

Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 6-9-15:

Members in attendance:

Wendy Goodwin- Secretary Marion (fleet 10)
Eric Anderson-Monterey (fleet 12)
Chris Wick-Masons Island (fleet 19)
Jay Dayton-Oxford (fleet 21)

Garth Hobson Monterey & Nationals 2016 (fleet 12)
Betsy Yale Newport & Nationals 2015 (fleet 9)
Roland Schultz (fleet 1)

Presidents Report: Com Crocker: Com sent his report via e-mail as they have had a death in the family. The group sends their condolences. He urged the group to keep the meeting date as he felt we needed to continue the pursuit for creating next year's slate of officers & to promote the Nationals.

It was also noted that Orange Coast College is looking to sell 5 of their Shields, but keep the 6 best Shields for their fleet. The 5 going up for sale are not well maintained & the Monterey fleet will be discussing with them further.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton:

June 8, 2015

A few dues payments have come in but otherwise little activity.

The following Fleets have not yet paid their Class dues: Fleets 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, & 19. Just a reminder that our Class By-Laws require Fleet dues to be paid by 06/01. It was discussed that folks will take a bit to get used to the new deadline.

INCOME:	(Approximate Account Balance as of 05/12/2015)		\$9,144.77
	<u>Deposits:</u>		
	Fleet #12 Dues	05/19/15	+\$ 680.00
	Mike Frantantoro (Fleet #20) Dues		+\$ 50.00
	Class Dues (Widra & Berger)		+\$ 110.00
	Subtotal:		\$9,984.77

EXPENSES:	<u>Withdrawals:</u>		
Bonnier Corp (One Design Ad)	05/15/15	-\$ 150.00	
	USPS – Stamps, etc.		-\$ 50.05
	Laser Letters (Spring Masthead)		-\$2,279.85

Approximate Ending Balance: \$7,504.87

It was noted the Masthead invoice came in under budget.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Dayton, Class Treasurer,
Fleet #21 / Co-Owner Hull #73

Secretary's Report: Wendy Goodwin: I've received roughly ¼ the Masthead returns this past distribution and have followed up to correct any corrected addresses as they come in. I haven't received many group lists from fleets updating their class membership roster so I assume dues have been slow to collect/arrive.

Measurer's Report: The measurement committee met on May 19th & out of that meeting came the below proposal for rule changes. Richard was unable to make the call, but the group briefly discussed how these changes mainly will just help guide a host fleet through setting up borrowed boats for Nationals. We also discussed the inconsistency with the jib track location & how to get the tracks reinstalled correctly. See the below proposal which will be discussed at the next meeting & perhaps voted on in Newport in September.

Second Edition Book Orders: There has been not progress on the 2nd edition as Bruce has been heavily involved with a fund raiser that just drew to a close. We should have something next month to discuss & move forward.

Nationals 2015: Betsy reports they are scheduled to have a meeting on 6-10-15. Robbie Benjamin has her volunteers lined up. The Newport got a grant from the RI Special Sailing events and they plan to approach others for sponsorship. The goal is to approach more people and ask for smaller donations. The requests will go out this week. They are also ready to go for housing, they are working on the clothing, the calendar is laid out, Betsy is working on prizes & loaner boats. She knows to line up at least 4 boats, some for CA & one for Chicago. Garth will commit to going to Nationals 2015 as soon after he returns from a trip.

Other news from fleet 10:

1. This is the first year they made boat measurement on a fleet level mandatory in order to be scored. Her entire racing fleet is now compliant, but they had to threaten no results unless you are measured.
2. The Navy in Newport sank one of their Shields in 100 feet of water during a accidental jibe. They have a dive team from VA coming to do a training exercise to hopefully locate & rescue her. An episode like this should refocus your fleet to assure the boats are safe/air tight. Other tips learned are to keep a radio on your life jacket-as the remainder of the racing fleet had no idea the boat sank. An observer from shore rescued them. Those have been in a similar predicament have all offered assistance with details on how to get her off the bottom.

Nominating Committee:

GLOC: There was discussion about hosting this in September vs June. The group urged Marion to host in June as a September GLOC would conflict with Nationals in Monterey.

Proposed Rule Changes:

Section VI

Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta

By-Laws Governing the National Regatta

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e. Chartered boats:

The Committee and the host fleet shall make one boat per active fleet available to be chartered (without fee) and entered by a qualifying skipper designated by his active Fleet. Such boats will be assigned to skippers at random by means of a drawing. The entered skipper may use only the qualifying sails with which he qualified.

Subject to prior review and approval of the arrangement by the Class Executive Committee, a qualified skipper may borrow, charter or co-skipper a boat other than the boat on which he qualified for the Regatta. The Application to the Executive Committee shall specify the names and qualification data of the entered boat and each designated skipper, and specify what qualifying eligible sails they propose to use. Approval by the Executive Committee may be subject to whatever conditions it deems appropriate to preserve the Corinthian spirit of the event and avoid prejudice to other competitors.

The Governing Board may set guidelines for the National Championship Committee as to chartered boats. These guidelines may include the following:

Required optional equipment ([Section IV-11.0](#)),

Additional control line specifications ([Section IV-8.0](#)) and minimum mechanical advantages,

Waived specifications of low performance impact. Waivers may be granted by majority vote of the Technical Committee as requested by the Championship Committee and apply only to a particular chartered boat for the current year's National Regatta.

Guidelines for Chartered Boats

Required Optional Equipment:

Cunningham at least 4:1

Tiller Extension

Windex

Additional Control Line Specifications:

Jib track car control positions at 1" or better

Cam cleat and turning block for jib halyard

Contained cam cleat or jammer cleat for spinnaker halyard

Boomvang at least 4:1 preferred 8:1

Traveler control at least 4:1 useable from the windward side

Backstay control at least 8:1 useable from the windward side

Outhaul at 8:1

Mainsheet control at least 4:1 with easily useable cam cleat block

Spinnaker twing lines

Other:

Clean bottom

Possible Waived Specifications:

Toe rail of wrong material and dimensions

Bow casting non-standard

Anchor non-compliant

[Note that these guidelines would not be part of the *Rules* but would updated each year by the Governing Board.

Section IV

Hull Specifications and Equipment Requirements

2.4 Toe Rail

The toe rail shall be in place, **be made of wood** and be ~~at least~~ **nominally** 5/8 inch in width and at least **nominally** 3/4 inch in height **with allowance made for maintenance and age**. Small gaps or bottom slots may be used to facilitate deck drainage.

2.5 Control Console

A console made of wood or metal may be located between the mast and the forward edge of the cockpit coaming. It may be used as a base for a compass or as a base for cleats and blocks to assist in trimming the mainsail downhaul, Cunningham, spinnaker foreguy, topping lift, boomvang, **jib sheets** or a combination of these. (See Specifications 7.3, 8.13, 8.14, 9.6, 10.4, 10.5, and Section V-5.3)

One suggestion was to change the heading from Required optional equipment to required racing equipment as the use of the work optional after required is conflicting. Richard Robbins will continue this discussion at our next meeting.

Dates for Monterey 2016: There was discussion about any preference between attending Nationals September 21-24 as opposed to September 28-October 1. The Oxford fleet said they would prefer the late date. Everyone will be finished racing here in New England. Garth & Eric said getting folks to come will already be a monumental task so they don't want the date to be a deterrent. There is racing opportunity after Nationals for their Champion of Champions & a somewhat informal mid-winter event that runs Dec-February.

The meeting adjourned

Reminder:

2015 Shields Nationals-Newport, RI: September 10-12, 2015

2016 Monterey, CA either September 21-24 or September 28-October 1

2017 Masons Island

Our next meeting is: Tuesday, July 7th, 8pm EST

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin
Shields Class Secretary