

SHIELDS MASTHEAD



SEPT 1993

1994 & 1995 National Regattas

Martha's Vineyard (M.V.) has received the majority of votes to host the 1994 National Regatta. M.V.'s proposal also contained the option to hold the National Regatta in 1995. Larchmont submitted a proposal for only 1994.

The vote was as follows for 1994: Six votes for M.V., two votes for Larchmont and one no response vote.

In February, and again in May, the call went out to all Fleet Captains and Secretaries to submit their request for venue. The deadline was extended from 1 June to 1 July in the Masthead in May.

M.V. requested a few more days extension and their proposal was received the first week in July. Larchmont also requested an extension and their proposal was received the third week in July. I was on vacation the last week of July therefore, the proposals were not distributed until 2 August with a check-off vote sheet, stamp addressed envelopes and fax number information. The last two votes were finally received by fax on 7 September.

Texas must now request proposals for 1995 and 1996.

New Fleet Officers Nominated

The Executive Committee asked Graham Quinn of Buzzard Bay to head up a Nominating Committee to select the Fleet Officers for 1994 and 1995. Graham assisted by a few veteran Shields owners (Bill Harding and Barry Tirrell) weighed the alternatives with us in Marblehead. Such questions arose as: Should all the officers be in one location, if so what fleet should have the honor (or be stuck with the responsibility), etc.?

After some deliberations it was felt that all the Executive officers should be in one location and that they should all come from Texas. Graham proceeded with these goals in mind and the below have consented to be nominated for the future class officers.

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| President | Peter Gerard |
| Sec./Treas. | Robert Broun |
| Measurer | James Craig |
| Masthead | |
| Editor | Garry Brown |

In addition, we were in need of revitalizing the ranks of the Vice Presidents as part of the Governing Board. Therefore, the following were approached and have also agreed to have their names placed on the slate of National Officers.

Vice Presidents

L. I. Sound Richard Ronan
New England Dr.G.Vineyard
Mid West Jeff Perleman
California Mark Chaffey
Institutes Chris Withers

The election for the fleet officers will take place on 10 October 1993 in Dallas, Texas at the annual National Meeting.

Annual National Meeting

The annual National meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas on 10 October at the Rush Creek Yacht Club.

The following is the agenda that will hopefully be followed.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Meeting from 1992
2. Proposed Changes to the Blue Book

2.1 See para. 11.3 on page II-11, Change the Selection of Venue to be submitted "no later than June 1, (Change from two years to one year) prior to the year of requested regatta. (This proposed changes is submitted by your National Secretary. The reason for this discussion is that Martha's Vineyard was the only fleet that submitted a proposal for 1995. Two fleets claimed this was too far in advance and it was difficult to obtain the commitment of both people and facilities for two years in advance. Others claim that two years helps to

build participation in the fleet and also permits owners to prepare for a campaign in preparation for the National Regatta. If we continue with two years more fleets will have to submit proposals.

2.2 See Form No. 1, Page IV-10. The proposal is to reduce the National Dues from that presently required as noted below to some lower number.

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| Registered Yacht | \$35.00 |
| Active Member | \$15.00 |
| Associate Member | \$10.00 |

This proposal was submitted by fleet #10, Buzzards Bay. The reason for its submittal was that the National Treasury contains approximately \$9,000. This sum would have been approximately \$12,000, but \$3,000 has been expended to reprint the Blue Book.

This proposal should not be acted on until the next proposal is reviewed.

2.3 Use excess Funds to support the National Regattas. This proposal suggests allocating some funds each year to support the National Regatta. The objective is to reduce the National Regatta entry fee.

This proposal was submitted by fleet #9, Newport. The reason for this proposal is to increase the participation in the National Regatta by lowering the entry fee.

Please note, that if you desire to vote by proxy, the proxy must be on record in writing at the commencement of the National Meeting.

3.0 Other Business

4.0 Election of New National Officers

4.1 Plans for the Future by Newly elected officers

5.0 Adjourn

Roosevelt Bowl

Annual competition between the Eastern Yacht Club, (Marblehead) and the Beverly Yacht Club, (Marion, Buzzards Bay) for the Roosevelt Bowl is held alternatively in Marblehead and Marion. In recent years, the regatta has been team races, sailed in Shields, and consisted of the best two of three races. On Sunday, August 29, 1993, the regatta was sailed at Marion and the Eastern Yacht Club won, two races to none for Beverly. Skippers and crew representing the Eastern were:

Nick Burke, Team Captain
Will Kraft
Flynn McDonald
Bob Metzger
Bruce Dyson
Bruce Sutphen
Duncan Sutphen
Joel White
Joan Thayer
Jim Eardley
Dick Levine
Richard Sides

Skippers for the Beverly Yacht Club were:

Steve Symchych, Team Capt.
Ben Bryant
Gordon Vineyard

The hosts in Marion were most gracious and provided chowder and apple pie after

the award ceremony. Next year, defense in Marblehead!

In Memory of Paul Duschene

This summer one of Marblehead's long time and active fleet member's passed away. Paul was the owner of Hull #144, Synergy and had actively campaigned the boat for many years. Paul had been a strong supporter of the fleet where most recently he served as Fleet Treasurer. Paul will be missed not only as a competitor on the race course, but also at the many social events held by the Marblehead Shields Fleet.

Edgartown Update

With 9 of the fleet's 12 boats competing regularly this summer, Edgartown enjoyed a full summer of sailing. Winds this summer were typical for Vineyard Sound, from the Southwest, 10-20. The concluding weekend of the sailing brought about 25-35 knot breezes, enough to pop a few battens and indulge in some downwind "deathrolls" (why sail any other boat?).

Three boats from the Buzzard Bay fleet in Marion, Massachusetts joined Fleet #8 for the Edgartown Regatta, with Edgartown's Bob Whittemore beating out Marion's Graham Quinn by a mere quarter point. Tim Bryan's nine straight bullets guaranteed his Aileen the season's Colorado Cup, with Bob Whittemore's Enchantress finishing second.

Shields Long Island Sound District Championships

Oyster Bay, N.Y. - Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club hosted 18 Shield yachts on June 12-13, 1993. The fleet was closely matched with eight boats from Seawanhaka and ten from Larchmont Yacht Club. The three race weekend series was characterized by light and shifty easterlies, placing a premium on clear air and finding columns of breeze on the windward-leeward courses. The first race on Saturday was a prelude of the battle to come with a big right shift to the southeast on the first windward leg favoring those who had hit the corner hardest. Nick Gumprecht sailing #228 round first and held the lead to the finish. Wizard, #80, was second and Trevor Pardee, #173, crossed third. After a lunch break, race two started in the same conditions although the wind had shifted back to a more easterly direction. Hawk, #245, won the race to stand third overall behind #228 and #80 who finished third and second respectively. Wench, #57, helmed by newcomer Mike Erlanger, demonstrated good speed and tactics to place in the top five but failed to register for the regatta. On Sunday, the fleet was again confronted by the agonizing easterly and first through fourth places for #228, 80, 245 and 173 were separated by only 4.25 points. At the start, the wind shifted 40 degrees to the left, creating heavy traffic at the pin end on port tack. Robert Copp in

#76 attempted a starboard tack start and succeeded only in clearing out a gaggle of port-tackers and leaving a hole for #173 to squirt out across the line. Wizard #80 hit the pin and #228 and #245 were buried. Although #173 still held a comfortable lead at the windward mark, the northeasterly wind died, setting the stage for another fleet shuffle. A zephyr rippled across the course from the southeast, allowing #80 and #228 to move up from mid-fleet, putting both in scoring position. The race committee shortened course at the next windward mark, giving #173 the race win and the series if #80 and #228 finished fifth and sixth respectively. That was not to be, however, as #80 pulled up to fourth on the last beat and took the series by 0.75 points. #173 was second overall and #228 third, one point behind. The Race Committee, headed by Bruce and Janetta Lee, did a good job of completing the series in difficult conditions.

1993 Michelob Regatta - Newport

There were 12 boats entered for a total of 5 races. The results are noted below.

1. Daniel Hadley, Newport, R.I., Y.M.N., 14.75
2. Chris Withers, Middletown, R.I., ANN, 16
3. Patrick McIntyre, New York, N.Y., CUILLAN, 21.75