



SHIELDS ONE DESIGN CLASS

April 5, 2020

To our Members and Partners:

In light of the continued escalation of the COVID-19 outbreak, we wanted to take a moment to communicate the Shields Class Association's strategy to ensure the safety of our members and partners.

Our efforts are informed by guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), as well as local health authorities. We recognize that this situation is evolving daily, requiring updates to our approach to adapt to new challenges.

An executive committee has been formed to coordinate actions and communications in response to this pandemic. We hold regular committee meetings by telephone conference to maintain social distancing and to mitigate possible transmission. We are communicating with local fleets and host yacht clubs about planned events.

We are all looking forward to the summer season, and this could provide needed relief from the current events. It is too early to determine the potential impacts, but we will probably know over the next month or two. We will provide timely updates in the event of any delays or cancellations.

Our focus is on the health and well-being of all our members and partners in light of recent events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Mettler".

Steve Mettler

Secretary, Shields Class Sailing Association

