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LETTER FROM THE SHIELDS CLASS PRESIDENT 2009...

HELLO SHIELDS SAILORS!

After a brief hiatus the "Masthead" is back. For many years the Masthead has been the newsletter of the Shields Class. Its frequency over the years has oscillated like a good racing breeze but also has had persistent shifts and calm periods every once in a while. However, like the pleasant racing breezes we truly enjoy it is always sure to reappear... eventually. A special thank you must go to Mike Schwartz for pulling together the resources and energy to fuel this most recent addition.

Speaking of the breeze and its ability to oscillate and occasionally present us with a persistent shift... The past year of 2008 was a dizzying year, one many of us might wish to put behind us and not look back. However, look back we must, just as we must also look ahead. Good racing sailors know that the leg just sailed yields clues to the next leg and a healthy respect for the past both distant and close is warranted.

Speaking of the past, both distant and close, 2008 marked the end of the long voyage of Olin Stephens. Olin came to the world in 1908, before World War I, before the Great Depression, before World War II... before fiberglass boats. Olin lived a long life. He endured in his life through tremendous change in the world. His personal endurance though will not be what he is remembered for. He will of course be remembered and cherished for the great beauty that he brought to the world that endures in his yacht designs. Foremost of these designs being the simple, elegant and enduring Shields. The Shields class will forever be indebted to Olin Stephens for the graceful lines he drew.

I had the pleasure a few years back to drive Olin Stephens from Hanover, NH to Larchmont, NY. He

and I rode alone in my car for hours just chatting. It was a drive I wished could have been much longer. I must admit I behaved the speed limit as I never had before. I asked Olin about the many new materials and boats and rating systems and debates

in yachting. He shared with me in the car that day a respect for the many new materials, a disdain for the many fractured classes and newest "new" but with a genuine smile he shared his love of one design sailing and simply beautiful boats.

The winds may shift, the markets may rise and fall, but beauty will endure. The Shields is indisputably a beautiful boat. As class president completing my term in 2009 I wish for Shields sailors and future Shields sailors to realize one simple truth. There is and should be no greater accomplishment than the upkeep of these beautiful boats so that they may always endure and exist and sail in the purest of competitions, Corinthian One-Design sailing.

I hope to see you in Chicago this September for the National Championship. Sailing in the blue-green fresh water in front of the remarkable skyline is worth the trip!



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NEWS FROM FLEET # 8

Fleet #8 from Edgartown continues to thrive and we expect a busier year this year from last. New to the fleet is Gary Ebbs, who bought #77 and will get her out of dry dock where she has been languishing for 4 years. We anticipate 9 to 10 boats on the line this summer. We welcome all Shields sailors to attend our annual Edgartown Regatta is July 16-18. We will provide housing for all those who participate.



LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

FELLOW SAILORS:

I'm happy to report that our membership continues to grow. At a time when economics have negatively impacted so many levels of our sport, the simplicity and timeliness of One Design Sailing in general and the Shields Class most specifically has never been more important. New and enthusiastic sailors continue to be drawn to our fleets and each new member contributes to the excitement of close competition that we all have shared.

I hope that with your help & contributions, future issues of the "Masthead" will reflect the unique flavor of each local fleet and its membership. Thanks to each of our Fleet Captains and officers who continue to support our efforts.

Sincerely,
Mike Schwartz,
Fleet No.3



REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION AND COMMENT CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Shields Class Sailing Association is organized and runs under their *Class Rules* (aka "Bluebook"). The Rules underwent a major re-write in 1999 and in the last couple of years the Rules have been put onto the Class web site. The latest version of the *Class Rules* can be seen at <http://www.shieldclass.com/bluebook/> and include a number of minor revisions and corrections (see the article "Activity of the Technical Committee" for a discussion of changes). Changes since the 1999 version also include the *Mast Step* rule and changes to *Rules for the National Championship Regatta*. Changes to the National Championship Regatta included changes to scoring to put it in line with RRS, allowing up to eight races for the regatta and allowing shortening of course under certain circumstances.

One area in the Class Rules that are over-due for changes is the *Constitution* (Section I) and *By-Laws* (Sections II and VI). Examples include:

- No provision for notice electronically (i.e. email) - first class mail is required.
- Proxies may only be recorded by the Class Secretary (but he may not be at the meeting)
- Quorum requirements are "ownership of not less than 20% of the Registered Yachts". This should be changed to "ownership of not less than 20% of the Registered Yachts owned by Active Members".

- The provisions for handling permanent trophies need to determine issues of storage, shipment, engraving, creation, repurposing and elimination.

Without making changes in these areas it is difficult to conform to the Rules which can lead to unfairness and member objections on procedural grounds.

As webmaster for the Association, I have proposed changes to the *Constitution* and *By-Laws* and posted the proposal on the web site at <http://www.shieldclass.com/bluebook/proposed/>. This includes a section on the web site for adding comments. It should be noted that the Constitution can only be changed by a meeting of the membership (which will next occur in Chicago on September 16, 2009).

I INVITE ALL MEMBERS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED CHANGES, MAKE COMMENTS AND TO EITHER ATTEND THE MEMBER MEETING OR SEND IN A PROXY.

Richard Robbins
#238 White Rabbit, National Measurer/Webmaster
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2009 SHEILDS NATIONALS CHICAGO YACHT CLUB

DEAR SHIELDS SAILORS:

On behalf of Chicago Yacht Club and Shields Fleet 3, I invite you to compete in the 2009 Shields National Championship September 16th to 19th.

We expect a tremendous regatta. Chicago Yacht Club has been the home to many major regattas, and we are delighted that the Shields Nationals is here again after a successful regatta in 2003. The new facilities at our Belmont station are self-contained for launching, measuring and docking boats, yet are only minutes from prime racing waters in Lake Michigan. The weather in September almost always provides good racing conditions.

We have set aside Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning for registration, boat inspection and sail measuring. Wednesday afternoon there will be a skipper's meeting, practice starts and a tune-up race followed by the Annual National Shields meeting that evening. Racing will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

As for the social events, we plan to have a dinner on Thursday, and the formal awards banquet on Saturday night, all at Chicago Yacht Club. There will be no scheduled event Friday night; however, you will certainly have no problem finding a great restaurant in Chicago.

Because housing and "borrowed" boats are limited, it is important that we know your intentions as soon as possible. If you desire, we will house you and your crew with other club members, but there are also plenty of hotels in the immediate area.

The registration form and other documents should be posted to our site shortly. We are also working with the National Officers to put together a "Travel Relief Package" to help defray some of the travel expenses you might incur making the trip to Chicago. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at Kteborek@gmail.com or 847-707-1918. We are expecting a competitive turnout and hope that you can join us.

Best wishes and great sailing this summer,
Kevin Teborek, Regatta Chairman, Shields Nationals



SHIELDS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

On behalf of the Chicago Yacht Club, I invite you to the Shields National Championship at our Belmont Station this September. We are honored to be host to this national event. The Chicago Yacht Club has continuously supported the sport of amateur sailing as part of its mission since its founding in 1875, 134 years ago. Shields Fleet 3 and its twelve teams have been a valued part of our sailing community for many years and we welcome the opportunity to host this championship. The Shields Nationals were last held in Chicago in 2003 and the Chicago Yacht Club is honored to have the Shields return again to race with us.

I also take a personal interest in and have fond memories of competitive One Design sailing. My wife and I had the pleasure of racing with our Soling fleet on our boat, US610, during the years the Soling was an ISAF approved Olympic class.

The Chicago Yacht Club will ensure that the competitive environment is first-rate and that the on and off the water venues present a memorable experience for the participants and their guests.

Fair winds and calm seas.

Sincerely,
John E. Regan
Commodore, Chicago Yacht Club



SHIELDS NATIONAL REGATTA

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

The 2009 Shields National Regatta is to be held in Chicago, Illinois hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club.

TRED AVON YACHT CLUB SHIELDS FLEET #21

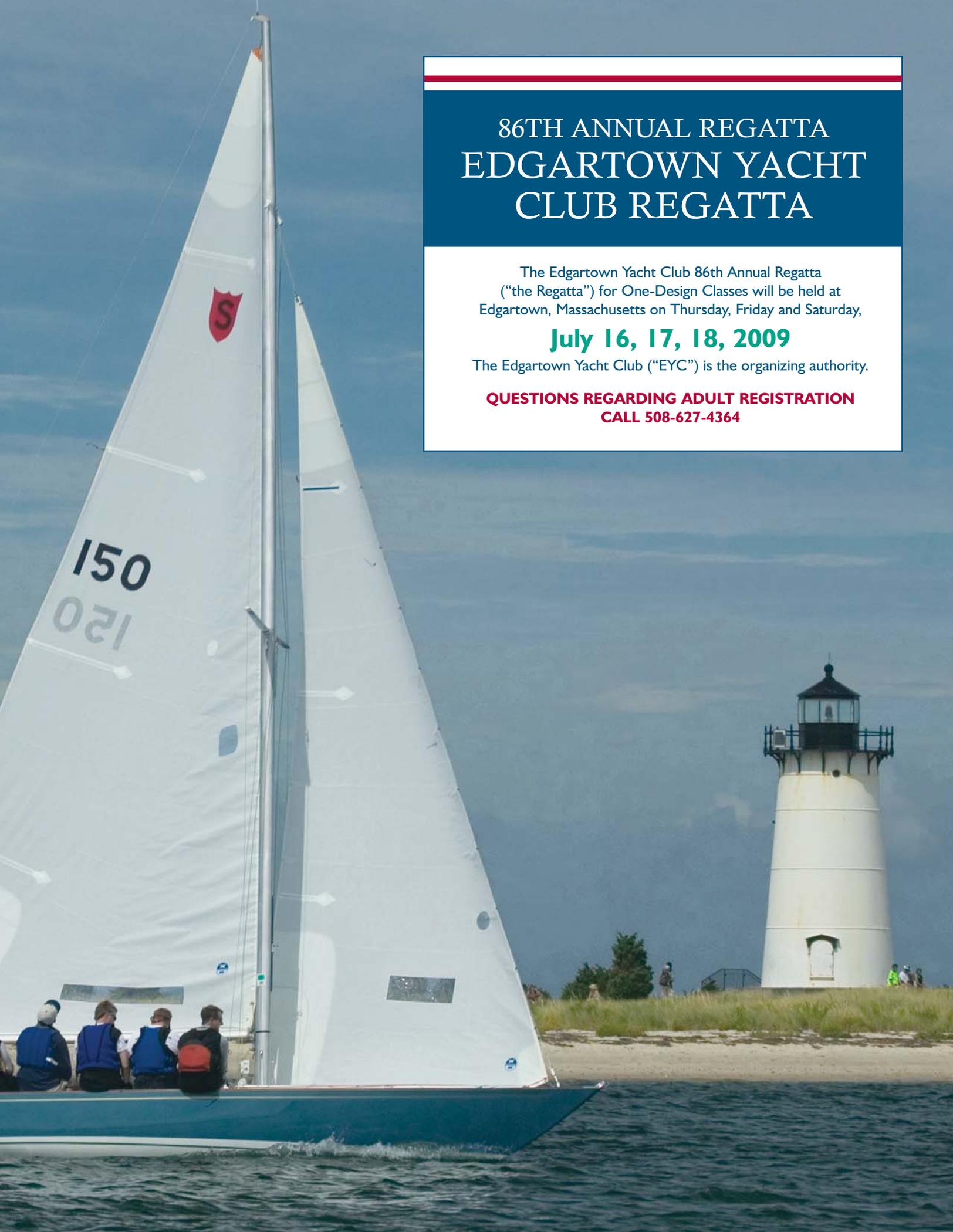
Our small but growing fleet in Oxford, MD has experienced some great racing and comradery over the past 5 years, since it's inception. We started with one gorgeous but lonely boat and built to 12 boats for our 2008 racing season and our club's hosting of the 2008 National Championship. Our racing seasons typically begin in late April or early May with our Spring Series and move through Summer with a more informal series, Heritage Regatta in August celebrating classic vessels on the Chesapeake Bay and winding up with our Fall Series in September / October. Last year's hosting of the Nationals were the highlight of our year and we were thrilled with the turnout, racing and social aspects of the event. We thank every participant for helping to make an outstanding and memorable event.

Our 2009 season promises to be another great year for our fleet and we anticipate having 12 to 13 boats out on the race course.

We have added a longer Summer Series and are getting a start in 77th Oxford Regatta, a classic sailing event held in August which hosts 8 one design classes and a nice mix of PHRF boats for a great weekend of racing and social activities at Tred Avon Yacht Club.

We hope to have a couple of Fleet #21 boats representing TAYC in Chicago for this year's National Championship. To all fleets around the country, we wish you a great racing season and hope to see many of you at various class events.

Sincerely,
P/C L.W. (Jay) Dayton, Jr.
Fleet #21 Captain, Black Pearl Hull #73



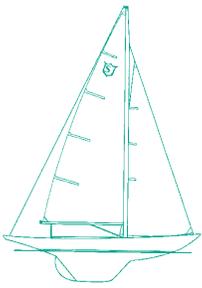
86TH ANNUAL REGATTA EDGARTOWN YACHT CLUB REGATTA

The Edgartown Yacht Club 86th Annual Regatta
("the Regatta") for One-Design Classes will be held at
Edgartown, Massachusetts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday,

July 16, 17, 18, 2009

The Edgartown Yacht Club ("EYC") is the organizing authority.

**QUESTIONS REGARDING ADULT REGISTRATION
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NOOD REGATTA | LARCHMONT, NY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

NOOD (National Offshore One-Design) regattas attract close to 2,000 boats and more than 30,000 competitors and spectators annually. Each event in the series features two to three days of sailboat racing for one-design models from 20 to 70 feet in length.

FROM THE BUILDER

With the passing of the TackTick Compass vote in Oxford last summer our spar department created a sail groove slide that will allow you to install your TackTick without drilling any holes in your mast. Depending on your existing hardware, you may need to insert the compass slide in before the mast is stepped or remove a piece of hardware, but once positioned you won't have to move it again. Below are some photos. This slide sells for \$20.00 plus tax and shipping if applicable and connects to the strap bracket from TackTick. The great benefit to the Cape Cod built slide as opposed to the TackTick slug mount bracket is that our slide keeps the compass close to the mast and away from the boom vang.

The new Shields #258 sold in the fall and will race in the Newport fleet this summer. Thankfully this and other new boat orders have helped us weather these tough economic times. As always, we are thankful for the parts, storage and repair customers who tide us over until boat orders begin to pick up again. We encourage you to use sailing as a stress relief this summer. The simple things in life like being on the water can help wash away a days worries. We hope to see you all on the water!

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