



# CHICAGO YACHT CLUB

A TRADITION OF YACHTING EXCELLENCE

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April 30, 2008

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