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## WELCOME SHIELDS SAILORS TO OUR SPRING 2010 ISSUE

As a close second to racing Shields, our crew's best psychic energizer is preparing our boat for a new season. Many days at the yard seem to produce little change, yet not much beats the final coat of boot topping and pulling off that masking tape.

With that in mind, I'd like to call your attention to our ever improving "shieldsclass.com" website. Not only can we check out Maintenance & Speed Tips, but now YOU can add your suggestions to our store of knowledge by submitting great thoughts to our venerable and diligent webmaster/National Measurer, Richard Robbins.

Speaking of Richard, we all owe our thanks to his Technical Committee, Andy Burton, Com Crocker, Bill Berry, Schuyler Benson, Kim Roberts, Kris Martincic and Bam Miller for their careful

consideration of the multitude of issues involved in sorting through the latest sailing advances and the application thereof to boat safety and handling.

Thanks also, to our new Treasurer, Fred Werblow, Secretary Andy Burton, and the six VP's who make up our Board of Directors. They are all working to keep the Shields class strong and at the forefront of one-design sailing.

Last of all, thanks to Chris Wick, Bob Banas, and everyone involved with the upcoming Nationals in Mystic, Connecticut. Their early preparations bode well for all Shields racers and we are anticipating a 'world class' event.

Mike Schwartz,  
Shields 130



### SHIELDS NATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION DUES

ATTN: TREASURER,  
FRED WERBLOW

2010 DUES WILL REMAIN AT  
\$35 PER YACHT,  
\$15 PER SKIPPER AND  
\$10 PER ASSOCIATE

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The Shields Start, Photo by Shirley Wick