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Above: Sunset in Marion

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President's Thoughts...

California Dreaming on Such a Spring Day... Aren't we all dreaming of the Monterey racing scene from Chicago to Holland, down to Oxford up to Larchmont, Indian Harbor, out in Mystic too, Newport, Marion and out to the Island to Edgartown? The fever spreads to the Naval bases and out to Shields enthusiasts everywhere. But that dream of being out on the water once more is now a reality for a lot of us.

How far have we come in one year? This time last year, we could not dream of Shields racing. All fleets were questioning if we could even race at all in 2020. The Ocean Great Lakes Challenge was postponed and then our Nationals. As we all struggled to have races, Edgartown managed to have the New England Championship, and Newport with the help of The New York Yacht Club pulled off an awesome fall regatta. It was a challenging time for all and the uncertainty of the year made scheduling challenges nearly impossible. I commend everyone for their efforts and commitment to our fleet over the last 12 months. What an incredible and dedicated class we have!

And it all starts with a dream. 2020 gave us the time to re-evaluate, anticipate, dream, and yearn for the thing we all love... sailing. 2021 is about making those dreams come true. I dreamed of a Shields non-profit organization to help young sailors enter into the Shields class and get one new boat per fleet with a new young sailor. Eric Anderson dreamed of helping struggling fleets and making new ones. Pete Baily dreamed of having a record number of National Regatta entries a year in advance. Tom McManus dreamed of getting a third boat in his fleet. Rich Robbins is always dreaming of new rules and Garth Hobson dreams of a perfect measuring system. Our trophy committee dreams of finding all our trophies and our fleet captains dream of bigger and more competitive fleets.

Walt Disney once said, "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

So, we did... The Shields Class now has the tools to have boats, sails, equipment, trailers and monies' donated and to give our gracious donors a way to claim them. The 501c(3) non-profit Shields Foundation has been a great success. It has created new interest in forming new fleets, inspiring new young sailors and creating new dreams to help struggling fleets. Click the burgee to visit the Foundation website.



Scan the QR code to donate!

Peter Bailey made his dream come true. Never before have we had 24 Shields sign up for the Na-tionals one year ahead of the event! This just does not only show Peter's encouragement but courage and the respect the whole class has for Oxford. The goal is to get 30 plus boats. You can help us reach this goal by signing up if you haven't done so yet. Cannot wait to see everyone on Sep-tember 22nd-25th. <http://www.tayc.com/content/shields-nationals-0>

The Ocean Great Lake Challenge is on for June 11-13th. The Marion fleet has a dream to have one representative from each fleet for top notch racing. Currently we have Edgartown, Marion, Newport and Monterey signed up. We are still looking for representatives from Chicago, Oxford, Larchmont and our Navy fleets. All you need to do is come with your crew and sails have fun for the weekend. It's a no brainer. <https://fleet10.shieldsclass.com/oglc/index.php>



Edgartown Regatta is planned for July 8th-10th. Guaranteed to be better than last year. And last year was such a blast, I'm not sure how they will do it! Let's dream! Hospitality is top notch at this event. Race committee will be flawless. The food is out of this world. As always, a must attend event. <https://www.edgartownyc.org/>



The New England Championship is being hosted at Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport. The big draw at this event is competition. If you want to be ready for Oxford, then attend the New England Championship. Narragansett Bay is beautiful. <http://www.ilyc.org/racing>



Indian Harbor has a classic event on September 10-11th right before the Nationals. Please stop on by and see the growing fleet. This event should bring you back and see some real classic yachts and some long-distance racing. An extremely enjoyable weekend to work out the bugs before The Nationals. <https://www.indianharboryc.com/>

Our trophy committee is working hard to find some missing perpetual trophies. Have you seen them? Junior Award, Senior Award and the Newcomer Award. The Newcomer Award was last seen in Chicago at the bar during the award ceremony. If everyone can check their

houses, I'm sure we can find the missing trophies.

As we dream for normalcy, we are very encouraged by the success the Shields Class has had in the last year. With tuning and race webinars behind us we now have a very active racing season ahead. All fleets are scheduled for on time racing with no delays. The Midwest and East Coast are dreaming of what our friends in Monterey have been enjoying. The magic of dreams are made with the courage of our leadership at every level. Races are scheduled and it's time to have fun!

Your Shields Class President,

Ken Deyett
#237 Bit~O~Honey



"I have been up against tough competition all my life. I wouldn't know how to get along without it." - Walt Disney

Photo Gallery Upper Left: Solid Gold in Newport, Upper Right: Tiburon in Monterey



Below: Steve Mettler had no Trouble creating Deja Vu all over again



Potential New Fleet in Development in Ventura, California

David Boatner and Denny Dwire are enjoying their beautifully restored Shields "Columbia" at Channel Islands Harbor in the Central California town of Ventura. The class and foundation are working with them on establishing a new fleet on the West Coast.



The Following Article is Reprinted from the August 2020 eMasthead

****Please Support our Class Store at Team One Newport****

A Well Dressed Crew is a Fast Crew

By Ted Slee <https://www.team1newport.com/Shields-Class/products/1151/>

I can remember the first few weeks after my father purchased Maverick of walking down the docks at Ida Lewis YC, here in Newport to get in the line for the launch. At that time there were almost 40 boats on the starting line each week and we had no idea who belonged to what boat except for the boat names embroidered on different clothing items they wore. Not every team had gear, but those that did had a certain pride that they carried on to the race course. That feeling is still very true today, but now I've made sure my crew and fans always get a new item each season to wear with pride. I'd like to think being a well 'kitted' crew is why we're fast which is probably partially true. When we take pride in our appearance, speed comes naturally.

We've always used Team One Newport (TON) as our source and now they are the Shields Class official outfitter. The team at TON have been dressing sailing teams from around the world for over 30 years and can help any Shields crew (and fans) with the gear they need. We've picked a few quick shop items for the Shields Class Store, which you can add your boat name to for a small fee. The other option is to contact the team in the Embroidery shop to have them do something custom for you as well. Here's the great thing, anything you order from the website helps the class. Team One Newport pays the class a royalty for anything ordered from the Shields Class Store on their website. If you are looking to get some gear for your team and your supporters, take a look at what there is to offer at Team One Newport.



2021 Class Regatta Calendar

Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup, June 11-12, Beverly Yacht Club, Marion, MA
Edgartown Regatta, July 8-10, Edgartown Yacht Club, Edgartown, MA
Shields National Regatta, September 22-25, Tred Avon Yacht Club, Oxford, MD

2021 Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge

First offered by Chicago Yacht Club in 1915 to encourage competition between the club and eastern yacht clubs. The first club to accept the challenge was Indian Harbor Yacht Club of Greenwich, CT. Addison Hahan skippered the P Class yacht Josephine to victory for IHYC and the cup went to Greenwich. The challenges continued until 1953. In 2014 the event was restarted in Shields. The 2014 event was held on Lake Michigan (Chicago, IL) and won by the Monterey Yacht Club (Shields Fleet #7). The 2015 event was held in the Pacific Ocean (Monterey, CA) and won by the Beverly Yacht Club (Shields Fleet #10).



The Shields Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup in 2021 will occur on June 11-13, 2021 on Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts with the Organizing Authority (OA) Shields Fleets 10 (Marion, MA) and the Beverly Yacht Club with support from Shields Fleet 8 in Edgartown

- Fleet #10 and Fleet #8 provides loaner boats as many as possible,
- Each active Fleet is allowed one team entry,
- Teams provide their own sails, jib and spinnaker sheets,
- Boats are selected by random with no team sailing their own boat,
- Boats not used by fleet representative teams are available to sponsoring local teams who have loaned their boat,
- Practice race on Friday. Regatta racing on Saturday and Sunday,
- Housing provided. Food available Friday night and included dinner on Saturday night.

Shields Fleets 10 (Marion, MA) and the Beverly Yacht Club with support from Shields Fleet 8 (Edgartown, MA) intends to hold the event Shields Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup as described in the Notice of Race with the understanding this will be done in full compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs) Guidelines for Youth and Adult Amateur Sports COVID-19 Safety Measures and COVID-19 Travel Order in effect at the time of the event.

June 11, 2021 Friday

0900 to 1200 - Registration at Beverly Yacht Club
1000 - Competitors meeting at Beverly Yacht Club
1300 - Practice start(s) and race(s)
1800 - Pizza and wine/beer at Harding Sail Loft, Marion, MA

June 12, 2021 Saturday

1030 - First warning signal (harbor start 0900 to 0930)
1800 - Dinner at Beverly Yacht Club

June 13, 2021 Sunday

1030 - First warning signal (harbor start 0900 to 0930)
After Racing - Snacks and wine/beer at Burr Brothers Boat Yard, Marion, MA

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Edgartown Regatta

Please join us in Edgartown for the 98th Annual Regatta, scheduled from Thursday, July 7 to Saturday, July 9, 2021. The Notice of Race is attached and posted. Registration is open, Please find the following link for more information. https://www.edgartownyc.org/club/scripts/library/view_document.asp?GRP=40009&NS=AR&DN=ANNUAL

Steve Mettler
Shields Fleet #8
Edgartown, MA



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 2, 2021

1600 Deadline for registration and payment

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

0900 Race Committee Office opens
1400-1600 Check-in
1600 Deadline for late registration and payment
1700 Shields Skippers' Meeting
Thursday, July 8, 2021
0800 Race Committee Office opens
0900 Check-in deadline
1100 First Warning Signal

Friday, July 9, 2021

1100 Shields and J/70 - First Warning Signal Saturday, July 10, 2021
1100 Shields and J/70 - First Warning Signal Cow Bay

Saturday, July 10, 2021

1100 Shields and J/70 - First Warning Signal Cow Bay
There will be no Warning Signals after 1430 on the final day of sailing.
1700* Combined Awards Ceremony Clubhouse

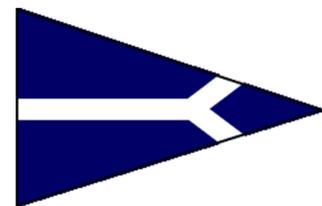


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Yachts Registered for 2021 National Regatta

Nemesis	205	Indian Harbor	Jonathan Krumeich
Grace	107	Ida Lewis	John Burnham/ReedBaer
Liberty	110	Tred Avon	Harry Seemans
Intrepid	98	Tred Avon	Ed Cassidy
Black Pearl	73	Tred Avon	Jay Dayton
Aileen	223	Beverly	Evans/Burr
Seagull	180	Tred Avon	Jim Alpi
Dragonfly	35	Tred Avon	Drew Kellogg
Deja vu	11	Edgartown	Steve Mettler
Rascal	23	Larchmont	Com Crocker/Kurt Weisenfluh
Tiburón	191	Monterey Peninsula	Eric Anderson
Amusing	251	Edgartown	Paul Mitchell
Circe	207	Indian Harbor	Tom McManus
Sophie	114	Masons Island	Alan Burnett
Maverick	33	Ida Lewis	Ted Slee
Pearl	64	Masons Island	Robert Banas
Bit-O-Honey	237	Beverly	Kenneth Deyett
Lady	106	Larchmont	Doug Millar/John Mawe/Gary Owen
Old Paint	71	Tred Avon	John Shannahan
Coral Sea	133	Tred Avon	Alan Campbell (Shannahan)
Harrier	235	Beverly	Graham Quinn
Syrinx	239	Beverly	Bill Berry
Hawk	245	Ida Lewis	Pete Siegl
Erica	13	Macatawa Bay	John Gronberg/Jon Tasker



Maintenance Corner – Trailers by Ted Slee

It's all too common for any boat owner to take for granted their trailer. For many Shields owners, the trailer is just a tool to transport their boat from their storage location to the lift and it's a bonus if the thing is even registered. The smaller minority probably keep it in better condition out of pride or the desire to transport their racing machine to events further from home. For anyone who's purchased a new setup recently can attest it is not a small purchase. It's easy to overlook maintenance for our trailers, but it is smart to ensure your trailer can safely and reliably transport your Shields on both short and long trips.

Team Maverick has had our trailer since 2001 when we bought it new from Triad. At the time we ticked every option available, but over 20 years of service things are going to wear out. We've added foam to the keel bed & stand pads to better protect our paint work and upgraded from drum brakes to disc brakes to make sure we stop when we need to. When we upgraded our brakes in 2018, our new brake actuator came with the option to disengage the brakes when the unit was wired to the reverse light of the tow vehicle. This took our trailer from a 4 wire plug to a 5 wire plug and is a lot more convenient than having to remember to flick a switch or put a pin in when we want to go in reverse.



In anticipation of Nationals this fall, I began reviewing the condition of the trailer and noticed our trailer wiring had finally failed after countless repair jobs, patches, and the occasional oopsie when cornering in downtown Newport. This meant there was a need to replace the wiring, missing lights and establish a better ground system. With a little elbow grease, the assistance of Amazon's affordable options, and having the tools in my shop, our trailer got a brand new wiring harness and LED lights. I decided to install a junction box at the front with a detachable connection to the vehicle since we always seem to damage the plug and wanted an easy way to replace it. I also chose to run a ground wire to the brake lights and shield the wires from front to back from UV damage and chaffing with the help of shrink tube. A lesson learned during the install is LED lights need to be wired correctly to the positive and ground wires to work, make sure to follow instructions or test the polarity before connecting the wires when installing these. [Left Upper: Old Wiring](#) [Left Lower: Updated Wiring with Ground](#)



My goal for the next few eMastheads is to call out some basic maintenance items, necessary upgrades, safety issues and what to bring when taking our prized racing yachts on long journeys. [Below L to R: LED lights, Tongue, and Junction Box](#)



Fleet News

Fleet 1 - Larchmont Yacht Club by Doug Millar

Bittersweet News....

It has been a little over a month now since I first received the email from Fred Werblow:

“Dear Doug,

After considerable thought and realization that I will be 87 in June, I am retiring from owning and racing Checkmate.

I want to find someone else who would like to own her and continue her participation racing in our Larchmont Shields Fleet.

Would you please call me to discuss how best this can happen?

Thanks,

Fred

(Having acquired Checkmate from Mr. Shields and raced her for over 30 years.) ”

I know the headline says Bittersweet News, the definition of bittersweet is a combination of both bitter and sweet, or an emotional feeling that is a mixture of both happy and sad.... all of which are very poignant here today. Many Shields sailors may have been bitter to the sweet success of Fred’s sailing prowess, I know they all join me in the sadness that he will not be joining us on the water this season but that we are also happy that he has been such a huge part of Shields Sailing both on and off the water for almost fifty years, and grateful for his contribution to Sailing with both his Rhodes 19 (which he sold to purchase Corny’s #25) and his years in the Shields Fleet. The last time Fleet #1 met for its Annual Awards Dinner was October 2019 and we presented Fred with the Hoke Simpson Trophy in recognition of his continued service and support to the Shields Fleet on and off the water. I am sure we will get an opportunity to recognize Fred’s contribution to Shields Fleet #1 and the Larchmont Yacht Club when he returns to the Club this summer. In closing on a happy note, it was Corny Shields wish that his boat #25 Checkmate (“Aileen”) remain in Larchmont Harbor, and I am happy to report that fellow LYC Member Ward Young has agreed to purchase #25 from Fred. Ward grew up sailing at LYC and won the Laser Championships as a Junior before attending Brown where he was a prominent member of the Sailing Team. Most recently he has been an active member of the Vanguard 1Fleet and IC Fleet. He and his wife Lauren have a five-month-old daughter Francie. [Above Right: Fred Werblow](#)



Fleet 3 - Chicago Yacht Club Mike Schwartz

Opening day for racing at Belmont Harbor is May 29 this year. The season schedule for Shields racing in Chicago has finally been released.

We have between 28 and 36 races scheduled on twelve to fourteen Saturday race days extending through the end of September, 2021. Theses include four annual series regattas: the



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Verve and Nutting Cups, the Chicago Regatta (9/11/21) and the Sheldon Clark Regatta (9/18/21). We are also invited to race Wednesday nights in the 'Beer Can' series.

After the disappointing 2020 season, the fleet is looking forward to anything resembling normal racing. [Left: 2019 Nationals Competitors](#)

CYC hosted a 'Lunch and Learn' event featuring Newport's Naval War College President, RADM Shoshana Chatfield. We hope she gained insight to the importance of their Shields program.

Fleet 7 - Naval Postgraduate Foundation Yacht Club by Ron Giachetti

Fleet 7, the Naval Postgraduate Foundation Yacht Club (NPFYC) has had a good year of recruitment and sailing. Some may have noticed the name change from "sailing club" to "yacht club" and yes, we all feel richer for it! We have a new website (<https://www.npsfyachtclub.com>), clothing, and even an Instagram account (#npsfoundationyachtclub).

More importantly is the growth in the racing program. The NPFYC now races two Shields – Delaplaine #139 and Meritage #175. Meritage was generously donated this past season by Jerry Stratton. Few have done as much as Jerry in maintaining a viable Shields fleet in Monterey. We immediately registered Meritage and have been racing it since. Thank you Jerry!

The NPFYC members are a mix of faculty, retirees, and mostly students who are in Monterey anywhere from one to two years depending on their curriculum. With so much turnover, we go through a boom-and-bust cycle depending on the students and their sailing experience. Currently, we have over a dozen crew



interested in racing, and we are able to crew both boats every Wednesday evening. All the services are represented – Navy, Marines, Army, and Air Force. More than half the crew had no racing experience prior to arriving.

Delaplaine's regular crew consists of five guys – Mitch, Tony, Nicole, Nate, and Ryan. Two are Navy surface warfare officers, one is a Marine aviator, one is a Navy aviator and now foreign affairs officer, and the last one is in the Civic Air Patrol and spouse of an Army student. Between them, only Nate has sailing experience before arriving in Monterey. Nicole is skippering, and he learned how to sail soon after arriving in Monterey. Delaplaine's foredeck is ably done by Tony who is probably as good as anybody else on foredeck in the fleet.



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The biggest weakness is probably lack of knowing racing tactics, followed by sail trim in varying conditions of Monterey.

Meritage is racing with a skipper, Jared, who was on the off-shore sailing team at the US Naval Academy. Additionally, there is Ron a faculty at NPS who has been racing Shields for ten years; but, otherwise, Meritage has a new crew of Jayke, Geer, and Craig – all Air Force officers. However, we do have a recent addition of John, an Army officer, who raced Flying Scots, 420s, and competed in the Junior Olympics in Houston in the Summer of 2005. We're amazed at how much he remembers given the Army did not afford him many opportunities in the past ten years to sail.

Aside from the racing, the NPFYC has two other boats used for sail instruction and day rentals. In May 2021, we held our first BBQ on the dock for the 2021 season and had about 50 people attend in ages ranging from 1 to 78. The next year looks to be an active sailing season for the club on all fronts. We also plan on sending one boat to Nationals in Tred Avon this coming September.

Fleet 12 - Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club by Jerry Stratton

Here on the "left coast" we were sailing in January and February before starting our Wednesday evening Sunset Series on March 17 and our weekend ODR races a week and a half later. Stillwater #103 won the Spring OD Series with seven bullets in the 9-race series. #103 also prevailed in the Bob Furney Pt. Pinos Challenge. Special congratulations to owner and skipper Garth and Ashley Hobson.

We have 9-10 boats out on Wednesday evenings- as many boats as the Santana 22 and both PHRF fleets combined. With five winners in six races, competition is both fun and close. Our oldest boat in the fleet, Charlotte #94, has been on the hard for an extended period as she was found to have a deteriorating mast step when owner Scott Brubaker pulled her out for annual maintenance, necessitating much additional work. We expect to see her back on the water soon..

The fleet is planning on conducting sailing classes for newcomers and members of other fleets as the COVID restrictions are eased. Given that our Governor is facing a serious recall effort, we expect that to be sooner rather than later!

We're also happy to see our great Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club reopened as we are now able to stage food and beverages inside with 50% capacity! We're still keeping the rooftop bar open and that is a fun way to enjoy the sunset!

Right: Stillwater Spring Champ



Fleet 21 - Tred Avon Yacht Club by Peter Bailey

Fleet 21 sends our warmest greetings to the Shields Class, and wishes everyone an exciting season of racing. Our Spring Series began on April 25th, and there will surely be that added spirit in the air as we look forward to welcoming the Class to the 2021 National Championship Regatta, to be held on the waters of the beautiful Choctank River, September 22nd-25th.

Again, we want to express our deepest appreciation to Larchmont Yacht Club for giving up their turn this year so that we could recover from last year's unfortunate cancellation, and have the opportunity to come right with the Main Event. Thank you Larchmont, and thank you Shields Class, for such a first class gesture.

Our Planning Committee is hard at it trying to tweak our plans, and deliver the kind of Championship that we all expect. We are optimistic on having a full-blown agenda, but also realistic about the need for total flexibility. We plan to be able to make quick changes to accommodate any requirements that this crazy situation may require (we actually don't even like to mention the actual "word", but you all know what we mean).

By now, everyone must be aware that we already have 24 boats registered, from our special promotion last September. When you think about it, that's actually pretty amazing, and we can not thank these 24 boats enough. Now, we want to ask you another favor. Please talk it up in your fleets and urge your fellow sailors to join this exciting event. We really want to reach 30 boats, and of course, we would absolutely love to go even higher.

We have new floating docks, even a total new replacement of our fixed dock, and all with an almost totally enclosed basin. You will all have your own personal "along-side" space with boat name and fleet. You will also have inflatable boat assistance if needed for ingress and egress. One of the things we take great pride in is wonderful housing by our dedicated membership. While it is still too early to make any promises, we are still optimistic that we can deliver. We are working on special packages with local hotels/motels/guest houses, in case that becomes necessary (we promise to keep you posted).

If anyone has any questions or special requests, please email (pkbailey255@gmail.com). Good racing in you season series, and we look forward to seeing you in September.

