

Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 5-13-14:

Members in attendance:

Com Crocker- President Larchmont (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)
Steve Potter-Edgartown (fleet 8)
Tim Bryon-Edgartown (fleet 8)
Roland Schultz-Larchmont (fleet 1)

Presidents Report: Com Crocker: Com encouraged everyone to push your membership to get sailing locally, support & attend the Great Lakes Ocean Challenge cup & attend the Nationals in Larchmont in September. Thanks to Tim Bryon & fleet 8 for the article in the newsletter. Two Legends from California will be making the trip for the legends regatta & there will be more content about this fun event in the next newsletter. May 31 is the deadline for content for the book. There was a question: what are the qualifications for the Legends race? Answer: if you won a Nationals you qualify, if you are racing in the 2014 Nationals-you do not qualify for the Legends race. This race is meant to be fun & encouraging & give those who used to race Shields that good feeling again. See the website for the SI's. Chet Proctor is on the fence as to whether he will race in the Legends race or the Nationals.

Treasurers Report:

Jay reports the checking account balance was \$19,618.50 as of 4-1-14. We received dues from fleet 4 and Sail #139. We sent the Chicago fleet seed money to fund the Great Lakes Challenge cup. The current account balance is \$18,533.50.

We haven't received any further communication from the IRS about our application.

Dues are due August 1. Shall we put on the agenda at the annual meeting to move the date that dues is due from August 1 to a date earlier in the year before we start racing. There was lots of discussion about moving the date that dues are due. Edgartown doesn't begin racing until June 1, Oxford has a spring series. Jay will put together a formal proposal. If all the officers are in agreement to the date change then we can just announce it at the Annual meeting as opposed to have the membership vote on it. Dates suggested were June 1, May 15, April 15. If Jay sends a proposal, we will vote on it at the next Governing board meeting.

Secretary's Report: Lots of book details have been flooding in. One contributor, Pat O'Neal called several times and I took notes. I met with Rich Robbins a while ago about upgrading our membership to accept electronic payment & members upgrading their own contact information at a lower cost.

Technical Committee Report: Richard reports that the California fleet will get back to us with a list of discrepancies with the fleet boats to decide whether the committee will give them waivers. These things include the toerail. Wendy will give Eric a check off sheet. Richard, Eric & some Shields sailors will meet later in the week to discuss bringing the boats up to speed. They don't want anyone to go through a great expense so creating waivers may be a possibility. There was a comment that they thought all boats were to be compliant.

New & Old Business:

Great Lakes Ocean Challenge Cup: The NOR and the Registration information is on the website. Please support this event. The Chicago sailors will help fill any gaps you have in the cockpit. 4 fleets are confirmed so far. More participation is needed. Com appreciated everyone's input & energy for early registration to all event.

2014 Shields Nationals-Larchmont, NY: 12 boats are registered (6 of those are local). Let's try & get 20 boats registered in the next few weeks. Note that the sooner you sign up, the more times you are entered to win door prizes. Each time another entry is received, your sail number will be entered to win again. There will be more notifications as the even gets closer. Please encourage participation & sign up to attend.

Buzzards Bay Regatta & Edgartown Regatta: Both events are a great way to get in Nationals level competition practice.

The Buzzards Bay Regatta will be in Marion August 1-3. <http://www.buzzardsbayregatta.com/>

The Edgartown Regatta will be July 10-12 <http://www.edgartownyc.org/racing/annual-regatta.aspx>

Reminder:

2014 Shields Nationals-Larchmont, NY: Wednesday Sept 10, 2014 to Saturday Sept 13, 2014

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

2016 Monterey, CA or Edgartown, MA-we will report when the votes are in.

Our next conference call is: **Tuesday June 10 8PM** eastern time

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin
Shields Class Secretary