

Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 2-11-14:

Members in attendance:

Com Crocker- President Larchmont (fleet 1)	Rick Hendee-Indian Harbor (fleet 2)
Wendy Goodwin- Secretary Marion (fleet 10)	Mike Schwartz-Chicago (fleet 3)
Jay Dayton-Treasurer Oxford (fleet 21)	Ron Oard-Navy Newport (fleet 17)
Richard Robbins-Marion (fleet 10)	Jan Slee-Newport (fleet 9)
Betsy Yale-Newport Hosting Nationals 2015(fleet9)	Roland Schultz- Larchmont (fleet 1)
Eric Anderson-Monterey (fleet 12)	

Presidents Report: Com Crocker: Thank you for calling in & joining us. Com touched upon the Legends Race that will take place ahead of the Shields Nationals in Larchmont. The details will go up on the website soon. There will be cocktails Tuesday Sept 9 & the Legends race will take place the morning of Wednesday Sept 10 (1st gun 11 AM). They will hold multiple short races weather permitting. The race committee boat will remain & run the practice race for the Nationals in the afternoon. They will allow time for a crew change. The request went out for owners & fleets to lend their boats for this as many of our Legends have long since sold theirs. Larchmont will provide 10-12 boats but we need more. The Annual meeting will occur Wednesday & Thursday evening will focus on the history of the class & a panel of Legends that will share their Shields stories.

Com, Wendy & Bruce Wellington are collaborating to create a coffee table book commemorating the 50 years of Shields racing. Requests have gone out to Legends to supply photos & memorabilia. A second tier request will go out to the fleets down the road. We are currently looking for photos & stories.

The Shields website will shortly have a “data dump” so anyone can load info for the book & Thursday presentation at the Nationals.

Treasurers Report: SHIELDS CLASS SAILING ASSOCIATION –as of FEBRUARY 7, 2014

There has been a bit of activity this month as detailed below. I’ve not heard back from the IRS regarding our application for a Tax Exempt status 501 C 7, Social Club or Association.

Fleet #21 in Oxford has once again become the 1st Fleet to pay their Annual Class Dues. Hopefully others will be trickling in as winter winds down and Spring blossoms.

INCOME: (Balance Beginning 01/17/2014)	\$19,144.70
Deposits Fleet #21 Dues	+\$ 675.00
2013 Associate Dues (Mike Vellucci)	+\$ 15.00
Subtotal:	\$19,834.70

EXPENSES:

2014 US Sailing - Shields Class Dues pmt	(-\$ 150.00)
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Current Account Balance:	\$19,684.70
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Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Dayton, Class Treasurer,
Fleet #21

Secretary’s Report: Com touched on what Wendy has been working on. Collecting info from our Legends for the book. She has yet to set up a brown bag for us to learn more about Regatta Network but will keep you posted when that occurs. Cape Cod Shipbuilding is introducing a new 23’ Marlin Heritage so the focus has been on test sailing (yes in Massachusetts) and boat shows. The Chicago fleet displayed a Shields at the Strictly Sail Chicago show & Cape Cod Ship supplied new Shields information. Go to a boat show near you. It will

bring on the warm weather we are currently craving. Cape Cod Ship will be at the New England Boat show Feb 22-March 2 and Maine Boat builders Show March 14-16.

Technical Committee Report: Kristian was unable to attend but Com reported the Technical committee has an upcoming conference call. They will discuss:

1. Loose footed Mainsail
2. allowance for toerail material besides teak.
3. House cleaning for the class rules regarding the perpetual trophies

Kristian will send us details shortly. Please consider new topics for the group to consider/explore.

New & Old Business:

Membership:

1. **Regatta Network:** Wendy will set up for us to attend one of the Regatta Network brown bag sessions. There's also a functional demo site at www.onedesigndemo.com The credentials for the membership module are included on the home page. It will show you most of the features, but remember that the form renewals and membership form are all based on the form the Association creates so there will be some set up time needed.
2. **Fleet Registry:** Jan has been working with members & they needs responses from some fleets in order to get a better understanding of where the boats are. Jan also has been working on sponsorship. Com says they had a productive meeting last Thursday to discuss individual sponsors but they need help in the effort and folks need to get involved. Chris Wick gets kudos for registering for Shields Nationals.

New Position: The group considered electing a new position: Publisher. Having one publisher will allow continuity with the Masthead. The host fleet for the Nationals still must provide the publisher with all the content, but the Publisher will arrange & publish. This new position will not have a vote on the Governing board, they like the webmaster will see to it that content gets to membership. The Group elected Richard Slaughter as the publisher, the group voted, it passed unanimously. Welcome aboard Richard!

Great Lakes Challenge Cup: Mike explained this race is to book end the Nationals and get Shields fleets together. NOR/SIs are awaiting CYC's final stamp below is the schedule. The goal is for a small entry fee (\$200), fleets to show up with crew & sails. Housing will be free. Richard Robbins will work with Mike to get an entry form on the website. The Chicago fleet welcomes your suggestions for making this a success. Some commented that this format works in other fleets. You may need to have a race off in your own fleet to determine who will go or just send who is available. The goal is to get 7 or 8 teams. Plan to prep for Larchmont by going to Chicago. There was discussion of tabling this until 2015 so it's no a 1 & done. The event is a Fri/Sat/Sun event. Folks who work may not be able to attend. Everyone was urged to attend & make it work although it bites into local racing. One CA team committed to attending his name is Pakhtun Shah. Contact Mike Schwartz for more details on this event: 773-736-4900 ext 101 C:847-687-6400

Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup

Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Harbor Station

Schedule of Events

June 27th to 29th, 2014

Event Schedule

Event

Friday, June 27th ...
1100 - 1300

registration

1400 - 1600	practice starts, race
1730 – 2100	Welcome Reception and Dinner
Saturday, June 28th ...	
0700 -0830	Breakfast Buffet
1100	Warning – Race 1 up to 3 Races
1730 – 2100	Fleet 3-Special Dinner
Sunday, June 29th...	
0700 -0830	Breakfast Buffet
1100	Warning – Race 1 up to 2 Races
1600	Awards Presentation

Perpetual Trophies: A silversmith was contacted to appraise the perpetual trophies. Cape Cod Shipbuilding must supply a value for the new base, even though it was a donation. The current information on each of the trophies is displayed on the Shields website. Richard will work with Wendy so she can learn how to upload new info. No trophy insurance has been secured-we need to determine value first.

IOD Nantucket Race week invitational: The IOD fleet sent the Shields Association an invitation:

From: Christopher W. Gould [mailto:cwgould@sbcglobal.net]
 Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2014 2:27 PM
 To: wendy@capecodshipbuilding.com
 Subject: Nantucket Race Week IOD Celebrity Invitational Regatta -- Aug. 13-15 2014

Ms. Wendy Goodwin
 Secretary
 Shields National Class Association

Dear Ms. Goodwin,

We are writing to you as Shields National Class Association contact officer. If you are no longer the appropriate contact, we would appreciate your response including the name and email contact of the appropriate party. Also, please feel free to forward this message. Our objective is to identify qualified teams in your organization that would have interest in the 2014 Nantucket Race Week IOD Celebrity Invitational Regatta. To that end, we are reaching out to prospective Corinthian teams throughout North America, through leaders of prominent clubs and one-design classes. Now in its 10th year, the NRW IOD Celebrity Invitational will be held Aug. 13th to 15th, 2014 for the benefit of Nantucket Community Sailing.

Up to fourteen entrants compete in identical International One Design sloops provided by the Nantucket IOD Fleet Association. Each team is assigned a "Celebrity Tactician" for a total crew of five. As you'll see on our website, the roster of celebrity tacticians includes world and national champions, Americas Cup veterans, and Olympic medalists. The racing is competitive, and talent runs deep among the entering teams.

The registration fee will be \$2,400 (a portion of which may be considered tax deductible). Entrants are provided use of boats, Celebrity Tacticians, accommodations in homes of local supporting hosts (as needed, and subject to availability), opening night dinner and box lunches for team members on each race day. Please pass this email to other officers, racing skippers and teams from your club/association that may be interested, or give us their names and contact details and we will follow-up directly. Our website is under construction. You may [Click Here](#) to see the latest information. Online entry applications will be available in a few weeks. If accepted, a \$500 non-refundable deposit at the time of registration.

Thanks in advance for your help. Sincerely,
 Peter Goulding Zenas Hutcheson Chris Gould
 Co-Chairmen, Nantucket Race Week IOD Celebrity Invitational Regatta

The group discussed that there are conflicting events, it's costly (\$2,400) and is a Pro-AM/all week event. The group decided we need to support the Challenge cup in Chicago & decline the IOD invite as an association. Individual fleets may choose to support, so please share this invite with your members. Marion may consider going as we have a history with the IOD fleet & are nearby Nantucket. The Shields Class Association may consider sponsoring a team that goes.

2014 Shields Nationals-Larchmont, NY: the 2014 Shields Nationals will take place in Larchmont, NY Wednesday Sept 10, 2014 to Saturday Sept 13, 2014. Sign up today. Regarding Transport; Dan Coughlin has maintained, set up and transported the Fleet 2 Shields fleet, including transportation to our storage facility (barn) in the Berkshires. He is now providing start to finish boat breakdown, transportation and set up at winter regattas for the J/70, Melges 20 & 24 and Etchells fleets. We have been impressed with the quality of his service over the past 3 years and importantly he is a fellow Shields racer so he knows how to do the job right. His contact info is: dancoughlin3@gmail.com 516.320.1547. He is developing attractive pricing for our upcoming 50th Nationals. Please contact him for details and scheduling.

2015 Shields Nationals-Newport, RI: The 2015 Shields Nationals will be in Newport, RI: September 10-12, 2015 The launching will occur on the 8th, Practice race on the 9th. “Blue blazer” dinner will be on the Saturday.

2016 Shields Nationals-The deadline for submitting applications has passed. The group has received two applications. Eric Anderson from the Monterey Yacht Club outlined their application during the meeting & Edgartown will outline theirs at the next Governing Board meeting.

Eric gave a presentation for Monterey’s bid to host:

Their bid may be a bit outside the box & may cause logistics concerns. The event would take place September 15-17 and Hosting in a month other than Sept/Aug would require a vote. Their goal is to see how they can grow their fleet and encourage participation. In the past they had only 4 boats but their fleet has grown & they now have 13. 12 of the 13 are class legal & the last will be by the time they host. Eric is the current fleet captain & race committee chairman. They have 115 races planned for this season. They are also hosting 3 upcoming Nationals Regattas & then some smaller events as well. Please note that it will be fleet 7 and 12 hosting together. They are making an effort to attend Nationals in Larchmont.

Question: How many boats are in the area? Will we get critical mass?

Answer: There are others in the area but they are not class legal. The West Coast fleets are in process of discussing additional boat purchases-there are folks who want to buy. The proposal stands with the number of boats in the fleet at 13. They can’t speculate on more than that.

Question: Why not arrange for a transport truck vs what shape are the borrowed boats in?

Answer: The Monterey fleets sail/race all year round. The UC Irvine boats needed travelers & all but 1 have been converted. Their measurer has been working non-stop.

Question: How many boats are in the fleet?

Answer: 13 total. One of them is not class legal, but will be by the time Nationals rolls around.

Question: Have you considered hosting a Mid Winters to test the waters? Perhaps a mid winter in 2015 and Nationals in 2016.

Answer: We want to re-introduce ourselves to the class. Hosting another event would be interesting but not our preference. We have put in a bid to host Nationals in 2016. There was discussion as to which time of year would be best. There was discussion about how we are going to get participation for the Chicago event never mind a mid-winter event. There will always be excuses why folks can’t attend. It would be easier to arrange a Nationals rather than a Mid-Winters.

Question: When would be the best time/month for good racing conditions?

Answer: February/Presidents Day weekend. It’s after the holidays & is a 3-day weekend. March/April are not the best. Aug & Sept are also good weather.

Reminder:

2014 Shields Nationals-Larchmont, NY: Wednesday Sept 10, 2014 to Saturday Sept 13, 2014

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

2016 Now accepting applications-deadline February 1st, 2014. One bid has been received-from Monterey, CA

Our next two conference calls are:

Tuesday March 11th 8PM eastern time

Tuesday April 8th 8PM eastern time

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin
Shields Class Secretary