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2016 Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup BEVERLY YACHT CLUB – JUNE 17-19

The races for the 2016 Shields Ocean–Great Lakes Challenge Cup (the Cup) will be held from Friday, June 17, 2016 to Sunday, June 19, 2016 in Marion, MA. Fleet 10 and the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC) are pleased to host this year's event.

The Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup was first offered by the Chicago Yacht Club in 1915 to encourage competition between their club and east coast yacht clubs. The first club to accept the challenge was Indian Harbor Yacht Club (IHYC) of Greenwich, CT. Addison Hahan skippered the P Class yacht, *Josephine*, to victory for IHYC and the Cup went to Greenwich. In 1946, at the suggestion of IHYC, the competition was reinstated using Luders L-16's and continued for eight years.

In 2014 the Challenge Cup was revived by the Chicago's Fleet 3 using Shields and included crews from both coasts and the Great Lakes. Contested on Lake Michigan, Monterey's Fleet 12 won the first Shields Challenge Cup, bringing the event to the Pacific Ocean in 2015. Fleet 10's crew was victorious last year in Monterey Bay and shall host this June's Challenge Cup in Marion, MA.



Beverly Yacht Club

Photo Credit: Bryan McSweeney

The venue for this event is ideal for Shields racing. On most days by early afternoon the wind is blowing 12-18 knots from the southwest. The starting area is a fairly short 30-minute sail from the Marion harbor mooring field, and the course will be far enough out into Buzzards Bay to minimize any advantage from local knowledge. The Beverly Yacht Club regularly runs major sailing events and National Championships. BYC has a well-equipped Race Committee boat and several mark and safety boats with experienced operators. The Beverly Yacht Club also has several U.S. Sailing certified Race Officers and Judges, some of whom will serve on the race and protest committees.

For details of this event, please visit the Shields Class website and/or talk with your fleet captain.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I continue to be amazed at the level of passion and energy displayed by Shields sailors. Shortly after assuming this job, and to my surprise, I began to receive communication from Shields sailors from around the class inquiring on a variety of topics. Some had questions, others offered advice and some just wanted to introduce themselves. The common thread among them all – they were passionate about Shields. It is personally reassuring and collectively necessary that so many of our owners and crews share this energy. Our boats' sleek design and classic lines make them easy to admire, but this tapped into something much deeper. These phone conversations and email exchanges have assured me that our class, while small in numbers, is long on passion.

Early this year we received multiple outstanding proposals to host our 2018 National Regatta. It was flattering to get this level of interest in hosting, especially given the considerable amount of work required to make an event like this successful. After a few months of consideration and a thorough vetting of each, the decision was made to award our 2018 Regatta to Fleet 8 and the Edgartown Yacht Club.

The Ocean Great Lakes Challenge Cup in June provides a marquis Shields event to anchor the season's beginning. This is a fun format with each fleet represented by a single entry. Building on the momentum from our first two Challenge Cups, fleet bragging rights will be on the line this June in Buzzard's Bay. I am indebted to Chairs George Gardner and Richard Robbins who have worked very hard to make this a successful and enjoyable weekend.

In September the class heads to Monterey for the 52nd National Regatta. Early registration this year offers some rather significant and creative financial incentives. The class will offer a travel reimbursement of \$500 to the first 5 entrants who sign up to bring their boat. Likewise, Chairman Garth Hobson's Organizing Committee will offer an unprecedented additional \$1,000 travel reimbursement to the first five entrants bringing their boat. So if you are planning to attend and interested in racing in your own boat, please consider registering early.

In 2014 we staged a year-long celebration of Shields Class history, punctuated with the publication of the Shields book and the sublime Legends Regatta. 2016 is the Year of Fleet Building. I ask that each of you take inventory of how you can help your local fleet. Our fleets are where the racing occurs and the camaraderie exists. It's where the boats are owned and where the sailing skills are honed. It's where you can be involved in a protest hearing against your strongest rival by day and enjoy a drink at the bar with him that evening. Whether it's helping to find a buyer for a local boat, sharing your knowledge with a new owner, involving your club's junior sailors with fleet activities or helping a fleet mate with boat maintenance and rigging ideas, there is something you can do to reinvest in your fleet. The next fifty years of our class is dependent on the health and vitality of our fleets. The passion is there; you've told me so.

I look forward to seeing you in Marion this June and welcoming you to Monterey in the fall.

Eric Anderson
Shields Class President
#191 Tiburon



Photo Credit: Fran Grenon



*"So put me on a highway
And show me a sign.
Take it to the limit
One more time."
- The Eagles*



Jerry Stratton – Fleet Builder

Through the years each one of our fleets has faced challenging times where its very existence comes into question. Such is the way with fleets - and most other organizations. The issues can vary from one location to the next, but the solution is usually the same. In a word, commitment.

The early years of Shields Class history had its share of "Monterey Memories". We hosted two National Regattas and we boasted two local National Champions. The Naval Postgraduate School Fleet 7 was endowed with four boats through the philanthropy of Cornelius Shields. The yacht club's Fleet 12 and the military Fleet 7 enjoyed a famously mutually beneficial and vigorously competitive relationship. From its origins up through the 1980's the Shields fleets in Monterey were robust and growing. It was where the action was. Everyone wanted to be a Shields sailor.

But in the 90's and early 2000's there was a sea change. Reaching a high of 16 hulls in our heyday, those numbers began to wane along with the enthusiasm and energy it takes to sustain a high performing fleet. It didn't occur suddenly, but over time. Locally, regulations and antigrowth initiatives placed new burdens on waterfront development resulting in a typical 10 + year wait for berthing in our marina. Several of the boats were sold and taken elsewhere dropping the total to only eight. In 2007 the new commanding Admiral at the Naval Post Graduate School decided Shields Fleet 7 would be shuttered and the boats sold. Our smaller fleet was about to shrink even further.

Jerry Stratton campaigned a Santana 35 and a Santa Cruz 40 in his early sailing career at MPYC. After some time, he became disenchanted with the PHRF realities and came to appreciate the many benefits of one design racing. He became a co-owner of Shields #112, *Carol*. Within a short time, he was an outspoken and ardent supporter of the Shields Class. Like many of us, he was especially enamored with the sheer beauty of the boat and the elegant silhouette it cast on the horizon.

Against the backdrop of uncertainty and long odds, Jerry decided our Shields Fleet was worth saving and he committed to lead the campaign. A retired Army Special Forces Officer, he was not one to allow circumstances to temper his enthusiasm. It was obvious to many that Shields was the ideal one design class for our local waters. For starters, the area enjoys some of the best year-around sailing conditions anywhere. The boat's sturdy construction had held up well to the rigors of Monterey Bay through the years. The strict sail acquisition policy would help to hold down ongoing investment and the narrow beam of the Shields would allow them to be double-parked in a slip, helping to mitigate the local mooring challenges we faced.

Jerry approached the Navy and agreed to buy all four NPS boats. In short order he had gone from being a partner in a single Shields to taking title to #161 *Harriet*, #186 *Barbara*, #191 *Storm* and #192 *Medora*. He had saved the boats for the interim, but the trick was in finding long term sustainable owners and crews. The transaction was less about the financial considerations and more about the commitment. Each of these new Shields owners promised to maintain and campaign the boats or sell them back to Jerry.

In 2010 the UC Irvine Sailing Association announced they would replace their Shields fleet with more modern keel boats. Jerry bought the entire fleet and soon #94 *Charlotte*, #135 *Mabry*, #139 *Aileen*, #175 *Jean* and #209 *Kaweah* were brought in on trailers. Before long, the "Irvine Five" were placed with new owners. When Jerry sells a Shields it is less like a transaction and more of an interview; placing a premium on the passion, resolve and commitment of the prospective buyer.

Entering the 2011 season we now had boats and new owners, but still we needed to address one big item that plagues fleets everywhere – crew. More specifically the lack of it. Jerry was adamant about an initiative he named the Shields Clinic. Six years of persistently teaching Shields sailing to any interested parties created surplus of crew for all our boats and raised awareness of Shields racing within the community; attracting new

members to our yacht club and new owners of Shields.

To celebrate the awarding of the 2016 National Regatta to Monterey, Jerry bought #257 *Helen* from Seawanhaka and brought her out for the 2015 racing season. As Jerry put it, "just to add one more."



Jerry and crew on *Carol* #112

As a class we have benefitted from transformative personalities who have made outsized contributions for the sustainment and improvement of Shields sailing. We have done a commendable job celebrating our racing champions and telling their stories. The stories less frequently told are those of committed Shields sailors in every fleet who selflessly work for our mutual enjoyment. These are sailors who willingly commit their time, knowledge and even financial resources for the benefit of others and the sustainment of the fleet; guys like Jerry Stratton, Monterey's Fleet Builder.



Stratton aboard #257 Helen
Photo Credit: Brittany Carlson



COMMODORE'S WELCOME

On behalf of the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, I would like to welcome the Shields racers and their support teams to the beautiful Monterey Peninsula! Our Club is excited to be hosting your national competition, and with one of the most exquisite coastlines in the country, we are sure your racing will be long remembered.

The Monterey Peninsula holds a very historic place in California history, settled first by the Spanish and then the Yankees from the east coast. With its wide, deep bay that shelters from all but the worst storms, Monterey has been a perfect anchorage when transiting the California coast. Monterey was the first Spanish capital of Alta California. After the Mexican War, California became part of the United States, the Gold Rush occurred, and the rest is, as they say, history.

There are so many great things to do on the Peninsula, you may not have time to race! The Monterey Bay Aquarium is open every day for those who would like to experience this local treasure. A stroll down Cannery Row past the Aquarium will bring you to Doc Rickett's Lab, from John Steinbeck's famous books. Point Lobos and Big Sur are a short drive for those who would like to walk on the California coast or in the majestic redwoods. And the beaches are always open for a walk or a forage among the tide pools.

Please consider yourself welcome at our Club while you are here on the Peninsula. We are located right on the water in the Monterey Marina. We look forward to meeting all the racers and teams in September!

Fair winds,

David Duncan
Commodore
Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club





**2016
NATIONAL
REGATTA
SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS**



Dick Clark celebrating 1975 National Championship

2016 National Regatta Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	Early Registration 1530-1800	Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28	1000-1800 1400 1800-2100 1900-1945	Registration 1st Warning Signal - practice race Welcome Reception and dinner Shields Class Annual Meeting
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	0930 1130 1830	MPYC and VHF Channel 1st Warning Signal of the day Casual dinner Monterey State Historical Park
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30	0930 1130 After Racing	MPYC and VHF Channel 1st Warning Signal of the day Class "Get Together" Dinner on your own Location TBA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1	0930 1130 1500 1800	MPYC and VHF Channel 1st Warning Signal of the day No Warning Signal after this time Dinner and Awards Ferrantes Bayview Ballroom



#103 Stillwater and #175 Meritage in Twilight
Photo Credit: David Royal – Monterey Herald



Team Rolly #209
Photo Credit: Inter Western Sales

Monterey Bay Sailing Conditions

Wind Direction

The prevailing autumn breeze is from the west to the northwest from 10 – 20 knots in the afternoons. The direction is more northerly in the mornings, swinging westward during the course of the day. The exception to this situation is a local southerly condition, where the wind blows straight out of the harbor area in the direction of Moss Landing. Depending on the strength of this condition, light and variable breezes may result as the southerly counters the prevailing breeze. A strong (15-25 kt) short-period oscillating southerly may establish itself. Signals for the latter condition are dense fog shrouding the ridge behind Monterey and bright sunshine over the bay.

Geographical Influences

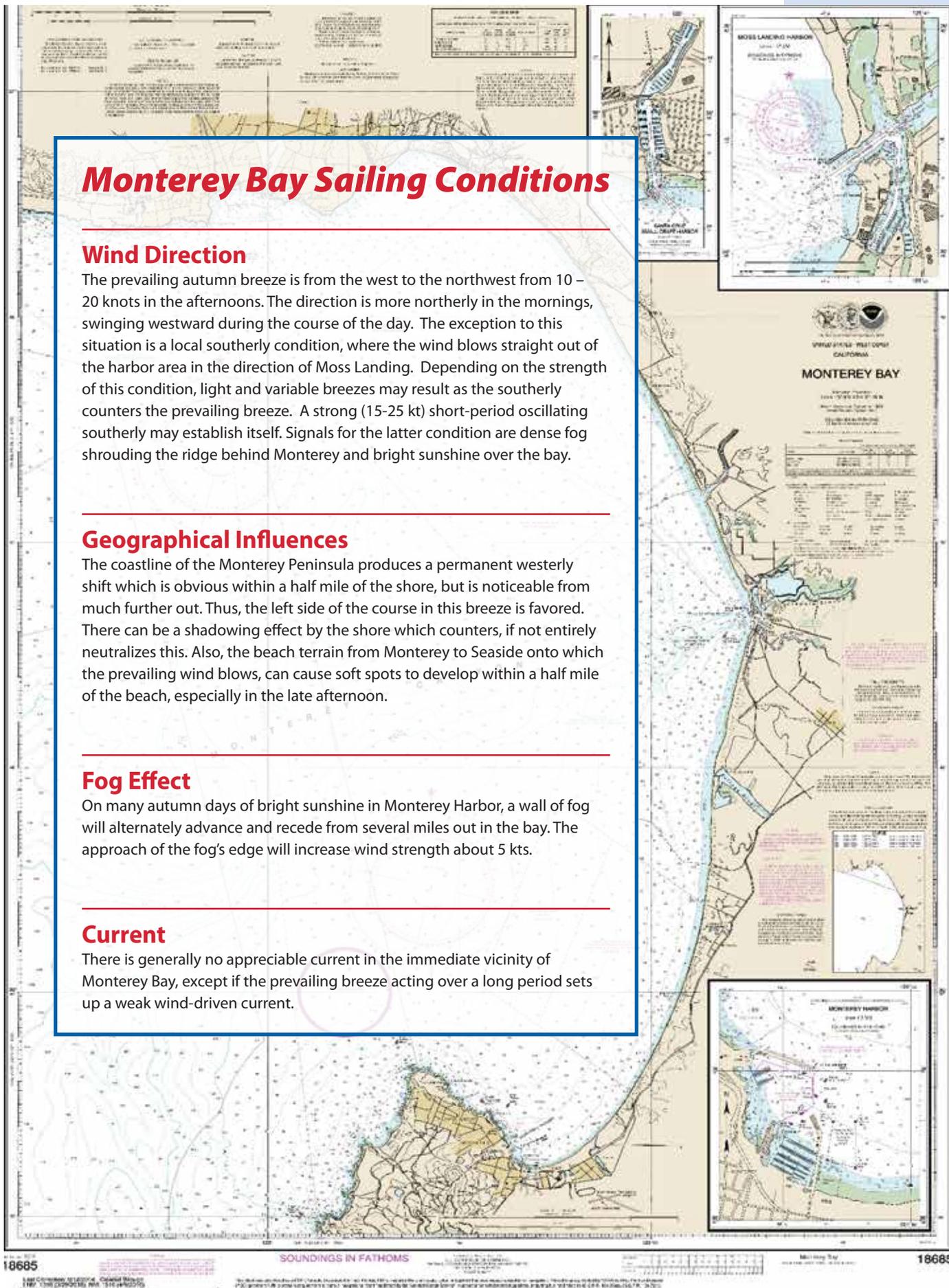
The coastline of the Monterey Peninsula produces a permanent westerly shift which is obvious within a half mile of the shore, but is noticeable from much further out. Thus, the left side of the course in this breeze is favored. There can be a shadowing effect by the shore which counters, if not entirely neutralizes this. Also, the beach terrain from Monterey to Seaside onto which the prevailing wind blows, can cause soft spots to develop within a half mile of the beach, especially in the late afternoon.

Fog Effect

On many autumn days of bright sunshine in Monterey Harbor, a wall of fog will alternately advance and recede from several miles out in the bay. The approach of the fog's edge will increase wind strength about 5 kts.

Current

There is generally no appreciable current in the immediate vicinity of Monterey Bay, except if the prevailing breeze acting over a long period sets up a weak wind-driven current.



FLEET NEWS

■ FLEET 1

LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB, LARCHMONT, NY

Spring seems to come and go this year, but one thing that is certain is Fleet One is excited to be gearing up for the season ahead.



**Fred Werblow and Crew
Season Champs**

This year, we are particularly pleased to welcome newcomers Ed Briganti and Pat Johnson to the Fleet. Ed and Pat are joining Pete Saladino as co-owners of #231, *Mermaid*, and we are expecting great things from this new team! On the racing front, the big question is who will, or who can, get in front of the evergreen Fred Werblow and his team in #25, *Checkmate*, who won the 2015 Season in style.

The racing program this year will be as busy as ever, with 22 days of weekend racing, and we're also planning to continue with more casual Wednesday night racing under the leadership of Dual Macintyre. The season kicks off with the Memorial Day Regatta on May 28th and 29th, and continues right through to October 10th. As always, we're looking forward to Larchmont Race Week, which will be held over the two weekends of July 16/17 and 23/24. LYC will also be hosting the Western Long Island Sound Districts which, as last year, will be combined with the first weekend of Race Week. If you can, come and join us for one or both weekends!

Away from home, Fleet One is excited to be sending a team led by Justin Gibbons and Neil Meyer to Marion to compete in the Great Lakes Challenge Cup. We're also looking longingly at Monterey and figuring out how many teams and maybe even boats we can send out there.

Off the water, we will be kicking off the season with a cocktail party on Friday, May 6th to warm us up for the Memorial Day Regatta (let us know if you are in the area) and we are working on post-sailing events for later in the year.

We are all looking forward to the start of the season, and if you are anywhere near NYC this summer, give us a shout and come sailing with us!

Peter McWhinnie
#142 *Intime*

■ FLEET 3

CHICAGO YACHT CLUB, CHICAGO, IL

Shields Fleet 3 is looking forward to another great season of sailing as a part of Chicago Yacht Club's Racing Yacht Fleet. The fleet will be back at full strength this year and the level of competitiveness has never been better. Racing begins mid-May and extends into October, usually a beautiful time of year in Chicago. 2016 brings added excitement to the Chicago sailing community with the America's Cup



Chris Economos in #67 Trouble

World Series taking place here in June. While local OD racing will take a break that weekend we all look forward to a world-class event in our one-of-a-kind sailing venue.

■ FLEET 4

NO. MASSACHUSETTS BAY, MA

FIFTY

2016 marks the Northern Massachusetts Bay Fleet's fiftieth anniversary. The original Marblehead Fleet grew to twenty-five boats by 1976, three of which are with us still. The story of those early years is recounted in Gene Connolly's history which is available on the class website under history/articles on the home tab. 2016 is also the fifth anniversary of the Fleet 4 reboot as a distance fleet with five boats in three harbors spread out over 12 miles.

We're looking ahead to the Fiftieth Anniversary Crocker race on July 9th in Manchester when last year's grievous and manifest injustices will be avenged by that Eastern Point beauty now sporting her new mast.

2016 is also the fiftieth anniversary of my first sail in a Shields in college racing at Fort Schuyler with Peter Rugg at the helm. Who knew then that the hangover victim driving was destined to be a Shields Legend at the Larchmont fiftieth event, myself being similarly afflicted and confronted with those upside-down sheet winch handles?

Rick Gibson
#195 *Ariel*

■ FLEETS 7 AND 12

MONTEREY PENINSULA YACHT CLUB, CA

Things are well underway for Monterey Fleets 7 and 12 already. The offseason has been busy for everyone as we continue our final preparations for hosting this year's National Regatta. Our skippers and crews have been busy from the organizational side and also getting the boats ready for sailing.

Our first race of the year, the annual Tune Up Race, was held on February 7th. Ashley Hobson on #103 *Stillwater* was this year's winner. After 4 races in our Spring Series, the leaders are 1) Pakhtun Shah, #209 *Rolly*, 2) Michael Polkabra, #187 *Yankee* and 3) Dino Pick, #96 *October*.

FLEET NEWS

April 8th was Bob Furney Night at MPYC. Colonel Robert Furney, a combat decorated U.S. Army Aviator, spent 30 years in service to our country. He has spent the last 30 years in service to our fleet. Bob was honored at a dinner to celebrate his distinction as the longest tenured Shieldsman in our fleet's history. An impressive crowd turned out for this memorable evening where most everyone had a favorite story about Bob (ranging from the flattering to the dubious) to share. While we will no longer see Bob at the helm of #187 *Yankee*, we will continue to benefit from his leadership, his friendship and his good humor around the club on Wednesday nights. Michael Polkabla is the new owner of *Yankee*.



Becky Brock and Crew on #186 Barbara

In early April we held our Shields Introduction Clinic. 19 students signed up for this program which included classroom learning and on-the water instruction. Maintaining a tradition we began in 2011, six skippers and crew showed up to support this great event.

Eric Anderson
#191 *Tiburon*

■ FLEET 8

EDGARTOWN YACHT CLUB, MA

Martha's Vineyard is beginning to thaw and Fleet 8 is ready to get back on the water. We are expecting 8 boats on the line for our July and August series and we are hoping for a repeat of the fantastic sailing conditions we enjoyed last season. Please join us this summer for our annual regatta or one of the many other sailing events held at the Edgartown Yacht Club.



#230 Bolero II at the Vineyard

Fleet 8 and the Edgartown Yacht Club are very excited to have been chosen as the hosts of the National Regatta Championship in September 2018. 2004 was the last time Nationals were held in Edgartown and there were 29 boats on the line. September has perhaps the best sailing conditions of the year on the Vineyard. We hope you can start making plans now for 2018.

Ian Smith
#230 *Bolero II*

■ FLEET 9

NEWPORT, RI

The 2016 Season is fast approaching and Fleet 9 will begin racing in less than a month! We are very happy that we don't have to dig our boats out this year! The opening meeting/party is scheduled for April 20th, with racing to start May 11th. Scheduled are a spring/ summer/fall Wednesday series and three Friday Aloha Cup racing series. Our racing schedule will give our local racers a chance to race in twenty-one Wednesday night and up to twelve Aloha Cup races.

Registration is expected to be around 32 boats. We welcome George Anderson and #80 back to the Fleet after a year off. Sean Cassidy purchased #201 at the end of last season and Chris Ringdal purchased #169 and spent the winter restoring her. We welcome these new additions to the fleet and expect we might get a few more for the 2016 season.

As in past years, Fleet 9 is indebted to the Ida Lewis Yacht Club and its Race Committee. Race Committee Chair John Horton held a meeting with RC principals including PRO Robin Wallace and boat skippers last fall to discuss the 2015 season. We use this to review the season and work on ways to keep the sailing fun, competitive and safe.

At our Annual Awards Dinner on October 21st, we recognized the many individual race winners, Aloha Cup overall winner Bill Shore and the Best Overall for Wednesday to Jamie Hilton. The fleet also recognized the crew of *Maverick* on winning the 2015 Nationals.

The 2016 Season will have Ted Slee as Fleet Captain, Tom Rich Exec Director, Ron Oard Treasurer, Kurt Edenbach Secretary and Bill Doyle Director at Large. Mike Vellucci is the Measurer and Tim Healy is our Sail Measurer.

Ted Slee
#33 *Maverick*

■ FLEET 10

BEVERLY YACHT CLUB, MARION, MA

Although we are well into spring, yesterday delivered an unwanted dose of snow and today the temperature is 28 degrees. Our Fleet 10 Spring Meeting is coming up this weekend and this should



**Bill Shore
Aloha Cup Winner 2015**

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get our heads back in the right frame of mind. We had a very successful party last fall, and this demonstrated the depth and enthusiasm of our fleet as well as interest from newcomers.

This summer we have two new Shields joining the fleet while another Shields is being significantly upgraded, and one that took a few years off is back, so our competitive situation looks strong.

Our summer schedule is busy with hosting the Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup June 17-19 and having the Buzzards Bay Regatta in Marion August 5-7. Our fleet racing will start Memorial Day weekend on Saturday afternoons and Thursday evenings. The end of season will be Labor Day, but we are looking into some extension of the season. We will be represented at the Edgartown Regatta and Monterey Nationals. We're looking forward to another great year in Marion.

Bill Berry
#238 *Syrinx*

■ FLEET 17

COASTER'S HARBOR NAVY YACHT CLUB,
NEWPORT, RI



Crew of #158 *Glory*

Fleet 17 members have four boats ready to launch for the season and three of them will be racing with Fleet 9. We have had significant attrition as three skippers from last several years have decided not to race this season. We welcome one new skipper, LCDR Kevin Killeen, who is stationed at the Surface Warfare Officers School.

Wednesday racing with Shields Fleet 9 begins May 11th, and the boats should be in the water by mid-April. Fleet 17's annual George Winslow Regatta is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd, and we look forward to a big turnout from both Fleet 17 and Fleet 9 for this event.

Many have asked about the fate of Shields #15 *Icea*. It was finally found by the Navy last summer, but the depth of water (over 120') and heavy current was too challenging for recovery efforts. After several attempts they decided raising the boat was impractical.

Fleet 17 welcomes all active-duty military personnel who race in the Newport area to get involved, as the fleet of boats was donated by Cornelius Shields and John Nicholas Brown in the 1960s with this purpose in mind.

Ron Oard
#158 *Glory*

■ FLEET 19

MASON'S ISLAND YACHT CLUB, MYSTIC, CT

This April cold snap has in no way diminished our excitement as we anticipate the upcoming racing season. Covers are coming off and the preseason work has begun. There is added excitement due to preparation forming a crew to go to the Nationals in Monterey. I traveled to Monterey this past fall, had a drink with Eric Anderson at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club and went whale watching on beautiful Monterey Bay where the Nationals will be held. I personally look forward to sailing on the Bay this fall.

We have started preparing for the 2017 Nationals to be hosted by Masons Island Yacht Club in the beautiful waters of Fishers Island Sound and Eastern Long Island Sound. Please mark your calendars for September 20-23, 2017 and stay tuned for further information.

Fleet 19 is fortunate to be the recipient of a Shields sailboat. A member of Masons Island Yacht Club has generously donated the boat in memory of his father. It is his intention for the boat to be sailed and raced by MIYC sailors. Having a rather small fleet we are fortunate to get 100% participation in our Thursday series. This year we hope to have 8 boats on the starting line. It has become a tradition for MIYC members to be entertained by exciting sailboat races as they enjoy their picnic dinners. Hopefully we will provide many close finishes in front of the clubhouse.

Al Burnett
#114 *Sophie*

■ FLEET 20

CSULB SAILING ASSOCIATION, LONG
BEACH, CA



Fleet 20's *Karen*

With the exception of a few weeks in January, Fleet 20 in Long Beach, California has been sailing nonstop in 2016. El Niño has created some unusual weather patterns, but our Shields are getting regular weekly use as we train new students and racers.

Unfortunately, our annual spring break sail to Catalina Island was canceled due to heavy winds in San Pedro Bay the last week of March.

The racing event for 2016 has been the annual Southern California Midwinter Regatta in February. Our Shields team finished in 2nd place in PHRF group D, winning one of four races. Summer is around the corner and our race schedule heats up in May.

Mike Fratantoro

■ FLEET 21

TRED AVON YACHT CLUB, OXFORD, MD

We have all made it through the winter and spring sailing will soon be starting. Our first scheduled race is April 23rd. Hopefully we will have six to seven boats on the starting line. The weather hasn't been the best to be getting the fleet up and we hope things will improve. We had our spring meeting to get our race schedule straight on February 18th and had a very good turnout of skippers. We have two boats that may be competing this year in the Nationals in California. Jay Dayton is planning on

making a trip out there sometime soon to check things out and do some sailing with the Monterey, California Fleet 7.

2016 SHIELDS RACE SCHEDULE

Spring Series	April 24, May 1,15
Late Spring Series	June 5, 12, 26
Oxford Regatta	August 13,14
Heritage Regatta	August 27, 28
Club Championship Finale	Sept 10
Fall Series	Sept 18, 25, Oct 2

Harry Seemans
#110 Liberty

FLEET NEWS



We are delighted to announce that the first run of anodized Shields masts is well under way. For the first time we are offering Shields masts with an anodized finish. Especially if you are sailing/racing in salt water, an anodized extrusion will help the spar last longer. A little history: Corny insisted that my Grandfather not anodize in order to keep the costs down. Through the years we provided various lacquered finishes on the Shields mast, but the brands of lacquer would always be discontinued. Today, it's difficult to keep stock here on Buzzards Bay as the salt air rapidly alters bare tubes, so if you are sick of dealing with touch ups on your painted mast or if you are ready to upgrade, feel free to inquire. Sorry Corny, but it's been over 50 years and I think the time has come.

Wendy Goodwin,
Cape Cod Shipbuilding



Folding Your One-Design Sail for Shipment

By: Randy Shore, Quantum Newport

Occasionally circumstances force a sailor to ship sails to a regatta when they cannot be transported within the boat. When this happens, you have to figure out how to box them up and place them in the hands of a common carrier. Hopefully, this article can make that task seem a little less daunting.

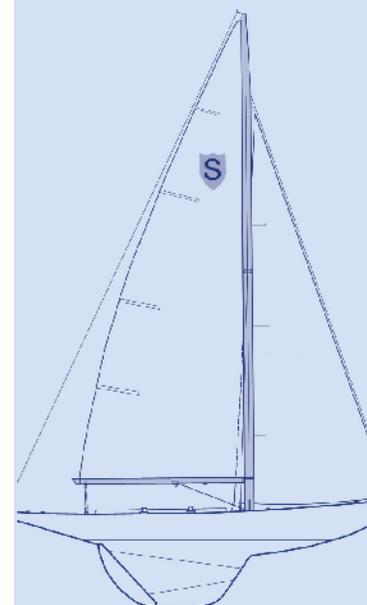
Even when shipping sails professionally, we don't fold the sails until we know the type of box we plan to use. Obviously, you need to use some judgment to make sure it is big enough, but the rule of thumb is: the longer and more tube like the box, the better. It's easy to get distracted when planning the folds and forget to tape the bottom of the box, so do that first!

The maximum size guidelines for selecting a box for UPS and FedEx are as follows: Max length: 108". Max Length + Girth (tape measure wrapped around the box): 165"

There are two ways to fold a sail. The standard "brick method," and what sail-makers call a "tri-fold and roll method." The latter's advantage puts fewer creases in your sail, although the creases may be deeper. The "brick method" lends itself well to fitting multiple sails into a box. With any method you use, the trick is to fold the sails immediately before you ship them, and unpack and unfold them as soon as they arrive; this minimizes harmful creasing. The less time a sail spends folded; the quicker the creases shake out.



Visit the 2016 National Regatta Website <http://shields.mpyc.org/regatta-information/sail-shipment/> to read the full article and view all the photos for folding and shipping sails.



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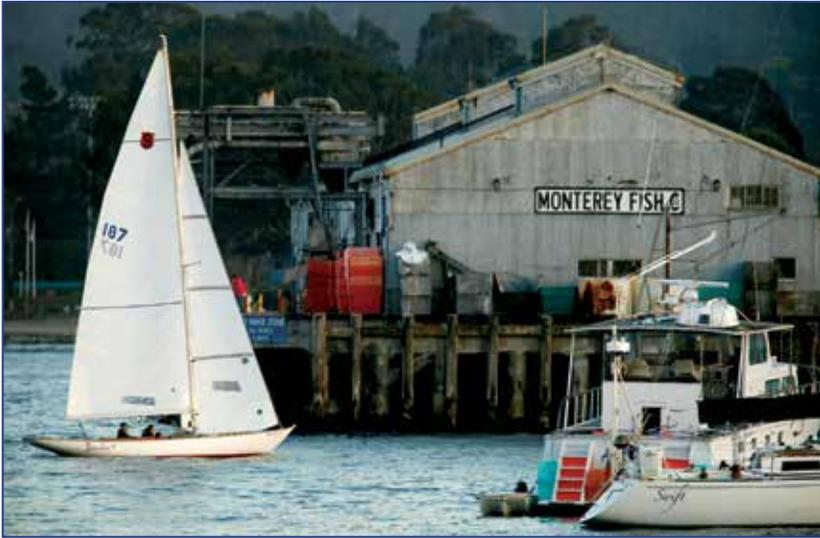
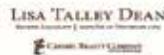


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