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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm not sure why, but the buzz from imagining the highs of a new season increases proportionally with the level of pre-season work planned for my boat. Best of all, I think our crews are equally motivated. I hope that the same excitement of Spring and the anticipation of a great new sailing season has infected all of you as it has invigorated me.

Locally, our racing program continues to expand in the face of continuing economic pressure on many of our sailors. I guess your local fleets are under the same pressures. The number of great boats available on our website is a reminder of this, yet underscores the opportunity for new adventurers to move up to fabulous racing for a very moderate ante. Economy or not, Shields sailing is part of my personal Bento Box which remains inviolate. I hope each of you share my feelings. I'm reminded of the speech Ted Turner gave at a luncheon, to survivors of the 1970 Mackinac (where, after sailing in sustained 65+ knot winds he swore he'd

never return the \*\*\*x\* Lake again). "You've got to have the right priorities: Boat, Business, Family in that order" he exclaimed. No wonder the guys from Newport called him the mouth from the South.

If the streams beginning to flow for our "Virgin Spring" aren't enough to get you going, take a look at any of the minutes of our last several Board meetings. The folks at Tred Avon are preparing, if history is to repeat itself, one heck of a National Regatta, Chesapeake Bay style. Laudably, Larchmont (2014 Nationals) and Newport (2015) are all pitching in to make this a 'blockbuster' Shields year.

As the quality of our Regattas increases exponentially, so does the level of competition.

I urge you and your crews now to a.) get that boat ready, b.) pay those dues early and c.) plan to attend the Nationals this year and in the future.



**PRESIDENT,**  
**Michael Schwartz**



## WELCOME TO THE QUAIN TITTLE TOWN OF OXFORD

Tred Avon Yacht Club and Fleet 21 are thrilled to be hosting this year's Shields National Championship Regatta. For those who have enjoyed James Michner's famous novel *Chesapeake*, your attendance at the 2013 Nationals will have you racing in the precise location of Michner's fantasy island. The Tred Avon Yacht Club, and quaint little Oxford, are located in the heart of what they call "The Land of Pleasant Living", the lovely Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake is the country's largest estuary, and with its tributaries, has nearly 7000 miles of shoreline. Talbot County, Oxford's location, has over 600 miles of shoreline with five major rivers and dozens of creeks and harbors, truly a boater's paradise. Oxford is located about 10 miles up the Choptank River from the mid Chesapeake Bay, at the intersection of the Choptank and Tred Avon Rivers.

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*Shields Fleet 21 and Tred Avon Yacht Club*

*Cordially Invite You To Participate in the*

### **2013 Shields Class National Championship Regatta**

*Wednesday, September 25 – Saturday, September 28, 2013*

*in the waters off Oxford, Maryland*

SCHEDULE	EVENT
<b>Through Sept. 11</b>	REGISTRATION: Non Fleet 21 boats who have completed registration by this date will be guaranteed housing.
<b>After Sept. 11</b>	LATE REGISTRATION: Late registrants will be charged a late fee of \$75.
<b>Wednesday, September 25</b>	
0900 - 1700	Check-in
1400 - 1600	Practice starts/race
1730 - 2100	Welcome Reception – Heavy hors d'oeuvres
1830	Skippers' Meeting
1900	Shields Class Annual Meeting
<b>Thursday, September 26</b>	
0700 - 0830	Continental Breakfast
1100	Warning, Race 1, Day 1 – Up to 3 races
1830	Crab Feast
<b>Friday, September 27</b>	
0700 - 0830	Continental Breakfast
1100	Warning, Race 1, Day 2 – Up to 3 races
1730	Lite Fare available at "Sails & Ales"
<b>Saturday, September 28</b>	
0700 - 0830	Continental Breakfast
1100	Warning, Race 1, Day 3 – Up to 2 races
1830	Awards Dinner



### *Town of Oxford, continued*

Our Yacht Club was started in 1931 on Town Point in Oxford with a very modest little building not much more than a bath house. When the sea nettles rolled in, the bathing quickly gave way to sailing and a free-for-all race was organized with two Barnegat Sneak Boats and a double ended knock-about. By the next week, there were 11 boats in the race, and 21 by the third week. The Club was named Kap-Dun, "Kap" derived from the Old English spelling of Cape, and "Dun" meaning town, since the Club was on Town Point. With the Club on the beautiful shores of the Tred Avon River, the name was later changed to the Tred Avon Yacht Club.

TAYC has enjoyed a long and rich tradition in the world of sailing, sending many of its junior sailors to national and international prominence. Early on, it was the home of the Comet and the Scraggy Cat. TAYC had many accomplished Star and Penguin sailors, and after St. Michaels, is the second largest venue for the famous Chesapeake Bay Log Canoes (you've never sailed if you haven't sailed on a log canoe). Tred Avon has always had lots of sailors in the sanctioned Bay races, and is always well represented in the Annapolis-Newport and Newport-Bermuda races. TAYC regularly holds several local and Bay regattas as well as Regional and National One Design championships.

With Fleet 21 in only its eighth year, Tred Avon Yacht Club hosted its first Nationals in 2008, and gave the National Fleet a very enjoyable introduction to the waters of the Chesapeake. As we know, the best advertisement is word of mouth, and if you were not in Oxford for the 2008 Nationals, we urge you to talk to someone who was. It was a wonderful event, and our goal is to make this year even better. We have been planning since last December, and we are examining every aspect of the regatta in an attempt to improve.

You will have free launch and haul. You will have your own assigned dock space. You will enjoy wonderful housing, with many of the homes on one of our beautiful rivers or creeks. The food will be outstanding, with our featured "crab feast" on Thursday evening, with lovely sounds from our Cemetery Cove String Quartet. You will have a Fleet 21 Shields crew assigned to you as a "Buddy Boat" to help you with anything you may need. Come and enjoy The Land of Pleasant Living. Life's too short to leave your Shields at home.

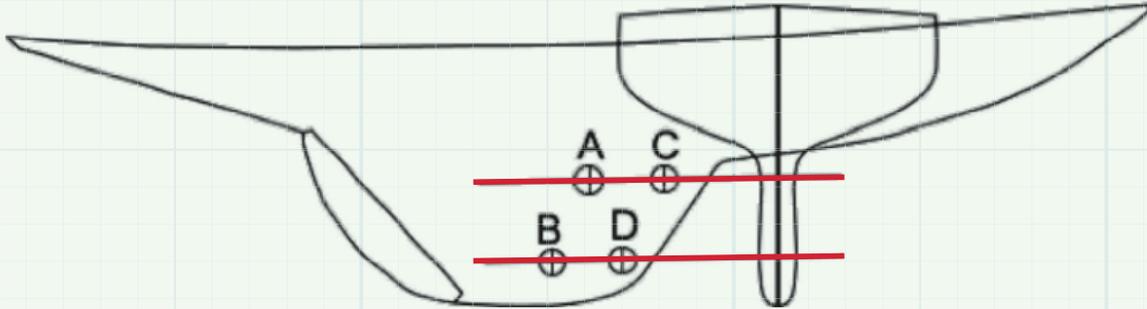




## REPORT FROM THE SHIELDS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

RICHARD ROBBINS, NATIONAL MEASURER, WEBMASTER@SHIELDSCLASS.COM

### LOCATION OF CALIPER HULL MEASUREMENTS



	Min.	Ave.	Max.
A	7.44"	7.75"	8.18"
B	9.25"	9.55"	10.00"
C	5.27"	5.60"	5.88"
D	8.06"	8.56"	9.25"

The Shields Technical Committee is composed of six members and the National Measurer. Our goal is to monitor the Class Rules and yachts and to insure that Shields (of any age) are fun, fair, safe and affordable. We also have the goal to make our boat more user friendly for current owners and to attract more new members to the Shields class.

As part of the National Regatta in Marion, MA in September, 2012 the local Technical Committee members devised four hull measurements using a 36" caliper. These measurements were designed to help answer the question of "whether there was a large amount of variability in hull shapes". All the Shields hulls that participated in the Regatta and other hulls that were in local storage were measured. The measurements were labeled as A = Minimum @ 36", B = Maximum @ 36", C = Minimum @ 12" and D = Maximum @ 12". The vertical location on the hull was selected to provide either a minimum or maximum caliper opening at distances from the leading hull edge of 36" or 12".

The measurements of the hull were fairly crude but our feeling was that before we spend more effort we should determine if there was a discernible problem. Twenty hulls ranging from #2 to #254 were measured. Considering that hulls have been produced over almost a 50 year period by three manufacturers, there is not a hull dimension specification (except for the molds) and owners are allowed to "sand, fill low spots, eliminating high spots" – it was our conclusion that we do not see a major problem as to overall hull shape. Your comments are welcomed.

The Technical Committee has been working on guidance for reconstruction of older Shields and hull fairing but this has been a difficult task. Another area of possible concern is the shape of the leading and trailing edges of the hull and rudder. Ideas to measure and specify the edges are requested.

Part of our goal as a Technical Committee is to make changes that would attract new members. Members are encouraged to discuss and experiment in their fleets with a loose-footed mainsail (which has been rejected at the Governing Board) and a smaller spinnaker (allowed in local fleet races in Marion, MA) as well as other ideas and to report their findings to the Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee welcomes your questions and ideas to insure that Shields are fun, fair, safe and affordable.

# FLEET NEWS



**FLEET 2: Great Lakes Ocean Challenge Cup Revival**

## ■ FLEET 1

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB, LARCHMONT, NY

Fleet 1 enjoyed another active season in 2012, with 14 Shields plus visitors, competing in 51 races over 21 days stretching from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. LYC participated in the Western Long Island Sound District Championships in late June, which was well hosted by Fleet 2 at Indian Harbor. Fred Werblow (#25) won the event, with Mike Carr and Greg and Lawrence Azzaretti (#221) a close second. Fred Werblow also went on to win Larchmont's overall season championship, with an impressive 44 starts. H.L. Devore (#231), for a second year in a row, went on to win the 114<sup>th</sup> Larchmont Race Week held over two weekends in July. Larchmont hosted the Leukemia Cup again in September, giving Fleet 1 additional focus to our sailing as we raised money to help fund blood cancer research. Following Fred's overall win were the teams of Greg & Margaret Takata, Doug Campbell and Andrew Wertheim (#176) for second place and the team of Neil Meyer and Justin Gibbons (#54) placing third. Fleet 1 also welcomed back Shields #183 owned by Paul Massey, after a 4 year absence. Fleet 1 has plans to return Shields #16 to use in 2013 for use as a second Junior Sailing boat, which will join Shields #23, captained by Com Crocker, who impressively introduced a large number of junior sailors to one design sailing. Fleet 1 also welcomed new captains Pete McWhinnie and James Holland, who bought Shields #142 un-sailed at the start of the season.

Fleet 1 continues to enthusiastically support Rick Hendee as they rebuild Fleet 2, and has enjoyed sailing with Bam Miller from Fleet 5, as we continue

and all Shields sailors to come compete with us in Larchmont Race week over two weekends in mid-July, in addition to the Leukemia Cup in September.

Very importantly – Fleet 1 and LYC have vigorously accepted the challenge of the 50<sup>th</sup> Nationals in 2014 at LYC – and comprehensive planning is well under way. We have 8 identified teams looking for boats – one or two to buy, the rest to charter – so if you have a boat (or know of any) – please let us know. Our goal, to celebrate our great class, is to host a destination event in September, with 50 boats on the line – we are hoping that every fleet will be able to attend and are actively working to make that happen. Ideas and participation are welcome.

## ■ FLEET 2

INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB,  
GREENWICH, CT

Shields Fleet 2 (Captain's Harbor, Greenwich CT) members met on February 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss ideas to build our fleet and encourage participation in 2013.

Our ideas included Sailing Seminars, Novice/Visitor Day and racing with Fleets 1, 2 and 5 one day a month. These ideas were well-received and we are in the process of finalizing our calendar for the 2013 season.

We also discussed the idea of re-establishing the Great Lakes Ocean Challenge Cup.

First offered by Chicago Yacht Club in 1915, the deed of gift is to encourage competition between CYC and Eastern yacht clubs. This beautiful trophy was last won by CYC member Samuel E. Clarke and crew.

The plan is to have each Shields Fleet send their top skipper and crew from the 2013 season to CYC to compete for the Challenge Cup in 2014. This is work in progress at the moment and has generated strong interest at CYC and other clubs. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting regatta.

## ■ FLEET 3

CHICAGO YACHT CLUB, CHICAGO IL

The 2012 Season in Chicago wrapped up with the Racing Yacht Fleets awards dinner on a chilly evening in November. Kristian Martincic and the crew of Peanut #88 again took home the season championship, with Gary Ropsi and the crew of Insidious #196 not far behind in second, and Sam Veilleux and the crew of Hellcat #45 in third. Sam Veilleux and his crew also represented Chicago at the 2012

Nationals at the Beverly Yacht Club, where they left with the dubious achievement of the Golden Stern trophy.



**FLEET 3: Sam Veilleux's Hellcat #45 races upwind against the Chicago skyline**

to promote One Design sailing in WLIS. During our annual dinner in February, an impressive eight boats raised their hands and accepted the challenge of attending the 2013 Nationals – and we are eagerly looking forward to that event. We also welcome any

# FLEET NEWS

Fleet 3 in Chicago is ready for another great season of racing in 2013! Jessica Jamieson's Robin #249 made an appearance at the Strictly Sail Chicago boat show at Navy Pier in January. The fleet followed up with a Chili Party meet and greet in February at the Chicago Yacht Club, and the Boat Yard Bash in April, complete with bloody marys and bottom paint, at Canal Street Yacht Yard.

The fleet will again be racing out of Belmont Harbor with the Chicago Yacht Club Racing Yacht Fleets Series, along with several other one-design fleets including Luders, Etchells, J/70, Tartan Ten, Beneteau 36.7, and J/111. In addition, the fleet is one of the big attendees at the Verve Cup Inshore regatta. Shields are well represented in the club's one-design leadership, with Sam Veilleux as the chairman of the Racing Yacht Fleets Committee, and Jessica Jamieson as the chairwoman of the Verve Inshore regatta.

Finally, Shields Fleet 3 is proud to add new owners this year, Patricia and Eric Beyer. Longtime members of Chicago Yacht Club, Patricia and Eric got back into sailing recently as part of the club's Keelboat program. New in 2011, the program offers lessons, US Sailing basic keelboat certification, and racing events aboard a fleet of 4 Sonars, and is an excellent feeder program into the Club's one-design fleets. Team Beyer will be rounded out by daughter Ali, a former high school and college sailor, and her fiancée Dave Zeman.

hosted by Larchmont in the middle of June.

The fleet captains from the local 3 fleets, Larchmont, Indian Harbor, and Oyster Bay are also talking about a monthly regatta, each hosted in each fleets locale over the course of the summer. We also have commitment for at least 2 boats to attend the Nationals in Oxford this fall.



**FLEET 7:**

## ■ FLEET 4

NORTHERN MASSACHUSETTS BAY, MA

Fleet 4 - Northern Massachusetts Bay is back, but with six boats spread out over 20 miles, we're not your father's series-racing fleet. With thanks to the National Class Association for recognition as a fleet, we will be sailing as a class again in regional events spread out along the North Shore. We are always looking out for the other boats up here whose owners we have not found yet.

Fleet 4 formed in 1966, grew to 25 boats within 10 years, but became inactive several years ago. Frank Scully sailed #44 - *Aeolus* the first Shields in Marblehead in 1965. He went on to start the fleet, become Class Association President in 1973-75 and 1978, and win the National Championship in 1977.

## ■ FLEET 5

SEAWANHAKA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB,  
OYSTER BAY, NY

After a long and cold winter, Oyster Bay Fleet 5, co-captained by Bam Miller (#18) and Jay Benjamin (#205) have plans to get the fleet in the water and sailing by May 15th and are planning going to send at least 3 boats to Larchmont Fleet 1 for the memorial day regatta, a 1 day tune up clinic the following weekend, and finally, all 3 boats, at least, will be attending the Shields Districts event, being

## ■ FLEET 7

NAVY POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL SAILING  
ASSOCIATION, MONTEREY, CA

Our season is well under way with the hosting of our Tune-Up race. Yours truly did race committee, however eight Shields showed up on the start line. Donna Womble won the race in *186 B* followed by Steve Jackson 96 in *October* and new owners Eric Anderson and David Brock 191 in *Storm*. The accompanying photo shows the picture perfect conditions. The first Spring Series is history where Garth Hobson 103 in *Stillwater* took the first race and Pakhtun Shah 209 in *Rolly* walked away from the fleet in the second race. Twelve boats showed up for the start of the first race, however *Storm* had to withdraw from the first race as she broke her boom.

With daylight savings comes Wednesday night series, the first of which we just completed. The extremely light conditions saw eight boats on the line and *Rolly* once again looked like she was going to do a horizon job on the fleet. The fluky conditions allowed Rak Kumar's *Carol* 112 to almost catch them at the finish.

If anyone is over on the West Coast and within striking distance of Monterey, give us a call and we'd love to get you out on the pristine waters of the Bay.

# FLEET NEWS

## ■ FLEET 8

EDGARTOWN YACHT CLUB, EDGARTOWN, MA

The fleet 8 members are looking forward to another great season of sailing and racing in Edgartown Bay. We are all summer visitors to the island and our short season consists of only 8 weekends of racing (July and August). The only activity at this time of year is the casual conversations and emails about getting our boats ready for launching.

We have a total of 12 Shields in Edgartown and we get an average of 7 on the race course. We always look forward to visiting Shields at our Edgartown Regatta which are almost always sailors from Beverley Yacht Club (in Marion/Buzzards Bay). The Marion sailors have a beautiful 23 mile sail to Edgartown which includes navigating through Woods Hole. The regatta is so special because of the good humor, seamanship and great sailing skills that the Marion sailors bring to Edgartown. The EYC regatta this year will be Thursday 7/11-7/13. <http://www.edgartownyc.org/regatta.php> You are all encouraged and welcome to come, have fun and sail. We will provide great sailing, housing and some good belly laughing fun. In addition to the regatta we will also be offering big boat buoy racing event and the Shields are welcome to join in. This new event will Thursday 7/18-7/19 for buoy racing in the bay and followed by an around the island race for larger boats on Saturday. <http://www.rtirace.org>

We look forward to seeing many of you on the water this summer.



FLEET 9:

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IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB, NEWPORT RI

Happy Spring from an unseasonably cold and windy Newport. Fleet 9 is gearing up for the season and opening meeting/party is scheduled for 17 April, with racing to start 15 May. Scheduled are a spring/summer/fall Wednesday series and three Friday Aloha Cup racing series.

Thirty four boats were registered last year and we hope to have nearly that number, although we know we are losing a couple of boats. It was touch and go for a while as to whether the Navy would launch its fleet of six Shields. Thanks to the efforts of Coasters Harbor Fleet Captain and Fleet 9 Treasurer Ron Oard all boats will be launched for the season. We plan to bolster racing turnout by blasting emails advertising crew requirements or availability. We are exploring combining crews of boats for the Aloha Cup races and perhaps running clinics on those days. And finally, under discussion is having members from the ILYC sailing Junior Program join Shields' crews for big boat racing experience.

As in past years, Fleet 9 is indebted to the Ida Lewis Yacht Club Race Committee. Race Committee Chair John Horton held a meeting with RC principals including PRO Robin Wallace and boat skippers last fall to discuss the "what went wells" and the "could be improved" of the season. Changes include the option for the RC to run one extra race during the summer series. Fleet 9 enjoys a good collaboration with area organizations and is pleased to have Sail Newport's race manager Anderson Reggio and St. George's coach Roy Williams present a summary of the 2013-2016 rule changes at the opening meeting.

It seems a long time since our Annual Awards Dinner in November. We congratulated Tim Dawson and his crew (#254 *Aeolus*) in their Nationals win and awarded trophies to many, including the Wednesday best overall to Jeff Gladchun (#108 *Coffee Grinder*). There were changes to the executive committee. Peter Clark's vacated Fleet Captain position was filled by Betsy Yale, Treasurer Andy Segal was replaced by Ron Oard, and Andy remains our VP to the National Association. Tom Rich replaced Wendy Lotz as Executive Director and Wendy remains Scorekeeper and has taken on webmaster duties. Mike McCaffrey replaced Charlie Shoemaker as Director-at-Large and Charlie remains as Protest Chairman. Ted Slee remains our very fine Secretary.

Fleet 9 is looking forward to hosting the 2015 Nationals and, until then, is encouraging more participation at Oxford and Larchmont Nationals.

## ■ FLEET 10

BEVERLY YACHT CLUB, MARION, MA

Fleet 10 members are beginning to prepare for the upcoming season. However, as I'm writing this near the end of March, it's snowing and we expect over eight inches of wet snow that will weigh down boat covers and impede early projects! Over the years the number of boats in Fleet 10 has held steady at about 18. The number that race is also holding steady at six-to-ten boats. A few boats hardly ever race but enjoy day-sailing on Buzzards Bay.

Regular club racing is scheduled to begin on Thursday, May 30. With the cold and snow we have been having, it's going to be tough to be ready for

that early date. Regularly scheduled racing will end on Saturday, August 31. Three-to-five Fleet 10 boats will probably make the exciting trip to Edgartown to race in their Regatta. Two-to-four Fleet 10 boats will probably attend the Nationals in Oxford; those who participated in the Nationals when Oxford hosted them a few years ago had a great time and spread the word.

In all our races we allow main sails to be used loose-footed by leaving the foot bolt rope out of the boom groove and only inserting the slug in the groove. Sailing with a loose-footed main seems to have no discernable effect on performance. We have two non-spinnaker races on Thursday evenings; and on Saturday afternoons, two races with spinnakers. On Saturdays we allow the use of the experimental small spinnaker. Their use makes going downwind in strong wind more manageable. See the Measurer's Approval for Experimentation section on the Shields Website.

Fleet 10 racers will have a busy 2013. If a Fleet 10 member participated in all of the BYC series races, with only a few races cancelled due to weather, and all of the other scheduled events, he could end up sailing over 50 races! We do a lot of sailing in Marion.

**■ FLEET 12**

MONTEREY PENINSULA YACHT CLUB,  
MONTEREY CA

See Fleet 7.

**■ FLEET 17**

COASTER'S HARBOR NAVY YACHT CLUB,  
NEWPORT, RI

It has been a rough winter for the largest institutional Shields fleet raced by Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club (CHNYC). Washington's budget woes have hit hard, and it was a two month campaign to convince the Navy organization in Newport that they really could operate the boats this summer and not lose their shirts. We have racing skippers for all six of our boats and look forward to mixing it up with Fleet 9 in the lower Narragansett Bay this season. For anyone who is active-duty military or a US government employee and in Newport this summer, don't miss the opportunity to get one of these boats out on the water, either for a recreational sail, or during one of the Friday evening Aloha events. CHNYC is also making preparations for the George Winslow Memorial Regatta on July 27th and hopes there will be another big turnout.

**■ FLEET 19**

MASON'S ISLAND YACHT CLUB, MYSTIC CT

We are all looking forward to the 2013 racing season. As in past years, we will race Thursday evenings, which provides entertainment for the families at the



FLEET 17:

weekly Mason's Island Yacht Club picnics. Prevailing winds often result in a colorful spinnaker finish in front of the club. We are hoping to encourage some of our junior sailors to join us more often as crew. On the weekends, we will race on Sundays off Stonington Harbor, with the race committee provided by the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club. Fleet 19 is also planning a collaborative effort with other yacht clubs on Fishers Island Sound to hold a One-Design-Day with as many as five One Design Classes hosted at a different yacht club each year.



In September, a number of us plan to travel to Oxford, MD, for the Nationals at Tred Avon Yacht Club. As was true in 2008, we know that Peter Bailey and his Tred Avon team will again provide another great Shields National Championship Race.

If any of you Shields sailors are in Southeastern CT this summer, please join us to race on beautiful Fishers Island Sound.



FLEET 19:

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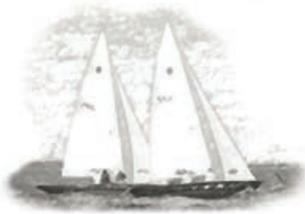
## ■ FLEET 21

TRED AVON YACHT CLUB, OXFORD, MD

Whenever you have the honor of hosting the Shields National Championship Regatta, you obviously have a very special and exciting racing season in store. Our first Nationals was in 2008, and the excitement of competing at this level grew our fleet significantly. This year's Nationals has had a similar effect with lots of action over the winter. Our Nationals Planning Committee has been busy planning the September Nationals with the goal of putting on an even better regatta. We had 26 boats competing in 2008, and our goal this year is to exceed 30. We are delighted to already have a couple of registrants.

The excitement of this special season has also resulted in two Shields ownership changes and two Shields that did not sail last year returning to the race course. Shields #255, *Freedom*, previously owned by Peter Bailey, became a victim of Hurricane Sandy, with a tree falling on her. Team Intrepid has acquired *Freedom*, and if repairs can be completed in time, Team Intrepid will become Team Freedom, and Pete will be back at the helm of his old boat.

Fleet 21 starts our Spring Series on April 27th, followed by a Late Spring Series (for the first time), a Summer Series, the annual Oxford Regatta, the Heritage Regatta, and the Fall Series, all leading up to the September Nationals. We're looking forward to a great turnout, and we promise a great regatta.



## Oxford

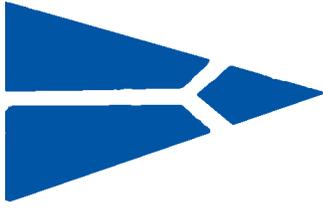
*I know of a place hidden down on the shore,  
A small unique town I know you'll adore.  
Everywhere there is water as you wander around,  
Where warm friendly faces are easily found.  
Where white picket fences are lining the street,  
Wrapped around houses so charming and neat.  
Where doors have no locks and the people no keys,  
Where sidewalks are safe to walk where you please.  
Where its hurricane harbor, the sailors set sail,  
To find a safe haven in the eye of a gale.  
Where you gather for coffee down the street at the store,  
And listen to watermen as they speak of town lore.  
Where a small ferry boat safely plies to and fro,  
As it carries the people as they come and they go.  
Where crabbing and fishing are at your back door,  
While ospreys and heron are working the shore.  
Where sunsets are gorgeous as you sit in the park,  
And watch nature paint in the sky until dark.  
Where the Fourth of July, as you walk down the strand,  
You see blazing fireworks and hear sounds of the band.  
Where you look out the river on regatta day,  
And see hundreds of spinnakers parade in from the Bay.  
Where you feel the excitement to hear the first call,  
Of Canada Geese coming home in the Fall.  
Where you join your good friends on the first snowy day,  
And meet at the Inn only two blocks away.  
Oh yes, it is special, this village I've found,  
This place is called Oxford. What a wonderful town!*



by Douglas Hanks, Jr.  
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## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



As the Commodore of Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC) and part-time crew aboard #73 *Black Pearl*, one of the Chesapeake Bay's finest Shields, I welcome and encourage you and your family and crew to join us in Oxford, MD for the 2013 Shields Nationals. Our dedicated Shields Nationals Planning Committee, led by Fleet Captain Pete Bailey, has taken what we learned when we hosted this great event in 2008 and made it even better. Every detail has been reviewed to ensure all on-the-water and on-shore events have been fine tuned.

Chesapeake Bay sailing in September should bring fair winds and the on-shore activities will exceed your expectations. Our fine staff, under Manager Vicky Van Loo's direction, guarantees the crabs will be fresh and the beer will be cold.

TAYC has an 82 year history of hosting great local, regional and national regattas and many of our members are looking forward to this event. We will have a 100 volunteers anxious to assist in any way they can, from launching and hauling to housing. Our entire basin has been reserved for this event for your convenience.

Plan to come to TAYC in September for the racing, the party and the destination. You won't be disappointed.

Arnold Boughner,  
Commodore  
Tred Avon Yacht Club



**COMMODORE**  
Arnold Boughner

## FROM THE BUILDER

I had a scary experience last summer as I came upon a Shields sitting very low in the water at her mooring with the cockpit on. Water was up to the bottom of the coaming and although the bailing was great exercise, the safety of this boat and the people who might sail her kept me up at night. After some testing we found that this Shields, built in the late 1960's, had a failure of the fiberglass in the bilge area that holds the keel bolts in place. Each keel bolt hole in the bilge floor was cracked – see photo. Water was gaining access by traveling up the keel bolts into the

bilge. To repair, we ground and fiberglassed in the new bilge floor. This damage occurred due to the age of the fiberglass/weight of the keel over time. It's important to inspect the keel bolts and surrounding fiberglass on a yearly basis. Wishing you smooth sailing this season and I look forward to seeing you at the Nationals in Oxford!

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