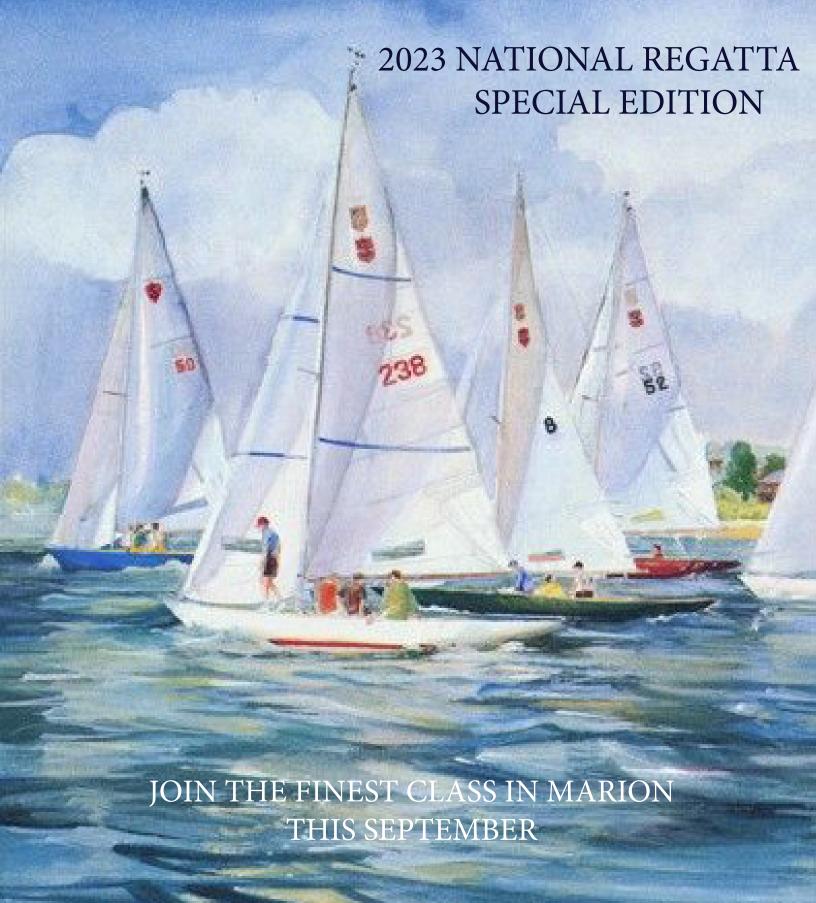
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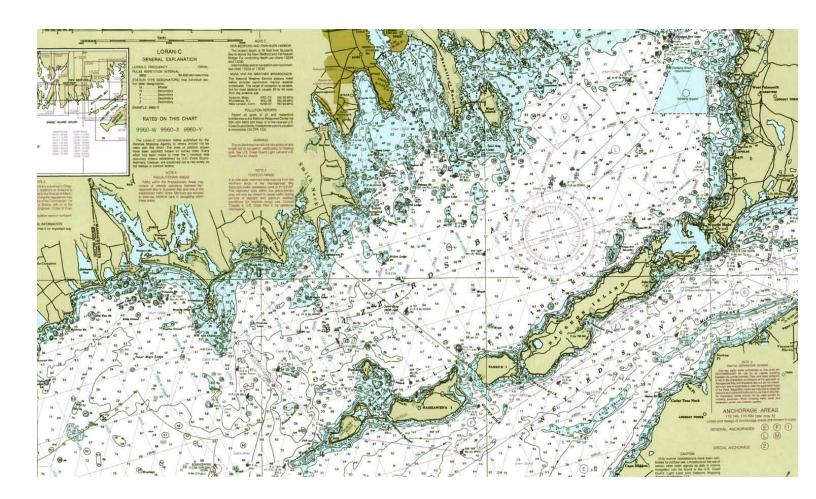
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President's Message

Welcome Shields Sailors from Every Fleet

Don't blink or you will miss the insanity. The racing season has been intense and it is now time to get your crew in shape for Nationals. The word is out, fun times are planned, great competition has made our registration list grow and the wind will be perfect in Marion.

The Shields Class Annual Meeting will be held the evening of Wednesday, September 27th immediately following the skipper's meeting. This year we will be voting on the 'changing of the guard' for The Shields Class Governing Board. Eric Anderson, Kevin Hynes and Ed Cassidy are this year's nominating committee. This team of volunteers has worked incredibly hard in creating a recommended group of individuals for the next 2 years. Please reach out and thank them for their commitment and hard work.

After our meeting, we will have an unbelievable band sponsored by Katie Collins. Get ready to switch from sailing to dancing shoes to get loose and relax before racing.

As all of the fleets know, running a Nationals event is intense. As of today, we're expecting this to be the second most-attended Nationals of this century with every active fleet represented! This shows the strength of our class and I want to give credit to each fleet, team and crew. With our continued commitment, the Shields Class will continue to grow and get stronger. Our Fleet 10 Nationals Committee, led by Luiza Burr and Clare Evans are incredibly excited to welcome you and your teams. Luiza and Clare want to extend a thank you to this year's planning committee:

• PRO / SIs: Mary Ellen Defrias

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NORs: Richard Robbins & George Gardner

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Housing: Joan Tiffany & Carolyn Petrie

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Thank you for coming to Marion and we hope you enjoy the event!

Ken Deyett Your Shields Class President



Support the Foundation that Supports The Shields Class

2023 SCF Fundraising Raffle Prizes

Raffle - Purchase Tickets **Here**, click the link or scan code to right. We have two exciting opportunities for this year's Shields Class Foundation Raffle! North Sails has again donated us a brand new North Jib while Cape Cod Shipbuilding has donated a Spinnaker Pole. One chance to win is \$100 or 3 chances to win for \$200.

Where does this money go? This year the Shields Class Foundation has been focused on restoring #123 Warrior to its former glory to be used by a sponsored team. The Foundation has also arranged for one of its boats to be used by an all female entry from Monterey!

Susan Scala, this year's Nationals Awards artist, has also created a custom one-of-a-kind Shields Class Foundation pitcher and tray that will be auctioned during Saturday's Awards Dinner.







Warming up the start line with our 2nd Annual "Shields Day" Thomas Evans #223 Aileen



The universe was on our side as the weather decided to be perfect for Shields sailing instead of the dismal drifter that was the forecast. Flat water with a fairly consistent wind direction (thanks for spotting the shift and adjusting, RC) lead to absolutely picture perfect Buzzards Bay Sailing.

Grinch and **NUTS** brought our average age down significantly. Scuttlebutt has it that **Jack Goodwin** (14) took his turn at the tiller when the adults, **Katie Hall** and **Dan Goodwin**, had to clean up some spaghetti on the bow. Later in the day on **Grinch**, **Tigger McMichael** (12) was asking poignant questions about playing the backstay and what the starting strategy was for race #3. Excellent to hear yet another generation may be getting the bug.



Speaking of the young ones: **NUTS** saw **Claire Walsh** (10) tailing jib sheets and overhauling the mainsheet at the leeward mark like an absolute professional. Her brother **Fin Walsh** (8) and cousin **Lu Walsh** (8) made sure there was no traffic astern, and no cookies left, by the end of racing.

Kiskadee tried to engineer winning a sportsmanship award by self-reporting a lack of lifejackets, but Paul Hyde on Commodores reacted promptly. Race Officer **Jannet Marshall** passed out loaners and thwarted their attempt at such a noble gesture. This allowed **Kiskadee** to fully participate in racing and be scored.

Graham Quinn is bringing his grandson (16) into the game on **Harrier** and showing they have some speed and skills. **Harrier** also deployed the new and controversial mid race "Keel Haul Klean" by running their spinnaker halyard under the boat from stem to stern. It's unknown whether the Shields National committee will approve this maneuver as it obviously provides a distinct speed advantage after it has been executed.

Team Tiffany on **Patience** made it a family affair. I can only assume they scrapped their plans to just do 2 races after they saw how awesome the day was and instead stayed out for the whole shebang.

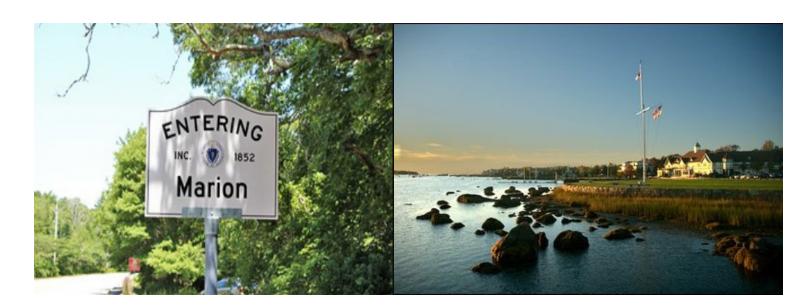
Though most of the day went without incident, as with any racing, some mark roundings were messy. Sometimes rule recollection was fuzzy or forgotten in the heat of the moment (my hand is up), leads were won and lost on upwind and downwind legs. For instance: never consider it a sure bet that you will stay where you are if **White Rabbit** is behind you. Master of the downwind cover, those guys. All in all it was just a bunch of Old Time [Sailing], Coach! [Corny Shields]!!

Results for the day:					Race	es :		
Sail#	Boat	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	Total
239	Syrinx	William Berry	3	1	1	1	2	8
237	BitOHoney	Ken Deyett	1	2	4	4	3	14
235	Harrier	Graham Quinn	2	3	7	2	1	15
244	NUTS	Brian Walsh	6	6	2	3	5	22
223	Aileen	Clare Evans	5	5	3	5	4	22
238	Wht Rabbit	Richard Robbins	7	4	6	6	6	29
248	The Grinch	Dan Goodwin	4	7	RET	DNS	DNC	39
4	Patience	Joan Tiffany	9	8	8	7	7	39
247	Kiskadee	Steph Symchych	8	9	5	DNS	DNC	40
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Why are some **NUTS** and **Aileen** results in bold you may ask? Because there's family on both boats and we're competitive and we tied in points. According to the RRS, **NUTS** wins the tiebreaker with their #2 finish, but **Aileen** beat **NUTS** 3 out of 5 races. So pick a team and prepare to discuss fervently at Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

Congrats to **Bill Berry** and Team **Syrinx** for consistent top results to take the day.

We look forward to hosting all of our local and nonlocal friends next month for 2023 Shields Nationals!



Local Conditions Bill Berry #239 Syrinx

Let me start by noting a couple good references as well as some caveats. In the Spring 2012 Masthead, available on the Shields Class site, there are two short articles, one by Bill Saltonstall, Jr. and one by Richard Robbins, et al which are must reads. I will add my opinions. I have no meteorology background, but I have a lot of experience sailing Buzzards Bay.

To begin, Shields racing on Buzzards Bay is awesome. The close performance of the boats along with the consistency of the wind makes for very tight racing. This magnifies the importance of current. Whatever you can gain here is important. As always, there are some variations, but in the racing area there should be overall some constancy of the current across the course. If you do get close to the ship channel, there may be some increase in current especially on an ebb tide. Also close to shore the current can heap up on Angelica Point and Bird Island but these areas are unlikely to be in play. I do recommend referring to the Eldridge Tide and Pilot Book and the diagrams here will bring you up to speed.

Our SW breeze is typically 220 degrees magnetic. I believe it is a funneled breeze which means the land to our east and west makes the direction more constant whether it is a sea breeze or a weather system wind. The sea breeze is caused by the Bermuda high and a low created by the heating of the land. If the sea breeze fills in it frequently comes as a wind line from the SW with cumulus clouds over land and no clouds over water. The funneling effect makes it less shifty, in most cases with little change in a sea breeze from the Coriolis effect. There are some oscillating shifts so pay close attention to your compass. A low pressure dominant is much puffier and shifty than a sea breeze with a high dominant midway between. Also the isobars if they don't align with 220 will cause a persistent shift as the thermal effect builds, for instance under some conditions if the wind is NW in the morning on a hot day it will work its way towards 220 (maybe only partially) and then maybe starting 4pm it will work is way back to NW. For any thermal effect be sure to watch for cumulus clouds over land and clear skies over water although this can proceed a shift significantly.

As noted by Bill Saltonstall, Jr. in September we will expect much more from low and high pressures so generally with a stronger breeze the thermal effect may be minimal but in lighter air it is always a possibility. Buzzards Bay gets good wind all year and when the wind is SW to NE it is usually associated with a fun chop that the Shields with its narrow beam revels in. Our chop makes it seem like the wind is stronger than it is and is due to the generally shallow water in the bay.

This being an El-Nino year we have not had typical conditions. This Summer the SW breeze has been less frequent and typically 8-14 knots rather than 12-18 knots and this with the fact that September brings in weather systems will make local knowledge less valuable.

Click **HERE** to read the vintage Masthead articles by Bill Saltonstall Jr. and Rich Robbins.

Nationals Update

Co-Chairs: Luiza Burr & Clare Evans #223 Aileen



Greetings Nationals Competitors - our Nationals Committee, Fleet 10 and Beverly Yacht Club are incredibly excited about hosting 2023 Shields Nationals this September.

Look below for helpful links, information about Beverly Yacht Club, Marion as well as "Fleet Favorites" that we encourage you to check-out over Nationals weekend.

There is still time to Register - sign-up and request housing by September 1st to avoid the late fee!

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Beverly Yacht Club Commodores Welcome



The Beverly Yacht Club is excited to host the 2023 Shields National Championship Regatta! For those of you that have sailed in Buzzards Bay, you know of our challenging waters that provide for terrific competition. And, Fall sailing in this region is spectacular! If you have not had the opportunity to experience autumn in New England this is your chance as we look forward to welcoming you to this year's National Championships.

Our Shields Fleet is one of our more active and growing fleets, and we are extremely proud of their accomplishments! The planning committee has been hard at work arranging for top PROs, judges, on-and-off the water volunteers, and après race events! Our race management is renowned and helps us run over 200 races each year. Beverly Yacht Club has an active racing program that races five days a week between May through September where skippers and crews test their sailing skills. The racing is great and keeps us coming back for more! BYC has hosted numerous National and North American events and our venue is requested to repeat many times over. Having just celebrated Beverly Yacht Club's 150th anniversary in 2022, our members' commitment to our Club and its focus on racing is even more passionate. We look forward to seeing you at the Club and on the starting line!

My best wishes and good luck to all competitors!

Debra Gayle-Malone Commodores Beverly Yacht Club



About Our Club and Town



Beverly Yacht Club was established in 1872 and our purpose is "To promote yachting and good fellowship." We are proud of our active racing, cruising and junior sailing programs and fortunate to be situated on the western shore of Buzzards Bay, one of the world's great sailing and cruising grounds.

Along with our own racing schedule, we are proud to sponsor the Marion to Bermuda Race in odd years. The club has also hosted dozens of regional and national championship events over the years as a result of a strong volunteer ethic, race management expertise among the membership, and a desire to support and advance the sport at all levels. Our cruising schedule is equally ambitious and you will see our burgees flying around the bay, the region, and occasionally around the world.

We hope you will find the club to be a friendly place for visiting sailors and cruisers.

The town of Marion is a small town located in southeastern Massachusetts. It is one of a number of communities that are connected by water, all of which are located in Buzzards Bay. Marion is a town which captures the essence and heart of New England. The streets in the village section of Marion are lined with houses that are reminiscent of a time long since past. The New England charm of tree lined streets and white picket fences is evident throughout the village. There is still a General Store in the center of the village and the Post Office is directly across the street.



Marion is also the home to Tabor Academy, a well-known preparatory school. The picture perfect campus spreads out across the center of the town. Marion's harbor is listed on the charts as Sippican Harbor. It is one of the prettiest harbors in Buzzards Bay. In the summer, the harbor is filled with boats of every size. Buzzards Bay is a boater's paradise. It is known for its southwest winds that kick up almost every afternoon. Any fog that may appear in the morning usually burns off to a haze in the afternoon.

Fleet 10 Favorites

Marion General Store 140 Front St, Marion, MA

Stop by to see Jack and Angela at the Marion General Store. Located just one block from BYC on Front Street, they offer a wide selection of grab n'go sandwiches, fresh cut meats, snacks and a wide array of drinks including beer, wine and liquor.





Forno Bakery 260 Marion Rd, Wareham, MA

We find the best way for efficient hiking is sitting your rail down. Located just minutes from Marion is the delicious scent of freshly baked bread, intricate desserts (holy cannoli!) and cakes. You will have an opportunity to try some of their amazing desserts on Awards Night. Don't leave town without stopping by to see Melissa and her team.

Uncle Jon's Coffee & Cafe 350 Front St, Marion, MA

Renowned Shields sailor Jonathan Pope and his wife Michelle know their currents from their currents - stop by for a fresh cup of joe and freshly baked muffin or a bite to eat (featuring wraps, paninis and salads) at Uncle Jon's!



!! Nationals Registration Reminders !!

Ensuring the below is squared away will ensure an efficient check-in

- 1. Register your crew on the Registration website and ensure all information is complete (e.g., skipper birthday, phone number etc.)
 All Skipper/Helmsman/Pros should be paid members of the class
- 2. All racing participants must sign a waiver
- 3. Sails have been measured/signed by your fleet measurer All sails must have at least 10 races in the current season
- 4. Compliance Certificate with Sail Inventory Card attached and provided at time of check-in or emailed to **shieldsnationals2023@gmail.com**
- 5. Ensure you have all required Safety Equipment on board
- 6. Fill out and submit your Burr Brothers Haul & Launch Form

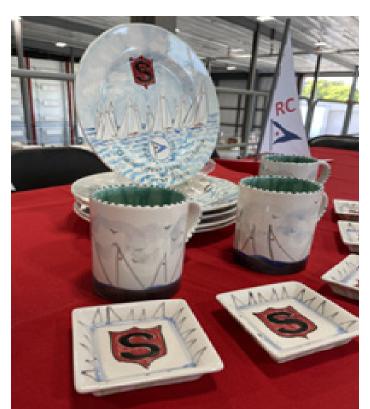
Burr Brothers Launching #4 Patience (Left) and #219 De Ja Vu (Right)



Schedule of Events

Mon - Wed Wed, Sep 27	Various 0830 - 1400 1300 1800	Boat Drop off at Burr Brothers Boats for Launch Registration @ BYC Warning Signal - Practice Race Welcome & Grill Night @ BYC
	1000 1020	Beer Selections by Buzzards Bay Brewing
	1800 -1830 1830 -1930	Skipper's Meeting Shields Class Annual Meeting
	1930 -2130	Music by DaddyO
Thu, Sep 28	1030	First Warning Signal
, ,		after racing Cash bar at BYC
Fri, Sep 29	1030	First Warning Signal
		after racing Cash bar at BYC
Sat, Sep 30	1030	First Warning Signal
	1430	No warning signal after this time
	1830	Dinner & Awards - Beverly Yacht Club
		Musical stylings by Michael Collins
		Class Foundation Raffle & Auction

Awards Created by: Susan Scala Studios



Special Event coming up? Hosting an upcoming Regatta? Reach out to Susan Scala Studios for an elevated and personalized gift and/or suite of Awards. For those that joined us for 2021's Ocean Great Lakes Challenge in Marion, you will already know how unique and special her pieces are.

Contact Information: Susan Scala Studios (860) 514-6044 | scalastudios@icloud.com



Dear Class Members,

In 2017 the class voted to establish grants to pay entry fees for youth Shields crews to compete at our national regattas. The following year this program was expanded to also include all-women crews. This year marks the fourth time these grants have been used, and the third time the crew has come all the way from California. Back in January, I visited the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club to meet the Shields sailors and to do some racing. Despite a very wet weekend in an historically rainy year, about 30 fleet members turned out to welcome Katie and me. Jerry Stratton, the fleet captain told me they would send 3 crews at Nationals this year. Maya Hoffman told me that day she would be bringing an all womens crew.

I was thrilled to receive the following letter from Maya requesting a grant and bringing the number of Monterey entrants to Jerry's promised three crews. Her grant funding was approved and her crew will be using a Shields Class Foundation boat as well!

I wish to salute our class leaders who had the conviction to approve this program in the past and to warmly thank each Shields Class member for your continued support today.

Ken Deyett

Dear Ken,

This is Maya Hoffman, following up about the all-female race team I hope to enter in this year's Shields Nationals in Marion. I am reaching out to request that the Shields Class pay the host fleet the fees for my crew. The Shields class is near and dear to my heart. When I attended Shields Nationals in Edgartown in 2018 as a member of the MPYC junior team, it changed my life and launched me into pursuing a career in competitive sailing.

I can say confidently that my current accomplishments as a sailor wouldn't have happened if I didn't have that Shields Nationals experience. I want to give that opportunity to other women, primarily the junior female sailors of the Shields fleet 7 in Monterey Bay, so they can be equally inspired. I hope these young women on my team will contribute to the sustained health of the Shields class in the future, as I believe this class is truly special with its competitive spirit, embracive community, and classic Corinthian values.

The vision for this team was inspired by a desire to not only develop our promising young sailors and grow the Shields class, but also push the needle more towards gender equity in high-level sailboat racing. Hence, the all-female crew. I hope the opportunity to race on this team will provide these junior sailors with direct mentorship and valuable on-the-water growth experiences, both of which are key to the retention of young women in our sport.

Attached to this email is a document detailing the bios of the crewmembers on my team.

Thank you so much for your consideration. I really appreciate your time and anything the Shields Class and Foundation might be able to provide to make this possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Best regards, Maya Hoffman

2023 SHIELDS NATIONALS ALL-FEMALE RACE TEAM CREW



Maya Hoffman - Skipper

Maya Hoffman, 25, grew up sailing in Monterey, CA. She has been racing Shields since she was 15. She was Lead Instructor for the summer sailing program and a coach for the MPYC Junior Shields team. She competed in the 2018 and 2021 Shields Nationals. She has raced various big boats inshore, including 12 Metres, Farrs, Olsons, and Beneteaus, among others. Also an offshore racer, she is skipper and campaign manager for Leading the Change!, the first all-female team to compete in the Annapolis to Newport race. She also competed in the 2022 Newport Bermuda race as an onboard coach for Team Bitter End, the youngest all-female crew to complete the race. Most recently, she navigated the Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race.



Lyzz Schwegler – Main Trimmer & Tactician

Lyzz Schwegler, 32, began racing at the age of 7 out of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach, CA. She was captain of both her high school and college teams, racing CFJs, 420s, and Lasers. After college, based out of San Francisco Bay, she expanded her racing repertoire to include a variety of keelboats in Corinthian and pro classes on the West Coast including the J105, J24, Santa Cruz 50, and twice weekly fleet and team racing in the Vanguard 15. She has coached and instructed at many levels of the sport including summer juniors and high school teams. For the last 4 years, she has been based out of the Chesapeake Bay, racing the J70, J24, J33, and PHRF classes.



Emma Janson - Bow & Trim Coach

Emma Janson, 26, grew up dinghy racing on Long Island Sound and raced competitively with The University of Vermont Sailing Team, competing in two ICSA Women's National Finals. She has been a youth sailing coach for 8 years, working with a variety of both yacht club and community sailing organizations and spent a summer as a captain in the BVI. Also an offshore racer, she is boat captain and safety officer of Leading the Change! She also raced with Maya in Marblehead to Halifax, and recently competed in the Chicago Mac race. She has extensive background racing keelboats inshore, including XP44s, J22s, Sonars, Shields, IODs, Melges, and Dufours, among others.



Rosie Savukinas – Jib Trimmer

Rosie Savukinas, 13, has been sailing since she was 8 out of Monterey. In 2023, she won the Junior Club Championship at MPYC. In 2022, she won Most Improved Junior Sailor. She has been racing Shields on the MPYC Junior Shields team for one year. She has trained in bow, main trim, jib trim, and spinnaker trim. She has raced in various Wednesday night Sunset Series races and Sunday One Design series races. She is on the MPYC CFJ Advanced, C420 Advanced, and Laser Advanced teams. She also races an Express 37.



Lyric Gomez – Jib Trimmer

Lyric Gomez, 14, started sailing out of the Monterey Bay when she was 7. She has competed on CFJs, C420s, Lasers, Shields, and Santanas. She recently won 3rd place in the annual Capstone Regatta in the C420 fleet. This year, she has been racing on the Junior Shields team alongside Rosie, competing in various Sunset Series and One Design races. Also this year, Lyric was an Intern Instructor for the MPYC summer sailing program.

Announcement of the Shields Class Sailing Association Annual Meeting of Members and Proposed Slate of Officers for 2024 and 2025

The Shields Class shall convene its annual Meeting of Members on Wednesday, September 27 at Beverly Yacht Club 99 Water Street, Marion, MA 6:30 pm

The following class members have been vetted and approved by the Class Nominating Committee to hold these offices

Steve Mettler, Fleet 8, Edgartown Yacht Club
Jonathan Krumeich, Fleet 3, Indian Harbor Yacht Club
Jay Dayton, Fleet 21, Tred Avon Yacht Club
Ken Deyett, Fleet 10, Beverly Yacht Club
Dan Ronan, Fleet 1, Larchmont Yacht Club
Ted Slee, Fleet 9, Ida Lewis Yacht Club
Tom McManus, Fleet 11, Black Rock Yacht Club
Jim Wirtz, Fleet 12, Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club
Ron Oard, Fleet 17, Ida Lewis Yacht Club
Lee Reichart, Fleet 19, Masons Island Yacht Club

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