

Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 4-9-13:

Members present:

Richard Robbins-Marion & Tech Committee
Richard Gamache-Marion
Fred Werblow-Larchmont & Treasurer
Chris Wick-Mason Island
Rick Hendee-Indian Harbor
Andy Segal-Newport
Peter Bailey-Oxford

Garth Hobson-Monterey
Mike Schwartz-Chicago & President
Wendy Goodwin-Marion & Secretary
Dual Macintyre-Larchmont
Jay Dayton-Oxford
John Mawe-Larchmont

There was a motion made & seconded to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting

Secretary Report: Dues are due August 1-please get in any changes in membership to Fred or to me on or before August 1. I encourage the membership & officers to authorize Regatta Network to host our membership so dues bills will go out directly from the association and members could pay dues & update their contact information electronically. Please encourage owners & crew to join the association. We have a small number of associates and if we had more we could encourage fleet building. Associates are our future owners. The next newsletter will contain a membership form for those owners/associates not officiated with a fleet as this will help us keep better track of our boats that are daysailing or racing PHRF. All Secretarial correspondence has been answered and I hope to update the membership database more swiftly this year than last.

Treasurers Report: Peter Bailey & Jay Dayton of Oxford should be commended as this fleet has paid their fleet dues & have sent the contact/membership information in well ahead of schedule. There has been no activity since the last phone conference. The treasury has \$21,204.78 as of the end of March. Fred asked that the Oxford fleet let him know the estimated costs for the upcoming newsletters and he will submit a complete budget for the season.

2013 Nationals-Oxford, MD: Peter Bailey reports that they are having regular planning meetings. The Shields class website is up to date with the details on this great event. Details for pre-ordering team shirts & crew gear will be posted shortly. The Sailing Instructions will go up in due time. They have had 1 request for a loaner boat from the Chicago Fleet. Loaner boats may be in short supply and they may call on other fleets to help fill those requests. Monterey, CA would like to send a team & they will touch base shortly to firm that up. They are targeting for a 30 boat attendance. It will be a great event with improvements from last time they hosted. The masthead will also contain details for pre-ordering the team gear with sail numbers etc.

2014 Nationals-Larchmont, NY: Dual reports that things are progressing. They are considering offering a discount for those who sign up for the 2014 Nationals before the end of the 2013 Nationals as an incentive. They are considering Sept 11 as a potential date. As all hosts suffer from late registration Larchmont & Oxford are talking about other incentives.

2015 Nationals-Newport, RI: Betsy Yale couldn't make it tonight but is working on plans for 2015. Their local races start May 15. Wendy will follow up with Betsy to ask if she would like to submit more details on the Nationals 2015.

Fleet reports:

Garth Hobson-Monterey, CA; Garth reports their racing season is well underway. They voted to allow tracking of the races via smart phones. They are getting 13 boats on the line. Long term they would like to host the next open Nationals (2016). They also will be hosting the Dolphin Cup early September (Sept 7 & 8) on the west coast & invite all Shields sailors from attending if you happen to be in Monterey. Details will be posted.

Rick Hendee-Indian Harbor Fleet CT: No new news as they have had a challenging spring. Their boats are syndicate owned and some members have had to withdraw due to job and life changes. He is under pressure to fill the ownership slots and keep up the numbers on the race course.

Chris Wick-Masons Island: They are sending 2 boats to Nationals hopefully more.

New & Old Business:

Nominating Committee: The committee has been formed & will be calling folks shortly, so be sure to answer their call.

Great Lakes Challenge: Mike reports we would have to get in an application by next meeting if this is going to be a go.

Masthead: Peter Bailey reports that the masthead will go out April 20. They will have fleet reports from each fleet with a current contact. The newsletter will be 12 pages which will bring the cost down to \$2,800. This newsletter will be mailed. Please report to Wendy if you would like complimentary copies mailed-there is a section of the database set up for "friends of the association/complimentary".

Technical Committee: Richard reports that they have not had any meetings, but the committee needs the trophy committee to firm up the wording regarding the perpetual trophies in the class rules. Section 6 5.0 are now outdated. Fleet 1 will rally to get this corrected/updated.

Peter asked for a report of how many will attend **Nationals 2013:**

Fleet 1-8 boats
Fleet 2-?
Fleet 3-3 boats
Fleet 7/12-1 boat
Fleet 9-6 boats
Fleet 10-3
Fleet 19-2
Fleet 21-10
TOTAL 33 boats

The registration Page for the Nationals will be posted on line so you can see who has signed up. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Nationals 2013!

Our next phone conference will be **May 14 at 7:30** eastern time

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin
Shields Class Secretary