

Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 5-12-15:

Members in attendance:

Com Crocker-President (fleet 1)

Wendy Goodwin- Secretary Marion (fleet 10)

Richard Robbins-Marion (fleet 10)

Eric Anderson-Monterey (fleet 12)

Chris Wick-Masons Island (fleet 19)

Jay Dayton-Oxford (fleet 21)

Garth Hobson Monterey & Nationals 2016 (fleet 12)

Rick Hendee Indian Harbor Greenwich, CT (fleet 2)

Betsy Yale Newport & Nationals 2015 (fleet 9)

Mike Schwartz-Chicago (Fleet 3)/Nominating

Ed Berger-Northern MASS (fleet 4)

Before the meeting began there was a question from fleet 9 about sail measuring. The sail card portion of the website asks for measurement date. Betsy was wondering if that means the manufacturing date. The answer: Most fleets measure the sails upon arrival. Fleet 9 has the manufacturer measure & mark the sails before they are picked up by the owner. The date of measurement should be marked according to the class rules on the sail.

Presidents Report: Com Crocker: Com thanked Eric & Garth & fleet 12 for running a well-organized Great Lakes Ocean Challenge. It's clear the west coast fleets are looking forward to hosting the 2016 Nationals. Kudos to the class members who attended & Congratulations to Bill Berry & with Richard Robbins as crew of fleet 10 for the win. The Great Lakes Ocean Challenge had a 5 boat fleet. The top 4 boats were close & competitive. Marion will host the GLOC in 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton: We started the month with \$8,962 and ended with \$9,578. Dues are due June 1st. Com & Jay will send reminders to the fleet treasurers that dues are due. An e-blast did go out to the membership with a recap & results from the GLOC.

Secretary's Report: Wendy Goodwin: The Masthead was mailed out using the updated membership list. Members who's Mastheads were returned during the last issue were removed from the mailing list. They still remain on the membership, they just no longer have a mailing address associated with them.

When mailing your dues, please notify me of the changes in membership and the fall Masthead will reflect those changes.

Thank you to John Burnham, Richard Slaughter for the latest Newsletter that will when added to the costs of the fall newsletter cost under \$5,000. In the process of updating the mailing list and to reduce costs we did not have to cull out those who let their membership lapse. There is also a PDF of the Masthead on the Shields website.

Measurer's Report: Richard says that CA is a great venue. The Technical committee will meet on Tuesday May 19. Topics to discuss are what parts/condition is recommended for borrowed boats. Boats can be compliant, but the borrower may not be happy. The committee will come up with a list of recommendations for traveler, backstay etc. Your measurement committee is Richard Robbins, Mike Vellucci, Bill Berry, Kristian Martincic, Bam Miller, Garth Hobson, Schuyler Benson & there are openings for more to join this committee.

Great Lakes Ocean Challenge: The Hosts used this event to gear up for running the Nationals. They have rekindled a relationship with Cal State Long Beach who should also help support the borrowed boat issue. It was a good opportunity for those on the east coast to familiarize themselves with the local conditions. Garth & Eric should be commended for hosting a great event & they thank the competitors for making the effort. They had breeze in the 10/12 kts with gusts in the mid teens. More wind on the second day. Congratulations to Bill Berry & Marion (fleet 10) will host this event in 2016. The Beverly Yacht Club met & discussed dates in either late June or after Labor Day in Sept. There was a question as to when the Nationals will be in CS, they are looking at last 2 weeks in Sept, or the first week of October. Mike Schwartz mentioned that the revision of

this event was formatted to be a spring prep & shouldn't conflict with the Nationals. Com also suggested Marion consider the June as opposed to the Sept date.

Second Edition Book Orders: Jay reports we have 3 options:

1. Order another batch of books to keep in stock
2. Go to Amazon.com
3. Work through the book publisher company Blurb

We established a price including overhead \$150 will allow \$10 in profit & the group decided to ask Bruce if she will move the book to Blurb. Jay will follow up with Bruce. The group agreed the book would be sold through Blurb.

Nationals 2015: Two boats have registered. There was discussion about incentives for getting folks to commit sooner. Currently you can sign up now, but delay payment. Betsy will look into additional incentives, like when you sign up your name will go in a pool & whose name is drawn could get a rebate. Incentive to sign up early.

The Race Committee is established. They are creating a sponsor program that includes table displays. She is looking for a housing chair. The west coast fleet asked how many borrowed boats will be available Answer: a few. Sign up. It was recommended Betsy delegate a borrowed bopat person. Realistically: they will need to provide at least 4 borrowed boats.

Nominating Committee: Mike Schwartz reported that he, John Burnham & George Gardner met. They thank everyone who is on the current committee & would like to know who will continue as there are no term limits. Please contact the committee if you have suggestions. Com & Wendy will be cycling off. There was discussion as to a limit of VP's as it's a good idea to keep the past president involved for continuity. The deadline for the group to put together the new slate of officers is August 8.

The meeting adjourned

Reminder:

2015 Shields Nationals-Newport, RI: September 10-12, 2015

2016 Monterey, CA

2017 Masons Island

Our next meeting is: Tuesday, June 9th, 8pm EST

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin
Shields Class Secretary