

SHIELDS CLASS SAILING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING– September 28th. Monterey, CA

President’s Report:

- Eric Anderson opened the meeting and welcomed all the attendees to both the Class Meeting and to the Shields Nationals at Monterey. He thanked all the organizers of the Nationals for their fantastic efforts and hoped that all would have a good time.

Secretary’s Report: Peter McWhinnie

- The electronic membership roster has been updated with all active and paid up members.
- Member numbers overall are up on last year, rising from 176 to 206, with this rise driven by a strong increase in associate membership which more than offset a slight decline in active yacht owners/co-owners. Kudos goes to Eric for his push to increase associate membership.

	2013	2014	2015 (Meeting)	2015 Year End	9/16
Active	131	148	160	161	150
Assoc.	27	34	16	20	56
TOTAL	158	182	176	181	206

- Looking at the data by Fleet:
 - The increase in associate members is driven strongly by Fleet 7 and 12 in Monterey, with Chicago also contributing. Congratulations to them.
 - The decline in members (active yacht owners/drivers) is spread across Fleets, though there are also some Fleets (Beverly, Edgartown, Monterey) with increases in member numbers which appears to be driven by inactive members coming back into the Fleet.
 - Larchmont was down 5 members in 2016, with two boats out vs last year and some co-ownership changes, but at least 1 boat is expected to return next year.

	FLEET	End 2015			2016			Change		
		Member +Yacht	Associate	Grand Total	Member +Yacht	Associate	Grand Total	Member+ Yacht	Associate	Grand Total
	None	0	4	4				0	-4	-4
Larchmont YC	1	29		29	24	2	26	-5	2	-3
Indian Harbor YC	2	1		1				-1	0	-1
Chicago YC	3	9	1	10	8	8	16	-1	7	6
Northern Massachussets Bay	4	5	4	9	5	4	9	0	0	0
Navy Post Graduate School, Monterey	7	4		4	7	10	17	3	10	13
Edgartown YC	8	9	4	13	12		12	3	-4	-1
Ida Lewis	9	41		41	33	5	38	-8	5	-3
Beverly YC	10	13	2	15	21	2	23	8	0	8
Monterey Peninsula YC	12	12	1	13	10	23	33	-2	22	20
Coaster Harbor Navy YC	17	6		6	3		3	-3	0	-3
Mason's Island YC	19	13	4	17	13	2	15	0	-2	-2
CSU Long Beach	20	1		1				-1	0	-1
Tred Avon YC	21	18		18	14		14	-4	0	-4
	Grand Total	161	20	181	150	56	206	-11	36	25

- There is more that could be done to clean up the membership list and stay in contact with members/associates from beyond the core fleets.
 - Please could all Fleets send in / continue to send in annual updates of paid up members with names, addresses, boat numbers et al.
 - For 2017, the secretary will also look at recently lapsed members and see if we can encourage any to reconnect as members or associates.
 - Could all skippers follow Monterey's lead and get their crews to sign up / maintain associate membership so that they can receive the newsletter and increase their connection with the Class and with other Fleets.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton (presented by Eric Anderson)

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| • Very light activity since last report: | |
| • Account Balance as of 8/31/2016 | \$10,615.10 |
| • Income | nil |
| • Expenses: 9/12/16 World Publications – One Design Ad | -\$ 150.00 |
| • Approximate Ending Balance: as of 9/12/2016 | \$ 10,465.10 |

Other Business

- There was a proposal from the floor for a rule change to allow electric bilge pumps. It was noted that "Shields do sink" and suggested that ~1% of the Fleet has been lost this way each year. This matter was referred to the technical committee for consideration and the preparation of rule changes as appropriate.
- Eric Anderson also spoke in support of the Ocean Great Lakes Challenge, an event that has been very popular for those attending, but which in 2016 did not get the hoped for number of boats. Eric encouraged **every** Fleet to support it and to send representatives in order to ensure the event both survives and prospers.
- There was no other business.

The group then voted to close the meeting,

Respectfully submitted
 Pete McWhinnie
 Shields Class Secretary