanding in the future.

My goal also is to try to get a majority of our fleet to travel to Larchmont for the 50th.

AlFleet 19 Captain

FLEET 21

TRED AVON YACHT CLUB, OXFORD, MD

Freedom wins Shields Championship

Each year at the Annual Meeting, Championship trophies are awarded for the various Yacht Club classes. This year, for the fifth time, the Shields Championship went to Pete Bailey's *Freedom*. With his first *Freedom*, #180, he won in 2004 and 2005. And with his most recent *Freedom*, #255, he won in 2009 and 2010 before this year's 2013 Championship. In talking to Pete, he gives the credit for *Freedom*'s success to his crew, Ed Cassidy, Jamie Brohawn, John Cornette and Bob Dunning, some of whom have been with him for many years.

Since every fleet boat is rarely able to compete in every sanctioned race, the Championship is based on counting two thirds of the total races, which means that one third of the season's races can be used as throw-outs. With everyone's busy schedules, theoretically you can miss up to a third of the races and still have a shot at the Club championship.

At the Shields Fall/Winter meeting, Harry Seemans, co-owner and skipper of *Liberty*, #110, was elected



FLEET 21: *Black Pearl*, #73

Fleet Captain for the upcoming season. In addition to setting the 2014 racing schedule, there were many things to discuss regarding our increasingly active fleet. Although a final date has not been set, the Second Annual Shields Awards Dinner will be held this winter at the Tred Avon Yacht Club, chaired by fleet member Gordon Fronk.

Ed Cassidy, incoming member of the Tred Avon Yacht Club Board of Governors, has been appointed by Commodore Benson to be Keel Boat Chairman, which includes responsibility for the Shields Class. We certainly welcome having a Shields sailor in this important position.

Harry Seemans
Fleet Captain

FROM THE BUILDER

After years of exposure to saltwater, a forestay U-strap bolt can disintegrate. New Shields today get a stainless steel bolt, but prior manufacturers supplied iron bolts. Failure of this critical component will cause the mast to break. We recently replaced a bolt on a Shields that was in our shop for maintenance. In the off season we recommend owners inspect the bow tank to get to know how the forestay assembly works. You will be glad you did.

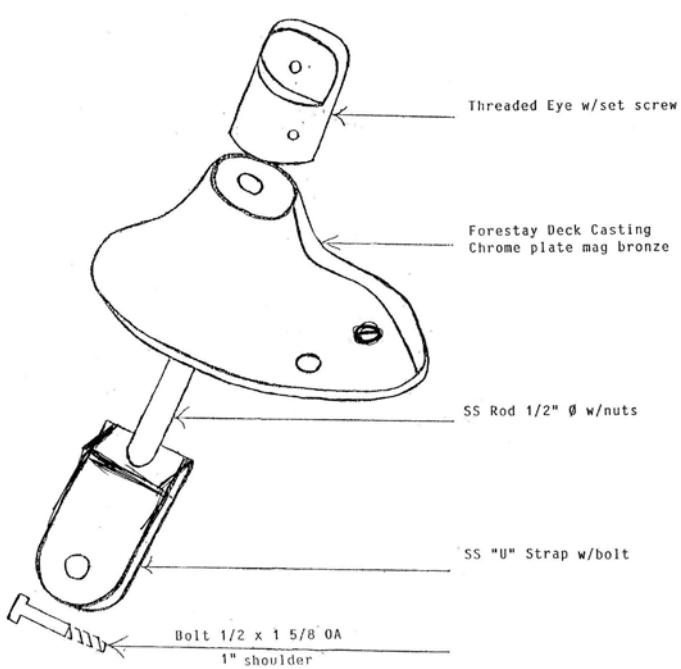
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