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## **Above: Lady Crossing White Rabbit on Regatta's First Day**

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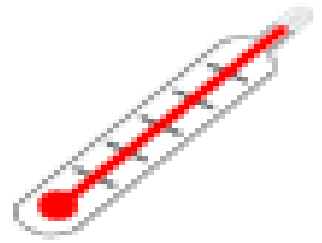
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**Cover Photo: Apollo#11 Leading Downwind - Also Shown are Tinky #258 and Virginia #224**

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# President's Message



## The Temperature of the Shields Class

The temperature is rising! The Finest One-Design Class is heating up and getting warmer by the day. 2022 was a year filled with important milestones for our class. We welcomed a new fleet! The Foundation received its first two of many boat donations. And who could forget the outstanding national regatta hosted by Newport where we had some of the best racing of the year! This winter the class will also host its first Midwinter Championship in March. [Click here](#) to learn how you can participate in Charleston.

Nothing is sexier than a Shields in Narragansett Bay and the professionals know it too. It was the number one boat to be in on Wednesday night, September 7th in Newport where 34 boats showed up on the line for the Shields Nationals. This was our best participation at a class event in over 25 years. Ted Slee did a simply outstanding job organizing this. Congratulations to Apollo 11 from Fleet 9. The oldest boat on the course claimed 1st place, winning by just a single point. Skipper Andy Green sailed with fellow owners Joe Bardenheier and Dale Harper, as well as Jon Howland and Geordie Shaver. Nice Job!

As we flip the calendar to 2023, the heat is turned up further. Shields Nationals will be held in Marion, MA on September 27-30. Marion is the most traveled fleet in the class. Sailing on Buzzard Bay, it will draw competitors from all over the country. Get ready for another record breaking year as the temperature is already building for next year's championship.

The Shields Foundation reached some major milestones last year. This non-profit supports Shields sailors everywhere. Our sincere gratitude goes out to Paul Massey of Shields Fleet 1, for donating the first boat to the foundation. Hull 183 is being polished for use in the 2023 season. The foundation also raffled off a new North jib, which was won by John McClean. The jib was so hot he quickly gave it away to fellow Fleet 9 Shieldsman, Ron Oard.

Do you remember our newest fleet? The VIBE is strong... Daniel Island Yacht Club is committed to bringing the best racing to Charleston, SC. In March the DIYC will be hosting the first annual Shields Midwinter Championship. April will feature a Shields event during the iconic Charleston Race Week. The winner of each event will receive a trophy and a separate award will be given to the combined winner. The excitement is boiling over. The competition will be fierce. Trailer your boat, put away your winter coats, and get two lovely weekends in Charleston, SC. Both are bound to bring out the toughest sailors hoping to capture the Southern Shields Championship.

We are sizzling like fajitas in a cast iron pan. The class will not be cooled by the chill of winter. We have some incredible events coming up in 2023. Get ready to stay warm working on your Shields in anticipation of our South Carolina regattas. Next, gear up for the NYYC Regatta in June, the 100th Anniversary of the Edgartown Regatta in July, the Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge in August at Larchmont followed by the Classic Yacht Regatta at Indian Harbor in September. The Finest Class will then celebrate another historic year of spirited competition at our 59th National Regatta at Beverly Yacht Club

Ken Deyett  
Shields Class President

# Photo Gallery

Top L-R: Charlotte #94 and Tiburon #191 with Ken Deyett Aboard. Lower: Downwind Fleet in Newport Sept 2022





# Final Standings 58th Shields National Regatta Newport, Rhode Island September 6-10, 2022

	<b>Boat</b>	<b>Sail</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Fleet</b>
1.	Apollo 11	11	Green	9
2.	Grace	107	Burnham/Baer	9
3.	Bomba Charger	156	Toppa/Toppa	9
4.	Virginia	224	Ewenson	9
5.	Karaselet	74	Darden/Shore	9
6.	Tinky	258	Deutsch	9
7.	Syrinx	239	Berry	10
8.	Helen	181	Adams	9
9.	Aeolus	254	Dawson/Hirsch	9
10.	Diversion	160	Monk	9
11.	Hope	201	Davidson	9
12.	Sirene	169	Ringdahl	9
13.	Bit~O~Honey	237	Deyett	10
14.	Tango	26	Ronan/Hynes	1
15.	Tantrum	166	Hough	9
16.	Mahi	121	Bush-Brown	9
17.	Maverick	33	Slee	9
18.	Martin	180	Rajacich	21
19.	Meander	151	Foberg	9
20.	Merlin	149	Cooper	21
21.	The Grinch	248	Goodwin	10
22.	Jade	59	Gilchrist	9
23.	Circe	207	McManus	2
24.	Glory	158	Oard	9
25.	ISLA	101	Eberle	9
26.	Lady	106	Mawe/Millar	1
27.	Hawk	245	Siegl	9
28.	October	96	Pick/Gamble	12
29.	Cornelia	221	Glascock	9
30.	Aileen	223	Evans/Burr	10
31.	Delaplaine	139	Robertson	7
32.	DeJa Vu	219	Mettler	8
33.	White Rabbit	238	Robbins	10
34.	Nemesis	205	Krumeich	2

# Apollo 11 Splashes Down in Newport With Shields Championship

By John Burnham

Apollo 11, the oldest boat in the 34-boat fleet, won the six-race series to capture the 2022 Shields US National Championship held September 8-10 in Newport, RI. Skipper Andy Green, of Newport, sailed with fellow owners Joe Bardenheier and Dale Harper, as well as Jon Howland and Geordie Shaver.

Apollo began the final day of the three-race series close behind the Mike Toppa family team in Bomba Charger and Glenn Darden/Bill Shore on Karasalet, and close ahead of Grace, co-skipped by three-time champions John Burnham/Reed Baer. In what could have been the final race of the series, Apollo and Grace pulled well ahead and finished one-two after an extended jibing duel, leap-frogging the others into the top two spots. **Above: Winning in Newport is No Easy Lift**



Working quickly, the Ida Lewis Yacht Club race committee signaled a sixth race starting just before the series time limit of 2pm. In a building seabreeze, the series leaders emerged near the front and traded positions twice with Burnham/Baer on Grace finishing just ahead of Green on Apollo, but without the margin needed to overtake the leader.

"To the moon!" is Green's motto for what he describes as his team's "pandemic purchase," rescuing Hull #11 in 2021 at an auction that could have sent the boat to the scrapyard. "We've put in a lot of time and had a lot of fun already with the boat," he said, "culminating in a hard-fought battle for the win at our home Nationals." He described summer Shields sailing in Newport as "sailing with friends, against friends, in a very competitive fleet."

**Below: Making Sure the Paint Didn't get Scratched**



The turnout for the 58th edition of the championship was well above the norm for the nearly 60-year-old keelboat class, which was designed by Sparkman & Stephens in 1963 for Cornelius Shields of Larchmont, N.Y.; the Class held its first Nationals in 1965. In recent years, championship has typically attracted 15 to 24 boats.

Perhaps encouraged by the easing of the pandemic or the fun of competing in Newport, 14 teams trailered or borrowed boats for the regatta from Edgartown and Marion in Massachusetts; Greenwich, Connecticut; Larchmont, New York; Oxford, Maryland; and Monterey, California.



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They were welcomed by 20 local boats from Newport's Fleet 9, which has increased in size from the low 20s to the low 30s since the beginning of the pandemic and routinely draws 25 boats to the starting line on Wednesday nights.

Ida Lewis race committee PRO Peter Gerard felt the fleet was outgrowing the available course areas inside Narragansett Bay and elected to stage the racing in the open but choppiest waters of Rhode Island Sound, which also featured a southeasterly storm swell. The starting lines for the 30-foot keelboats were a quarter-mile-long and the upwind legs were close to 1.5 miles—challenging conditions for both locals and visitors.



### Allie Gray Waits for the Breeze

With Newport boats winning the podium positions, the top finisher among all the travelers was two-time national champ Bill Berry in seventh place, followed by Shields class president Ken Deyett's Bit~O~Honey in 13th. Both sail in Fleet 10 in Marion, Massachusetts, which will host the 59th Nationals on the breezy, choppy and tide-swept waters of Buzzards Bay next year.

Winners of 2022 event awards included the Sparkman & Stephens Concourse Award to Tom McManus' Circe (Greenwich, Conn.), the Moore Trophy for top Senior Skipper to Mike Toppa (Bomba Charger, Newport), Junior Skipper Award to Grace Adams (Meander, Newport), and Gordon Benjamin Memorial Newcomer Award to Lindsey Turowski (Sirene, Newport).



The Shields Class's National Regatta dubious achievement award, the Take A Bow Trophy, is a mounted bow section of a Shields that takes two people to lift, and this year it was awarded to Class VP Ron Oard (Glorry 158) for sailing too far by the lee at the downwind mark and tossing his mainsheet trimmer overboard.

Fortunately, as Mitch Kempisty recounted at the awards ceremony, despite being 40 feet behind the boat, he held onto the sheet. Kempisty's day job is as a rescue swimmer for the Navy and he used his training to good effect. He trimmed the main in at the appropriate time, then swam faster than the boat and "levitated" himself back aboard. "We didn't lose a place," he said. But his skipper got the trophy!

## Awards

# 2022 Shields National Champs - Apollo 11

Dale Harper, Geordie Shaver, Jon Howland, Danny Green, Joe Bardenheier





**Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize**  
**John Burnham/Reed Baer - Grace #107**



**Gordon L. Benjamin Memorial Newcomer Award**  
**Lindsey Turowski - Sirene #169**





# Take-A-Bow Trophy - Glory #158

Ron Oard, John Erhard, Doug Hancher,  
Mitch Kempisty, Tony Seda



# Sparkman Stephens Concourse Award

Circe #207 Tom McManus





# 2023 Shields Class Racing Events



Shields Winter Series  
Hosted by Fleet 22 at Daniel Island Yacht Club, SC  
Click on Each Event for More Details

[Shields Midwinter Championship March 22 - 26](#)  
[Charleston Race Week April 20 - 23](#)

Shields Winter Series will be scored as the Shields Midwinter Championship and Charleston Race Week. Bring your boat to South Carolina in March and race the Midwinter Championship and leave it there to race the Charleston Race Week in April



New York Yacht Club  
[169th Annual Regatta](#)  
Newport, RI June 6-9

North America's oldest annual regatta will feature three great days of racing including the separately scored Around-the-Island Race on Friday, June 9. Competition will take place in ORC, PHRF and one-design classes, as well as for classic yachts and multihulls.

The Edgartown Yacht Club 100th Annual Regatta  
July 14-16 - Also the 2023 Northeastern Shields Championships

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# BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

BY ERIC ANDERSON

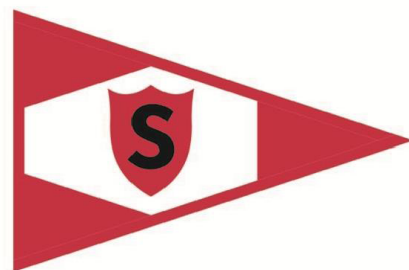


As the Shields Class Foundation concludes its second full year, let me offer a very sincere Thank You from the Board of Directors and also on behalf of the many young sailors who have benefitted from your collective generosity.

## **In the Beginning**

The seeds for the SCF were sown in early 2017, when a few owners were lamenting the rather lengthy menu of hulls posted under the "Shields for Sale" section on the class website. This outsized registry of available boats, lower participation at recent Nationals, dwindling numbers in fleet races, and the increasing difficulty of attracting new members to the class amidst the backdrop of so many alternative OD classes; not to mention non-sailing recreational outlets, painted an uncertain future. The idea was to create the framework for the Shields Class to continue, and possibly thrive. Private ownership of our boats will continue to be the preferred model. Partnerships have been around for years. Finally, club ownership is a concept that has recently emerged at Fleet 22 in Daniel Island. However, an additional and critically needed category for keeping every existing Shields viable was still lacking. Too many of us personally witnessed Shields that crossed the border into Canada, were stockpiled as "parts donors" in boat yards, hulls which existed in the jurisdiction of a local fleet but had deteriorated from neglect or prolonged non-use, or those which simply just vanished. We wanted to do on a large scale what had been done for years by many class members locally.

# SHIELDS CLASS FOUNDATION



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### **Old? No, we identify as “Experienced”**

The most recent sail number produced at CCSB is #259. With such a small universe of boats, it is critical that we get each of these boats racing in one of our fleets. Enter the Shields Class Foundation. Our official mission statement can be viewed at our website <https://shieldsclassfoundation.org>, but for simplicity’s sake you might just know us the “Shields Owner of Last Resort”. Maybe we are the ASPCA of the classic yachting world...

### **Grit Personified**

Getting a non-profit board assembled can be a giant challenge. Finding concerned individuals to jump right in and work is typically a daunting task. For the SCF, however, this was a non-issue. Four passionate Shieldsmen were invited to join the board. Each accepted this offer without hesitation and immediately contributed numerous volunteer hours, not to mention personal funds. In fact, they were our original donors. Our first meeting was an unstructured brainstorming affair. We realized how little we knew about the task at hand, while recommitting to the undertaking. Early on we knew the big majority of our fundraising would come from the owners and crews from within the class. This seemed a bit limiting, given our relatively small community. In retrospect, what we lacked in numbers we made up with generosity. Our donors proved to every bit as passionate as the board. Recall that we are a group of guys and gals who hank on the jib each race, trailer and personally launch these 3500 lb. babies, rebuild winches, fair the bottom as needed. This salty crew known as the Shields Class and sometimes called the Finest One-Design Class has come through big time.

### **The Grinch Delivered Christmas**

This past September in Newport had already proven to be a very good week of fund raising for the SCF. Our North Jib Giveaway, a season-long campaign, had been very lucrative with a freshened breeze during the evening social events throughout the week. Dan Goodwin, longtime competitor and current Class Measurer, brought with him five



beautiful out of print, but new in condition books featuring vintage photos and stories of Shields. This serendipitous occurrence raised over \$2,000 for the SCF. Dan proved to be a “Good Win” for our 2022 fund raising. **Photo: Jon McClean is Drawn as Jib Winner, but in True Corinthian Form Re-Gifts to Fleet Colleague Ron Oard, Ted Slee, Sr. on Right**



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## Here Comes the Fleet

The Foundation received our first boat donation from Paul Massey of Larchmont. Alice #183 is now at Mattapoissett Boat Yard, getting some upgrades to be ready to race this season. Last month, the SCF added a second boat, Tiburon #191 out west in Monterey. We are currently evaluating leads on another 1 or 2 boats for addition. Beyond supporting our mission statement **...the introduction and education of new youth and adult sailors to Shields Class sailing everywhere**, these boats are planned for use at national regattas to help broaden the available pool of good-conditioned boats as loaners or spares. Consequently, we actively solicit cash and equipment donations to continue the momentum into 2023. **Below: Thank You, Pete Schott for the Generous \$500 Gift**

## Job Openings

The Foundation's bylaws allow for two more members on our Board of Directors than we currently have seated. If you share our enthusiasm about Shields, if you are not afraid to work and to meet monthly via Zoom, if you have been told you have a persuasive personality, and if you would say "Yes" when I call to offer this opportunity, then I am interested in hearing from you. Other needs we currently have include: a volunteer grant writer and a communications savvy influencer to increase our visibility on social media.

## Administratively Speaking

We have been generously endowed in our brief history. There have been \$50 donors and some who have given much more. Each donation is greatly appreciated. If you have made a gift to the to SCF and cannot find your receipt and desire one for tax filing season, please contact us at [info@shieldsclassfoundation.org](mailto:info@shieldsclassfoundation.org). We will be sure reproduce the documentation from our records and send it your way.

## Ask and You Could Receive

We are currently accepting proposals from the fleets for this year. If you would like to receive a grant, please submit a written proposal as soon as practical. We hope to have all 2023 awards made by April 1. Please include what you want to receive. This could be money, a boat, equipment, travel expenses, a combination, or something else entirely. Be specific and make sure your request is consistent with our mission statement. We are motivated to say "Yes". We want to put our resources to good use and make an impact in every fleet.

## Scan the QR to Donate



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## The Fleet Beat

### Fleet 3 Chicago Yacht Club by Michael Schwartz



The CYC clubhouse barge has served our yachting community and most particularly our one-design racers for over 100 years. The current footprint (50x100') and height are governed by rules of the Chicago Park District who is our lessor.

Construction of an all-new facility commenced in 2022. As was the case with our sailing school barge, all construction occurs off site. The Park District allows no construction within the harbor so all work must be completed prior to towing in the new facility. We've got to get it right the first time. All work is being done at a shipyard in Grandview, Indiana on the Ohio River. **Above: The Barge**

The most significant design change will allow members a better panoramic view in the near future. the lake & harbor when dining or relaxing at the club. Of course, Race Committee facilities, member storage and lockers will all be expanded and upgraded.

Our contract calls for completion by April 29, 2023 although actual delivery to the harbor will be somewhat later. Still, the possibility of use for the 2023 season is EXCITING! Fleet 3 hopes to show off our new 'digs' to Shields racers in the near future.

### Fleet 7 Naval Postgraduate School Yacht Club by Garth Hobson



Fleet 7 currently has two boats. These are Delaplaine#139, donated by Janet McDaniel and Meritage#175 which was donated by Jerry Stratton.

The crew sizes and competitiveness varies from year to year depending on how many of the current active duty students have previous collegiate or club sailing experience. The current group has enjoyed good turnout and features a few seasoned skippers from the Naval Academy. Fleet 7 has represented at the most recent two national regattas

and there is hope for a third straight from this fleet.

**Skipper Molly Robertson and Crew in Newport**



## Fleet 9 Ida Lewis Yacht Club by Ron Oard

Glory wrapped up the season with a few Wednesday races and one weekend Aloha race after Shields Nationals in early September. We pulled the boat in October and put her away for the winter. It was a fun racing season, and we got our money's worth out of the great weather this summer and fall. We often raced 2-3 days a week with a 10-12 member crew pool between Tuesday racing with JYC, Wednesday One Design racing with Shields Fleet 9, and other Shields regattas on the weekends. Glory was recognized by taking second place in the JYC Tuesday Summer Series, and was also second in the season-long Shields Fleet 9 Weekend Championship which combined all the weekend Shields racing for the season. Yes, it helped to be out there for every race of every event! **Above Right: Ron Selling Rum for a Good Cause Below: Leeward Mark**



Shields Fleet 9 has also put together a racing schedule for the 2023 season. It includes a first ever mid-winters racing series with our new Shields fleet at Daniel Island, SC in March and April. Holdovers from last year's schedule include the NYYC Annual Regatta in June, the Winslow Regatta in July, and both the Classic Yacht Regatta and Shields Nationals (at Marion, MA) in September. With several crew departing, next year will see some fresh faces aboard Glory.

## Fleet 10 Beverly Yacht Club by Tom Evans

Fleet 10 had a great summer on the water. While not the largest, nor the one that traveled the farthest, unofficially it may be the fleet that traveled the most (with boats!).



The traveling season started with a trip to Newport to join Fleet 10 at the NYYC Annual regatta. This was a great chance to knock some dust off and see how well the tuning guides were dialed in. It was also a great reminder for some that different waters require different approaches. Something Aileen was able to sort out just before the last race, moving up in the ranks from an average 12 out of 12 to a 5th for that last finish. Good reminder to never give up as well! **Above: Aileen #223 Sailing Back From Edgartown**

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After more practicing in home waters, Fleet 10 sent boats to Edgartown to enjoy the hospitality of their sailors and the excellent work of their RC. 3 BYC boats enjoyed a lovely sail over, great weather on Martha's Vineyard with close racing in varied wind conditions. After race events were a highlight with the Edgartown Yacht Club doing their utmost to win "host of the year". To cap it all off we had and a picture perfect sail home. **Left: White Rabbit & Bit~O~Honey**



After returning and going through another tune up period in the waters off Sippican, the fleet headed out again to Newport for Nationals. This time the Grinch added to the fun, bringing the total number of BYC boats on the road to 4.

**Left: Aileen with 2030 Crew on Board** Frustrating weather did not dampen high spirits and Ida Lewis Yacht Club, with assistance from BYC's own Dan Goodwin made sure we all had a great time. Ken Deyett

continued to expand on his good work for the Shields Foundation. Luiza Burr and Clare Evans outlined why no one has a good excuse to skip coming to Marion for Nationals in 2023, and Rich Robbins, as always, mixed it up with some of the best out there.

However, the highlight of the summer occurred in local waters and was Fleet 10's 1st ever (and likely now annual) Shields Day. An entire day of racing dedicated to getting Shields on the line and introducing the class to members who haven't yet enjoyed this One Design legend of a boat. For the first time in a long time it was more than "just the regulars" and it was wonderful to see all those hulls out and racing together.

Following a stellar day on the course the fleet and guests headed to Gordi and Linda Goodwin's house for post race festivities on a day that was tailor made for it.

Get ready to do it all again. I hope many of you have followed the wisdom of Rich Robbins and finished your winter work before Thanksgiving so you can stay out of the shed this cold season and not be rushed come Spring.

Fleet 10 is already prepping for Nationals. Be sure to register early for housing, mooring and launch/haul accommodations. See the class website for details.

**Right: Burr Brothers Everything for Boats**





## Fleet 12 Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club by Jerry Stratton

Last year's racing was very close and competitive, particularly the Wednesday night Sunset Series. Stillwater #103 won the series comfortably; however, second place was hotly contested between Fireball#135, Charlotte#94 and Helen#257 finishing in that order. We averaged 10 boats on the line throughout the season and six boats recorded at least one win.

### **Right: Fireball#135 & Del Monte Beach in Background**

For the weekend One Design Series, Stillwater won both Spring and Summer Series to take the overall Season Championship. Tiburon#191 took second in Spring followed by October#96. In Summer October took second followed by Helen in third. October won the Fall Series after competing in Nationals in Newport. Stillwater took second followed by Charlotte in third. We only managed to get on average six boats during these series as, Yankee#187, Meritage#175 and Delaplaine#139 did not come out to play. There was a sighting of Medora#192 during the summer series. Hopefully she will be more active in 2023.



The fleet made their boats available, as borrowed boats for the Kelp Cup later in the year. I offered both of my boats, Helen and Harriet#161 for this Champion of Champions event. Stillwater drew Helen and were able to prevail over the other three fleets representing champions for the Santana-22, PHRF-A and PHRF-B fleets.

The fleet plans to host a few clinics next year, to increase fleet and club membership. The first one will be for beginner sailors showing them the basics of sailing and the second will be more advanced with more experienced crew rotating through positions on each boat during a race series.

### **Below Left: Tiburon and Stillwater Below Right: Helen Downwind**

As we ready our boats for the coming season our Fleet Measurer Garth Hobson is measuring every boat to ensure compliance with our Shields Class specifications. It always amazes me how these boats seem to flex a little as witnessed by the bi-annual measurements!



## Fleet 19

### Mason's Island Yacht Club

#### by Harry White

Memory returns to 1966 and an uprooted 19-year-old at Northwestern University on Lake Michigan. He was a thousand miles from his beloved Buzzards Bay without a university boat in sight—anywhere! This was the inauspicious start of the tale of two Shields.

Bereft of sailing at Northwestern, Harry (aka yours truly) asked how there could be no university boats on the very shores of Lake Michigan. After all, even in the 1950s, Northwestern students had for a few years sailed dinghies in Chicago's Belmont Harbor. And, in 1966, we now had self-righting dinghies, wearable PFDs and new VHF broadcasts of the sometimes blustery Lake Michigan weather.

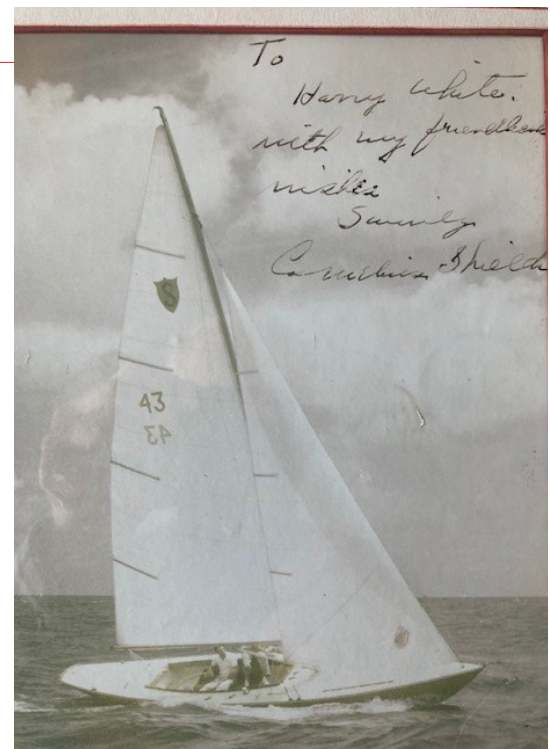
Harry girded himself to visit the Department of Physical Education and Recreation to protest the absence of sailing. Fifty-seven years later, it still seems like today that the avuncular Dr. Walter Gregg encouraged me, "Harry, here's \$50 why don't you see what you can do?" That spring, two friends and I did a lot: hundreds of posters, pro bono talks by Chicago area Olympians Bruce Kirby and Dick Stearns and 300 dues-paying members of the new and boatless Northwestern University Sailing Club.

By spring of 1968 on the Evanston campus, we had borrowed three Flying Juniors and a used crash boat, and had raised \$2000 for a garage and student-constructed launch ramp. We were in business including regular calls from the Head of Buildings & Grounds, "Harry, once more you have beer cans all around the boathouse - this is a disgrace and embarrassment." Obviously, he knew little about collegiate sailing. Editorial note: Evanston (dry at the time) Illinois- was birthplace of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

In the fall of my junior year, I answered the Sailing Club phone. The caller sounded frighteningly like an officious lawyer portending the end of beers and sailing at Northwestern. He asked, "Are you Harry White with the Northwestern University Sailing Club?" Gulp - Yes ... "I am calling from New York representing Mr. Cornelius Shields ..." The rest is happy history. **Above Right: Signed Photo To Harry from Corny Shields**

By spring of my senior year, our two Shields, Patsy and Emerald, sailed out of Belmont Harbor as flagships of our Evanston based 12-boat fleet. With Corny's wonderful gift, the University saw virtue in sailing and began work on a proper and permanent campus boathouse. Before long, the Shields in Chicago took root and took off, the Sailing Club in Evanston prospered and thousands of students and faculty became lifelong competitive and recreational sailors.

I was privileged to luncheon with Corny at the Chicago Yacht Club in 1970. "The gray fox of Long Island Sound" was a distinguished Wall Street banker, entrant and frequent winner in 8500 races and the founder of both Shields and International One Design classes. Enduring thanks to Corny Shields!





# Fleet 21

## Tred Avon Yacht Club

### by Harry Seamans

It was a mixed year as some weeks we would have five to six boats out and other weeks we were glad to have three. All in all, we had a good competitive season. Our High Point winner this year was Mike Rajacich and sons new owners of #180 (MARTIN) and close in second place Rick Vicens of (MERLIN) #149. Both these boats made it to Nationals and I will leave it up to them to share how much they enjoyed the competition on the Narraganset Bay and outside in the Atlantic.



### Merlin's Nationals Journal Follows



1. Our Merlin (#149) Team – RJ Cooper -Skipper/tactician/teacher; Gabie Vicens – main trim/kite; Carroll Vicens-Jib/kite; Rick Vicens- bow/life jacket wearer.
2. Our Newport Host – TAYC member Stephanie McClennan was our gracious host and number 1 booster. She even hosted Jay Dayton for a business trip that miraculously happened to coincide with a Shields Treasurer's presentation.
3. Practice Day – Our team is known for the practice day, as last year's Oxford Nationals demonstrated; we still have the blue hull paint on our racing spinnaker. This year, Narraganset bay was an absolute washing machine, but maybe that's to be expected. We were short one team member, so it looked like we were just practicing starts (haha). No big deal until the skipper wanted to raise the kite for 'practice reps' but, just like Oxford, the Spinnaker had other ideas. After 3-5 failed attempts (and multiple expletives from some who rarely curse and me) it was called off. At the mooring, it was discovered the one of the jib hanks had come off the forestay and was attached to the kite sheet. Don't worry, tomorrow is race day.
4. Competitors Meeting – not much to report here, other than instead of racing in Narragansett Bay we were going 'Outside'. When asked what that meant, the answer was Atlantic Ocean. And probably all 3 days...in a Shields. Sleep tight.
5. Racing – Despite rough expectations, racing in the Rhode Island Sound was a special experience. It was a long haul to get out there, but absolutely breathtaking! We had a great 3 days. Conditions were variable, as we experience at home. There was some major competition, including professional sailors (in an amateur race?) and, as to be expected, the windward and leeward marks were a complete nightmare.
6. Newport/ILYC – first time for 3 of the team visiting town; it is a phenomenal town! Ida Lewis Yacht Club was an ALL STAR host, conducting a very smooth operation all around. What a beautiful spot with fantastic membership.
7. Food – ILYC brought in absolute killer food, wow!



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## Comments from Mike Rajacich, Skipper of Martin #180

We had a great trip to Newport for Shields Nationals. The drive up was scarier than any of the sailing we did. Conditions were all over the spectrum from light and variable to fresh ocean breeze.

Martin #180 finished 18th overall and our best race placed 5th which we are proud of. The race was very technical and on the last downwind leg we jibed at least 15 times passing many boats.

The Ida Lewis Yacht Club did a wonderful job hosting the event and we are greatly looking forward to next years Nationals in Marion.



## Fleet 22 Daniel Island Yacht Club by Joel Bays



Daniel Island Yacht Club is paving the way for Winter Shields sailing. Mark your calendars, March 22-26, Daniel Island Yacht Club will be hosting The Shields Midwinters Championship. Last spring, Fleet 22 became the newest and most southern Shields Fleet. The birth of our Fleet was inspired by Ted Boylan, the founder of Daniel Island Yacht Club in Charleston, SC. Ted found the Shield's beauty and competitiveness to be a perfect One Design Fleet for Charleston.

### Our Boats

We currently have 3 Shields, which will be used to stir excitement within our membership and encourage boat ownership. Within the last year the club purchased #82 Latitude, #53 Longitude, #18 Meridian. All of our Shields are beautifully refurbished by Jens Lange at his shop in Bristol, RI. In April, the first completed boat, #82 Latitude, was graciously towed south by Ken Deyett with help from the Shields Foundation. The second completed boat, #18 Meridian, arrived this month and is ready to be splashed. The third boat is scheduled to arrive in February. **Above: President Ken Tests the Waters in SC**



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Our hope is that Daniel Island Yacht Club will be a premier winter venue, extending the existing season. March 22-26th we will be hosting our Girst regatta, Shields Midwinter Championship. Our goal is to have 10 boats registered which would allow the Shields to participate in Charleston Race Week. Participating teams will be given free launching and mooring between the events. We believe in the importance of getting youth sailors on keelboats. In both events, the Club will be reserving a boat for the College of Charleston Sailing Team. During the summer, we plan to have one of our Shields live on a mooring in Newport. This would allow our Fleet participate in various races leading up to Nationals. **Left: Changes in "Latitude"**  
**Below Left: Facility Tour Right: Burgee Bottom: DIYC**







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### **To the 2022 National Championship Regatta**

*They came from the Vineyard and Chesapeake Bay  
From Long Island Sound and Old Monterey  
Cape Cod and Charleston entered the fray  
All with great hopes to rule the day  
When the last race was scored and the last rum was slayed  
The champs were the chaps from Narragansett Bay  
Apollo 11, what a display!  
You were salty and skillful; you had cachet  
Newport, we love you, we wish we could stay  
And a toast to our host, warmest thanks...Ted Slee*

