

## Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 3-10-15:

### Members in attendance:

- Com Crocker-President (fleet 1)
- Wendy Goodwin- Secretary Marion (fleet 10)
- Betsy Yale-Newport & Nationals 2015(fleet 9)
- Eric Anderson-Monterey & Nationals 2016 (fleet 12)
- Jay Dayton Oxford (fleet 21)
- Garth Hobson-Monterey& Nationals 2016 (fleet 12)
- Chris Wick Masons Island & Nationals 2016 (fleet 19)
- Ed Berger-Northern MASS (fleet 4)
- Richard Robbins-Marion (fleet 10)
- Roland Schultz-Larchmont & trophy committee(fleet 1)
- Rick Hendee Indian Harbor Greenwich, CT (fleet 2)

**Presidents Report: Com Crocker:** Although the winter has been rough, the season is upon us. Encourage attendance for the Great Lakes Ocean Challenge. Attendance/sign up is not what it should be. They will supply borrowed boats which should make it easier. Please send in your feedback to John Burnham for the fleet news portion of the Masthead. The NOR for the Nationals is posted. Jay is working on an association budget. It looks like the Masthead is an annual \$8,000 expense.

### Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton:

March 6, 2015 The past month has been relatively quiet in our Class Treasury. We've had a few more book purchases & shipments but otherwise very little activity. We are happy to announce that effective January 2014 the IRS has granted us with a 501C (7) Tax Exempt status. We are still working to develop a budget for 2015.

Income: (approximate Account Balance as of 2/11/2015)	\$7,201.22
Deposits:	
Book Purchases 2-18-15	\$ 500.00
Book Purchases 3-06-15	\$ 200.00
Expenses:	
Book Postage 2-23-15	-\$ 57.70
Book Postage 2-25-15	-\$ 65.15
<b>Bank Service Fee</b> (balance fell below \$10,000) 2-27-15	-\$ 25.00*

Approximate Account Balance: \$7,753.37

\*(am talking with PNC bank about other account options which have lesser service fees)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jay Dayton, Class Treasurer  
Member fleet #21 & co owner Hull #73

**Secretary's Report: Wendy Goodwin:** The book is sold out. Can we please remove the ordering system on the website before we get more orders? There was discussion about whether we will supply a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, what the cost will be & who will distribute. Should we order another batch from "blurb"? Should we allow an electronic version? The cost to go through Amazon would be 15% plus \$1.35 per copy. The cost would be more to produce that what we originally sold the first 150 for. While we are deciding which tack to take: Let's make a list for pre-orders. Richard will remove the ability for new orders to come in.

There were also questions about what to do with surplus gear from the 50<sup>th</sup> Nationals. Com will take that project on. Peter McWhinnie has the gear.

Reminder that dues will be due in spring not summer this year.

**Measurer's Report:** Richard proposed changes to the class rules.

1. Delete appendix III (this is a list of members/owners). Member listing should not be public & available to anyone who reads the class rules.
2. Drop appendix IV The card system has been replaced with an online version which is referenced in <http://www.shieldsclass.com/bluebook/section.php?Section=5#S5-1.0>
3. Drop appendix V The measurers interpretations was for interpretations that had not been incorporated into the rules but since the Rules are online the updates are immediate. All interpretations in this section have been incorporated into the Rules.

Although he didn't want to vote today, we can plan to discuss & vote at the next meeting

There was discussion about the trophy section of the Class Rules. Section VI-championship awards need help. We need to get the trophy committee excited about taking the next step. The question was asked: Did Larchmont submit a letter of intent? Roland answered no. Com & Roland will draft a letter & have the Larchmont Yacht Club review. There is a question of insurance as the trophies are now housed in Larchmont.

The JR & SR skipper trophies are lost. Each year the host asks Richard about where these are. Should the loss be reflected in the class rules-so the next host doesn't ask? Should we replace them? They are still awarded, but just as keepers. A committee must be formed to address the issues. Reminder that the National Association is responsible for paying for engraving & shipping of perpetual trophies. Com encouraged someone to pick up the ball as we'll need to be prepared when everything goes to the west coast next year. Com & Roland will create an action plan.

**New Business:**

1. **2015 Nationals Newport, RI Sept 8-12 Hosted by Ida Lewis Yacht Club:** Newport is ready for the task & looks forward to everyone attending the Nationals. The NOR can be seen at <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2015/documents/2015ShieldsNationalsNOR.pdf> . They are close to completing the sailing instructions. They will use Yacht scoring. Betsy successfully signed up for Nationals to test that everything is working. There was discussion as to what the late fee will be. There was also discussion about signing up early will get you more opportunity for door prizes.
2. **2015 Ocean Great Lakes Challenge: May 1-3 The NOR can be seen at** The entry forms can be seen at: <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2015gloc/entryform2015.pdf>  
Three boats are signed up: Larchmont, Marion & Monterey. Ed Berger said he was a maybe. So is a boat from Tred Avon. There was a question as to if CA will supply borrowed sails? The host fleet will supply sails but they will not be pristine. The hosts will guarantee the weather will be better than what we've been experiencing in New England.
3. There was discussion about the budget that Jay is putting together. Suggested budget is \$5,000 per year for the Masthead. Jay will discuss with Richard Slaughter. Wendy will send Richard Slaughter the new list of members contact information before the next mailing. There was more discussion as to whether we will print both spring & fall. There was a comment that it's nice to have a paper copy.

The meeting adjourned.

**Reminder:**

2015 Great Lakes Ocean Challenge May 1, 2 & 3, 2015 <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2015gloc/nor2015.pdf>  
2015 Shields Nationals-Newport, RI: September 10-12, 2015 <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2015/>  
2016 Monterey, CA  
2017 Mystic, CT

Our next meeting is: **Tuesday April 14**, 8pm Eastern Time

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin  
Shields Class Secretary