

Shields Class Governing Board Meeting November 8, 2011

Members in attendance by conference call:

Mike Schwartz, President
Wendy Goodwin, Secretary
Fred Werblow, Treasurer
Richard Robbins, Measurer
Jay Dayton, VP Tred Avon Oxford, MD
Stephen Potter, VP Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, MA
Andrew Segal, VP Ida Lewis Newport, RI
Rick Hendee, VP Captains Harbor Fleet Greenwich, CT
Roland Schulz, VP Larchmont, NY

1. Treasurers Report; The Association has \$20,000 in savings & Fred does not expect to see much more coming in from dues. Our expenses revolve around the Masthead printing & mailing. Fred recommended cutting this expense. The group realized that Wayne Marciano who is currently is part of the team that puts together the Masthead was not in attendance. Its possible Wayne was inadvertently left out of the e-mail. The group then asked what the costs of the printing & mailing were. The question was asked why we don't go paperless. Some members want something to have & to hold, they want something for the money they are spending on dues. It was recommended that in place of the Masthead fleet reps receive the e-blast & then print them for their fleet. It was also suggested that the Mastheads be mailed to the fleet reps & then the reps could distribute therefore saving on mailing expenses. There was a request that a motion be made to limit the cost of future printings to \$4,000 annually. There was a motion made and seconded to refrain from any future paper printing & mailing. Fred felt the paper Mastheads help fleet building & Shields advertising in general. It was suggested that the Masthead be smaller & less pages to cut costs. It was suggested that we revise the Masthead to be more of a sales tool & use e-blasts to discuss more current fleet news. This issue was tabled until the group could gather more information from Wayne Marciano.

2. Secretary report; This past month was spent communicating about the vote for hosting the Nationals. She will begin the process of updating the membership list later this winter. Minutes from the last Governing board meeting were distributed to the Governing Board members & posted on the Shields website. An abridged version of the minutes and a "from the builder" article were also submitted for printing in the Masthead. She will ask the membership when polled for current contact information as to whether these members would prefer to receive Shields news via e-mail or snail mail.

3. Vice President Reports:

A. Roland Schulz, VP Larchmont Yacht Club, Larchmont, NY; The Larchmont fleet recently went through a fleet jib purchase where they compared jibs from North & Quantum. They went with North.

B. Rick Hendee, VP Captains Harbor Fleet Greenwich, CT; they recently had a positive fleet meeting where each member was asked to bring in 2 potential new members to the next meeting. They announced a district Regatta June 23 & 24. They were wondering if any Shields members were going to the One Design Symposium as Rick recently learned about it & is unable to go. <http://racing.ussailing.org/One-Design/ODSS.htm>. They have been working with Steve Benjamin regarding their fleet building & they understand he will be attending so hope to learn from Steve & any others who attend. The Greenwich fleet will keep us posted of their fleet building efforts.

C. Andrew Segal, VP Ida Lewis Yacht Club, Newport, RI; Newport just had its awards at the New York Yacht Club November 2. 100 people attended & voted on the Nationals location for 2013 & 14. They are disappointed to learn that perhaps their bid to host 2013 didn't make it.

D. Stephen Potter, VP Edgartown Yacht Club, Martha's Vineyard, MA; The Vineyard is quiet & Stephen had to pull teeth to get a vote for the 2013 & 2114 Regattas.

E. Jay Dayton, VP Tred Avon Yacht Club, Oxford, MD; The racing season just ended at Tred Avon & they had 35 races. Good weather/racing. They had a fleet meeting on Nov 7th & continue to work on fleet building as they lost 2 boats recently. They will work on next year's schedule & want to include younger sailors, Friday night racing & an awards night.

F. Richard Robbins, Beverly Yacht Club Marion, MA; Marion has a meeting scheduled on Nov 13 to discuss the upcoming Nationals. They have an event chairman & have a few good people to choose from who can PRO.

G. Mike Schwartz, Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago, IL; They have a meeting scheduled for this weekend & will also display again at the Strictly Sail Chicago Show. This show always seems to attract potential crew & new possible owners. Their awards dinner will be in 2 weeks. The club bought 3 Sonars as a spring board for getting folks to move up into Shields.

4. Old Business

- A. Nationals:** 2013-will be hosted by Tred Avon in Oxford. 2014 will be hosted by Larchmont Yacht Club, Larchmont, NY. The group agreed to offer 2015 to the Newport fleet. Newport will discuss & let us know. There was discussion what the poll results were for the two dates for Oxford Sept 25-28 or October 2-5. The majority of members who voted for Oxford preferred the October date, but this left out all those who voted for Newport. The membership was asked to discuss & determine what would result in the most attendance. Wendy will share the results with Jay so they can firm up the dates of the regatta.
- B. Masthead:** No further discussion as Wayne was not in attendance. We will attempt to get a report from Wayne about the Masthead.

5. New Business

A. Technical Committee-Richard Robbins: The committee met November 3 & they discussed and are still in the process of discussing loose footed jibs, mast & boom issues & restoration guidelines.

- 1) They did discuss & create new wording to address the question that comes each Nationals about hiking: The committee presented a possible interpretation:

Crew may hold onto existing parts of the boat or control lines for safety purposes, but may not do so in order to enhance hiking.

Discussion commenced as members felt the current rule is clear stating that no more than ½ your body can be outside the toerail. The new interpretation did not pass as it was confusing the difference between holding on for the purpose of safety as opposed to hiking.

- 2) The current instructions for calculating the Corny Shields, Junior & Senior Skipper awards are not explicit enough & the scorer always asks how to award these as the blue book does not do well defining how to handle co skippers, as well as a person in charge as opposed to skippers & helmsmen. Richard presented the following changes in section VI-5.2 Awards:

Multiple skippers are allowed per yacht and each skipper should be considered individually for the Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize, Senior Skipper Award and Junior Skipper Award. There is no requirement that a skipper be a helmsman.

And in section VI-1.2(c) Qualification requirements for each entered skipper or co-skipper:

- 3) Must be a *Person in Charge* per United States Sailing Association's [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#)

Richard went on to explain that this wording explains how we have been awarding these trophies thus far. It is just better explaining to the scorer how to handle co skippers & skippers who may not handle the tiller, but control the actions of the boat. Questions were asked that this wording be posted as not all attendees were able to view the new wording on the site <http://www.shieldsclass.com/meeting/>. The group agreed to allow these changes as it helps answer the yearly questions for the scorer.

B) Trophy Committee: Roland Schultz; Roland discussed with Jim Fleming the chairman of the model committee of the Larchmont Yacht Club the possibility of keeping the Shields National Championship Trophy - Sterling silver Chippendale tray permanently at Larchmont to be brought to Nationals only. Larchmont agreed that they could give the trophy a permanent home so it would not be lost as some of the other trophies were. Chicago was also asked, but would require an endowment. The group is still working on options/ideas for a new base for the trophy. Wendy will send contact information to Roland for John Pope, Bill Berry, John Burnham, Reed Baer & Robin Monk so they can be included in the base discussion.

The group then asked what about the status of the other trophies. Roland stated Larchmont could not take them all & further discussion with the committee would have to commence to find permanent homes for all of them. Their first discussion strictly focused on the platter which has the most value. The request was made to assure that the blue book will be updated to note which fleets will permanently house each perpetual.

C) There was a motion to clean up the wording on how to propose a bid for nationals. We need to consider a set period of time to apply for & for the fleet to give an answer. The last bid process was not a healthy atmosphere. Jay will draft something & Richard will assist.

D) An idea of doing a Champion of Champions where each Shields fleet would send it's best team was raised in order to promote fleet building

E) Mike recommends each fleet encourage participation in attending local boat shows as it is a great way to build interest.

5. Action needed:

1. Wendy will supply Roland with contact information on past Nationals winners
2. Mike will connect with Wayne to get up to speed with the Masthead issues
3. The fleets will let Jay Dayton of the Oxford fleet know which date they prefer for Nationals September 25-28 or October 2-5.
4. Andy Segal of the Newport fleet will let us know if they are open to hosting the Nationals for 2015
5. Richard Robbins will get back to the group regarding a revised wording description for hiking.
6. Richard will revise the wording to include the groups agreeing to define skipper, co skipper, person in charge & helmsman.
7. Roland will get back to the group regarding a base for the nationals trophy & a permanent home for all the other perpetual trophies.
8. Jay Dayton will present the group with new wording for applying for Nationals.

Our next scheduled meeting is December 6, 2011 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin
Secretary