

Shields Class Sailing Association - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

The Monthly meeting of the Shields Class Association was held pursuant to notice via Google Meet on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Copies of the meeting agenda, meeting minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting, and the monthly treasurer's report were distributed in advance by SCA President Steve Mettler, Secretary Jonathan Krumeich, and Treasurer Jay Dayton respectively.

The meeting was attended by SCA Members:

- Steve Mettler, President;
- Jonathan Krumeich, Secretary;
- Jay Dayton, Treasurer;
- Jerry Stratton, FC
- J. Wirtz, VP;
- Lee Reichart, VP;
- Richard Robbins, Webmaster;
- Ken Deyett, Measurer;
- E. Anderson;
- J. Gronberg, FC;
- M. Hays, FC;
- M. Toppa, FC;
- C. Delotto; and
- J. Slee, Historian;

The meeting was attended by a majority of the Governing Board. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was called to order by S. Mettler at 20:00.

President's Report:

S. Mettler delivered the President's Report.

Shields Nationals: An updated NOR has been posted. Burr Bros is helping out. \$250 for launch and haul. Sign up by April 30th to guarantee space, Labor Day weekend will be busy. Mattapoisset Boatyard could be a possibility for a Newport Fleet stop over. Fleet 10 will run a 5 race super Saturday if launching is M-F, sail to the Vineyard Sun/Mon/Tues based on weather. Housing form online soon. LYC is sending 6-7 boats.

A discussion was had on sailing wind limits for nationals and for visibility.

Treasurer's Report:

J. Dayton delivered the Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Secretary's Report:

J. Krumeich delivered the Secretary's Report, the minutes of the January 14, 2025 SCA Meeting having been distributed in advance. K. Deyett made a motion to accept the minutes. J. Wirtz seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Technical Committee:

K. Deyett delivered the report of the technical committee. The committee met a week ago. Lengthy conversation and we are working on all the ideas we can get. M. Toppa is working on a jib window.

Footrail: The 1962 plans have them mounted to deck, etched into mold, nothing on size. Measured 4 boats for reference. About 1"x 3/4" x 52 to 54". The technical committee can't change rules without permission. J. Krumeich and M. Toppa, both with modified composite toe rails spoke on the issue and the toe rails on their boats. M. Toppa explained that the composite rail was installed to make the boat safer and it was the cheapest replacement option. J. Dayton reinforced that uniformity is important to the class. L. Reichart shared dimensions of his footrail. J. Stratton shared that his footrail was replaced by a robust teak handle to provide crew with a safe place to hold onto in rough seas. E. Anderson believed we have bigger issues to contend with. J. Gronberg shared that he made his own footrail and put stainless flat stock on the top. A lengthy discussion was had on specifications and rule language. No action was taken.

Compass Rule: R. Robbins circulated "Rule 9.6 Compass" language. A motion was made by J. Dayton, Seconded by L. Reichart to remove the "deck" language from the rule and add two additional approved vendors. The new language voted on is as follows:

9.6 Compass

A working compass must be on board at all times. An analog compass and/or self-contained electronic compass without GPS, memory or wind shift indications is allowed. The use of a built-in timer and "tactical" display mode can be used. (See Specification 10.5) Approved models include (other compasses must be approved by the Technical Committee):

- Tactick model T060 Micro Compass
- Nautalytics Compass
- Velocitek Prism Racing Compass

OGLC 2025:

The Regatta will be a 3-day event from June 6-8.

SCA Foundation:

E. Anderson gave a report from the Foundation. Thank you to the donors. Excellent year. Each one of the five boats will be race ready.

Nationals 2026:

Matt Rajacich and his brother will be the co-chairmen.

Nationals 2027:

On schedule.

Other Events:

Edgartown Regatta the 11th-13th

NYYC Annual in June.

New Business:

J. Stratton reported Monterey would be interested in hosting OGLC on alternate years, ready to support in 2026. They have set up a jr team for nationals using 191 Tiburon. NPS preparing a team.

There is an article in the December issue of Windcheck with a Shields spread.

-Adjourned at 21:07-

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan A. Krumeich
Secretary