

Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 8-10-15:

Members in attendance:

Wendy Goodwin- Secretary Marion (fleet 10)
Com Crocker-President Larchmont (fleet 1)
Richard Robbins-Measurer Marion (fleet 10)
Eric Anderson-Monterey/Nationals 2016 (fleet 12)

Chris Wick-Masons Island (fleet 19)
Jay Dayton-Oxford (fleet 21)
Betsy Yale Newport & Nationals 2015(fleet 9)

Presidents Report: Com Crocker: Com welcomes everyone & thanked them for adjusting to meeting tonight instead of tomorrow night as he will be on the Junior overnight cruise tomorrow. We will have 1 more meeting before Nationals but that mainly will be to discuss any waivers that appear. Com was wondering if Gregg Davis sent in a waiver request to the measurer-as his Shields was out of commission, but is just now back on the race course. Richard reports there have been no waiver requests yet.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton: Jay asks all the fleets that have yet to pay their dues to please get them in asap. You won't be able to race the Nationals without having paid the dues.

Secretary's Report: Wendy Goodwin: All the membership info/paid members that Jay has sent me has now been updated in the class roster. Jay has a few more & will send them in the morning.

Nominating Committee: Mike Schwartz was not on the call but did get the slate of officers to the Class Secretary today & Com presented them on the call. Your 2016 Shields Governing elect is:

President Eric Anderson (#7)
Secretary Pete McWhinney (#1)
Treasurer Jay Dayton (#21)
Measurer Bill Berry (#10)

VPs are Presidents choice, but the committee recommends, in order to best represent all active fleets:

John Klein (#8)
Ron Oard (#17)
Rick Hendee (#2)
Chris Wick (#19)
Sam Veilleux (#3)
Richard Robbins (#10)

Nationals in Newport, RI 1015 Betsy reports there are 13 registrants signed up for Nationals in Newport. Organizationally, they are on track. The trophies were ordered last week. She is disappointed that the registration number is not higher & is doing a local campaign to assure the number of local Newport boats will climb. Here is what each fleet feels will attend:

Fleet 1-5 boats	Fleet 17-1 or 2
Fleet 3-1 or as many as 3	Fleet 19-2 perhaps 3
Fleet 10- 3 boats	Fleet 21-2 are committed & 2 are on the fence.
Fleet 12-2 are registered & I is on the fence	

It looks like the away boats will be between 16 and 18. If 15 Newport boats commit, we should reach the goal of 30 boats in attendance.

Important: The price goes up to attend the 2015 Nationals this Saturday. Get in your registration this Saturday to avoid the late fee.

Nationals 2015 Continued: Also, Richard Robbins notes that many folks last year arrived for Nationals without their sail card. Make sure if you are attending Nationals, get your sail card early because if you are having trouble with your password, Richard can help you ahead of time, before he begins getting his own boat to Newport for Nationals.

There was discussion about what the Measurement committee considers a professional. Betsy, Richard & Robbie Benjamin have been asking and getting answers. Richard says perhaps the committee can make the rule more clear, but they have a handle on it. No plans to change the rule.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH 7PM IDA LEWIS YACHT CLUB, NEWPORT, RI

The meeting adjourned

Reminder:

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

2016 Great Lakes Ocean Challenge: at Beverly Yacht Club in Marion, MA June 17-19 2016

2016 Monterey, CA either September 28-October 1 2015

2017 Masons Island, CT

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin
Shields Class Secretary