

## Shields Class Sailing Association - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The Monthly meeting of the Shields Class Association was held pursuant to notice via Google Meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Copies of the meeting agenda, meeting minutes from the April 8, 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;
- Richard Robbins, Webmaster;
- Ken Deyett, Measurer;
- E. Anderson;
- M. Toppa, FC;
- T. Slee, VP;
- M. Hays.

The meeting was attended by the 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, reviewing our mission and priority.

S. Mettler reviewed plans for the 2025 Nationals. Registration is open. Burr Brothers has extended their launch and haul deal to the end of May. J. Krumeich reported that he can no longer attend but is happy to donate his registration fee to a qualifying young member boat. J. Stratton shared that Maya Hoffman and the crew of Tiberon were looking for their entry fee to be sponsored. J. Krumeich was happy to donate his entry fee to Maya's crew.

### Treasurer's Report:

J. Dayton delivered the Treasurer's Report. There were no deposits or withdrawals. The account balance being \$16,511.76. T. Slee made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by J. Krumeich. All in favor, none opposed.

### Secretary's Report:

J. Krumeich delivered the Secretary's Report. The minutes of the April 8, 2025, SCA Meeting having been distributed in advance, a reading of the minutes was waived. J. Stratton requested that the minutes be amended to include the dates he provided for consideration for the 2026 OGLC. The

minutes were so amended by J. Krumeich. S. Mettler made a motion to accept the minutes. T. Slee seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Technical Committee:

K. Deyett delivered a report for the technical committee. The measuring kit tools have been made and should be shipped soon. Newport has two kits.

Rule Changes: M. Toppa has been working on two changes.

1) Jib Window:

K. Deyette circulated proposed jib window language to amend the current rule, Section V – Sails, Rule 4.9 Windows. This language was approved by the Technical Committee. The circulated language for the new rule would read (addition in bold): “A single (vision) window, not exceeding 6 square feet in area, may be located in both the main and the jib. No part of such window(s) shall be more than 5 feet above a straight line between the "measured" tack and clew of each sail. **An optional second vision window in the jib may be added. Both jib windows can not exceed 6 square feet in combined area.**”

A majority of the governing board being in attendance, a motion was made by S. Mettler to adopt the new rule as proposed. K. Deyett seconded. All in favor, no opposed. Notice will be given to each Fleet Contact this week.

2) Halyard Winches:

K. Deyett circulated self-tailing halyard winch (4.2) language to discuss. The language reads:

Halyard Winches

There shall be at least two and not more than three halyard winches. Halyard winches may **NOT** be self-tailing. [NOTE: allowing self-tailing halyard winches was approved but then rejected by a fleet. Until further action self-tailing halyard winches are NOT allowed.] They shall be located below deck. The below-deck location of the halyard winches is optional. (See Specifications 4.1, 8.10 and [Official Plan 2](#))

M. Toppa reviewed this proposed rule change. M. Toppa reports that self-tailing winches are geared. The proposal would be to allow halyard winches with gearing that may be self-tailing and 3". It was agreed to set up a meeting for K. Deyett and M. Toppa to discuss with LYC.

This change was tabled pending discussions.

Historian's Report:

T. Slee for J. Slee- Please update the spreadsheet.

J. Stratton reports that Monterey is looking forward to it.

SCA Foundation:

K. Deyett reports that the foundation had a great work weekend. Eric flew out from CA and they really kickstarted getting the board in order. Edgartown is getting a boat. Shields 89 is launching in a

few days. Thank you to Rich Robbins. The foundation is getting a trailed from CA courtesy of J. Stratton. Newport is getting a foundation boat. S. Mettler also gave a special thanks to K. Deyett and R. Robbins.

OGLC 2025:

T. Slee reports that more registrations are needed.

OGLC 2026:

Nationals 2026 and 2027:

2026: J. Dayton reports that Oxford has had meetings and excited to nail down dates.

2027: Newport.

New Business:

J. Stratton was contacted by the owner of 199 who is interested in donating it. The SCF may not have capacity. Donating to Daniel's Island was mentioned. A response was made that Daniel Island is winding down their fleet and dissolving. Donating boats to Oak Cliff.

S. Mettler motion to adjourn. Seconded by J. Stratton.

-Adjourned at 20:52-

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan A. Krumeich  
Secretary