

Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 10-14-14:

Members in attendance:

Com Crocker-President (fleet 1)
Wendy Goodwin- Secretary Marion (fleet 10)
Jay Dayton-Treasurer Oxford (fleet 21)
Richard Robbins-Marion (fleet 10)
Betsy Yale-Newport Hosting Nationals 2015(fleet9)
Eric Anderson-Monterey (fleet 12)

Garth Hobson- Monterey (fleet 12)
Rick Gibson-Outgoing Northern Mass Bay (fleet 4)
Ed Burger-new Northern Mass Bay (fleet 4)
Stephen Potter-Edgartown (fleet 8)
Chris Wick-Masons Island (fleet 19)
Rick Hendee Indian Harbor (Fleet 2)

Treasurers Report: Jay Dayton: Virtually no recent activity on our Class Treasury since the last report. We are still working with the IRS in an attempt to be granted a Non-Profit status.

INCOME: (Account Balance as of 09/30/2014)	\$19,251.82
EXPENSES:	\$ 0
Current Account Balance:	\$19,251.82

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Dayton, Class Treasurer,
Member Fleet #21

Secretary's Report: Wendy Goodwin: The minutes from the annual meeting have been posted on the website. I've been communicating with the IRS to help answer their questions with our request. They need proof we have been an Association & their deadline was close to our Nationals so I requested an extension. I faxed them Association documents that we had here at CCSB in hopes that it satisfies their questions. We now have until Dec 15. I'll follow up with them to see where we stand.

Measurer's Report: There were lots of last minute requests for sail inventory status updates. Please update your sail inventory on line. Richard realizes there was a computer glitch but don't wait until the last minute to update as he is limited with the ability to fix while at Nationals. The system is up & running now, so please update your 2014 sail status.

New & Old Business:

1. Shields Coffee Table Book: There was a question; how will we spread the word about the book?

- Sell by fleet Captains
- E-Blast
- Website
- Mast Head newsletter

We will have the order forms out by Thanksgiving so the book can be shipped in time for the Christmas Holiday.

2. Masthead Newsletter: This is a call to send in details for fleet news in the Masthead publication. The deadline for news is November 6. Com will also put together an article to let us know what went right on the race course that caused him to win the 50th Annual Shields Nationals.

3. Nationals Review: by Com Crocker:

- ✓ There was a robust discussion at the annual meeting. There was an overall tone in favor of exploring the potential for potential changes in the class rules.
- ✓ Com was pleased with the turnout for the Legends Regatta & from the other fleets for the support & lending boats. One Legend mentioned "this isn't the same boat that I'm used to."
- ✓ The evening honoring the Corny Jr, and the Shields family with the film made the history night very special.
- ✓ 33 boats attended the Nationals. The conditions varied as we had light air, heavy air & one day with more waves than wind. Thank you for making the effort to attend/contribute.
- ✓ The Larchmont fleet looks forward to pass things off to the Newport fleet and then to Monterey who brought 3 competitors to the 50th.
- ✓ The 50th really celebrated our past & kicked off the fun for the future, our young competitors.

Changes to class rules: Richard proposed a change to the class rules to allow local fleets some leeway during local racing.

SECTION III BASIC RULES

5.0 Basic Rules Governing Sanctioning of Races

5.1 Any race, regatta or series which is used by a local fleet to qualify a Registered Yacht and/or Active Member for the National Championship Regatta shall be deemed a sanctioned, or class approved race and shall be subject to these class rules, and the racing rules of the United States Sailing Association.

(See [Section VI-1.2\(c\)\(2\)](#) "Entrants".)

5.2 Only races consisting solely of Shields Class yachts shall constitute a sanctioned race. **At the discretion of local fleets (as indicated in their *Sailing Instructions*) Shields with convenience or training modifications may be included within local sanctioned races. These modifications may include, but are not limited to: a) main sail attached loose footed; b) roller furling on the jib; and c) a smaller spinnaker. Local modifications to the Class Rules are not allowed in the National Regatta. A main sail attached loose footed shall be counted as used in a race for purposes of qualification requirements for entered sails for the national regatta (Section VI 1.2(d)-3). The details of locally allowed modifications are left up to the local fleets.**

5.3 Extraordinary means of hiking are prohibited in all sanctioned class races. When hiking in the sitting position, no part of the body between the middle of the thigh and feet shall be outside of the sheerline. When hiking in the prone position, one half of the body shall be inboard of the sheerline. No hiking straps or other device shall be rigged by any member of the crew for the purpose of supporting his weight outboard of the sheerline.

(See [Section VI](#) "Rules Governing the National Championship Regatta".)

The con is that we would allow hybrid racing for local racing but we would have to adjust to attend Nationals. The pro is that it will allow more participation from the smaller fleets. Stephen Potter from the Edgartown voiced his opinion in favor of this proposed change. Richard will post the proposal on the website. We don't have to vote, eventually we will move it forward based on the input.

2015 Shields Nationals Newport, RI Betsy reports that they had a planning meeting last week. They will have the NOR ready for posting in the next 2 weeks. They are working on their logo. John Burham has agreed to do the mast head for the next 2 issues. Newport is in good shape.

2015 Ocean Great Lakes Challenge: Monterey won the privilege to host. There was discussion about the original deed of race. They need to increase participation. There was discussion about hosting on a 3-day weekend to give folks time to travel. Com, Rick Hendee, Eric & Mike Schwartz will connect to plan. There was discussion of possibly holding it on Memorial Day weekend, or in March. This is an opportunity for getting a feel for what racing in Monterey is all about to plan for the 2016 Shields Nationals.

Reminder:

2015 Shields Nationals-Newport, RI: September 10-12, 2015

2016 Monterey, CA

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 11 at 8PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin, Shields Class Secretary