

Announcement of the 1980 Shields Class National Championship Regatta

The Shields Class National Championship Regatta will be held at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass. commencing with registration and sail measuring on Monday and Tuesday, September 8 and 9. A tune-up race will be held on Wednesday afternoon and will be followed by the National Association and Skippers' meetings that evening. The goal is to have two races each day for a total of six races. The Race Committee may on one day only conduct three races and will score the best five out of six.

The Regatta is sponsored by the Edgartown Yacht Club and Martha's Vineyard Fleet #8 aided by boats from Northern Mass. Bay Fleet #4, Narragansett Bay Fleet #9 and Buzzards Bay Fleet #10.

Both the Chairman of the Regatta Race Committee and the Chief Judge are USYRU appointed judges. In accordance with Rule 3.1(b) and the related prescription effective April 1, 1979, there will be no appeal and the judge's decisions will be final. Race instructions will be presented at the Skippers' Meeting.

Because of limited island facilities it is strongly recommended that participants bring sails, especially spinnakers, that

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have been premeasured and conform to Shields By-laws.

As provided in the By-laws, yachts for the Regatta will be assigned to the contestants at random by means of a drawing and no competitor shall be allowed to use his own boat. Drawing for boats will be at the time of registration.

Only one mainsail, one jib and one spinnaker shall be used by a contestant, and those shall be the sails used by him/her in the qualifying races referred to above.

The number of persons aboard each yacht shall not be less than three. Each



Buzzards Bay Regatta/New England Shields Championship—August 1-3—this year was hosted by the New Bedford Yacht Club at Padanaram. Pictured above is the winner Gordon Benjamin with Bonnie Shore #167 "Fledermouse" and Rick Wakeman #145 "Monsoon."
photo: G.S. Sleeman

yacht shall be required to carry throughout all races the number of persons on board at the start of the first race. Local crews may be available on request.

Boats available to contestants will be delivered in good condition with freshly scrubbed bottoms. Boats will not be allowed to be taken out of the water after 1700 Hours Wednesday, September 10. Prior to this time boat bottoms may not be sanded off without the owner's permission.

Skippers are responsible for all damage done to the borrowed boats. The boats must be returned to the owner in the same condition as received. Skippers should check their own liability insurance to make sure they are adequately covered.

All Fleet Secretaries will receive notification of the number of boats available to their fleet. Secretaries are asked to complete a Qualification Certificate indicating who will be competing in the National Regatta. It will be appreciated if this response is received by the Regatta Committee by August 27.

In order to race in the 1980 Championships, a Shields owner or charterer must have qualified in a substantial racing series of not less than five races conducted by his/her fleet this year, and he/she must have finished in the upper half of all yachts qualifying in such series.

The entry fee for the regatta will be \$100. Please make checks payable to: "The Shields National Association Regatta." Mail to: Commodore James H. Cannon, Edgartown Yacht Club, Edgartown, Mass. 02539.

The winds and waters of Martha's Vineyard are exciting in September. Edgartown itself is a charming resort community with a wide variety of inns, guest houses, sports facilities and shops. Lists of all facilities and maps are being sent to each fleet and participants. Because of the nature of our island, transportation by plane and ferry can be difficult. Schedules will be sent to participants and advance reservations are essential. Arrangements will be made to meet incoming participants.

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Editor's Note:

Your news and photographs are welcomed and required to make the Masthead a success. Please send me any material of interest. Thank you. JTT

Welcome New Shields Owners:

#59	Thomas H. Josten	Fleet 5
#76	Earl Stubbs	Fleet 9
#98	Jim Craig	Fleet 11
#218	Lionel Barthold	Lake George
#219	Thornton Ash	Fleet 10

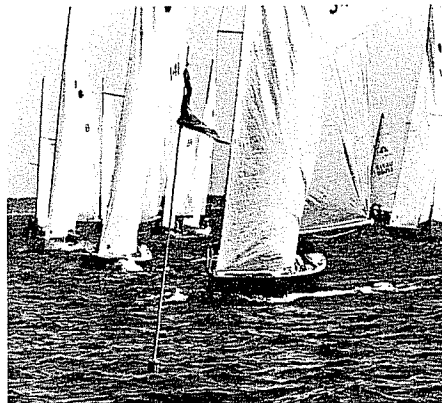
President's Letter Michael R. Deland

Corny Shields, imaginatively interested and, as always, active in the affairs of our Class, recently recommended that a pump of a "guzzler" type be permanently installed in every boat - a suggestion with which I heartily concur. Not only would this greatly increase the safety of our boats, but as the many of us who have already installed them can attest, it greatly simplifies "keeping her dry" around the race course. This is one of several changes to be recommended by the Technical Committee for approval at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Those of you who wish to proceed immediately should contact Gordon Goodwin at Cape Cod Ship who can provide information on the different pumps available and on installation procedures.

Your Officers continue to be active in improving the organization and communication details of the Class. This effort has been spearheaded by Treasurer Nick Baker. Among his accomplishments are: putting the "Bluebook" of

Class Rules and Specifications on computer tape for ease of updating (included with this mailing are the Bluebook changes enacted at last year's annual meeting); actively soliciting "Sponsors" from businesses with an interest in the Shields (Hood Sails and Sperry Sails in Marion have already contributed toward this end); adding sports/yachting editors to our mailing list to stimulate publicity (please send Nick appropriate additions to our rapidly growing list). It's important that we continue to explore every means to broaden the base of the Class. The Shields deserves our organized help in "selling itself." Your suggestions along these lines would be greatly appreciated.

Longtime fleet member Jim Cannon, now Commodore of the Edgartown Yacht Club, his wife Alison, and Race Committee Chairman Brandy Harrison are working hard to guarantee well organized racing and enjoyable socializing at the National Regatta. I look forward to seeing many of you in Edgartown and wish continued happy racing and sailing to all.



Shields fleet approaching mark during racing held at Edgartown Regatta—July 17-19. Pictured are #34 Leonard Green, #141 Mike Deland, #8 George Gardner, #151 Commodore James Cannon, and #128, Jeff Randall. photo: G.S. Sleeman

Shields Neckties!!!

After completely selling off the first batch of blue and gold SHIELDS neckties, Bryan McSweeney recently ordered 200 additional ties to be available, hopefully, in early November for the Christmas shopping season. We are told he is having the neckties made to order in the following handsome combinations of color: antique gold on brown; antique gold on blue; white on dark green; and light blue on maroon. The ties may be ordered directly through the Fleet Secretaries (refer to your recently published **Class Book supplement**, Section VI) at the following prices: four for \$50.00, three for \$39.00, two for \$27.00, and one for \$14.00. It should be noted that the suggested retail price for these ties is from \$15.00 to \$17.00.

Dues!!

Nick Baker reports that dues notices have been sent to all fleet treasurers and, also, those individuals or firms listed on the computerized master list (list enclosed) who might have an interest in furthering the objects of the Association. Several fleets have already sent in their dues to Nick and he notes one or two fleets who have in the past consistently collected from "Associate Members." According to the By-Laws, "An associate member is a person who (a) is a co-owner of a Registered Yacht, another co-owner of which is an Active Member; or is a crew of a Registered Yacht; or is otherwise interested in furthering the objects of the Association; and (b) has paid the current dues for Associate Membership." It is hoped that more associate members can be encouraged to join in support of our Association in the future.

1980 Regatta Schedule

Monday, September 8: 1200 Hours: Registration and sail measuring followed by informal dinner at the Yacht Club at 1830.

Tuesday, September 9: 1000 Hours: Registration and sail measuring. Lunch available at the Yacht Club. 1830 Hours: Informal cookout at the Tennis Club.

Wednesday, September 10: 1000 Hours-1200 Hours: Registration and sail measuring. 1400 Hours: Tune-up Race. 1730 Hours: Skippers' and National Association Annual meetings followed by informal buffet at Yacht Club.

Thursday, September 11:

900 Hours: Harbor Start.
1830 Hours: Cocktails, Dixieland and Clambake at the Beach Club.

Friday, September 12:

900 Hours: Harbor Start.
1830 Hours: Cocktails at Commodore Cannon's home.
2000 Hours: Dinner at the Reading Room.

Saturday, September 13:

900 Hours: Harbor Start.
1830 Hours: Cocktails at a North Water Street Captain's House followed by Awards Dinner and dancing at the Yacht Club.

James H. Cannon, Regatta Chairman

Alison Cannon, Shoreside Chairman R. Brandon Harrison, Race Committee

Fleet Waves

Fleet #1 Western Long Island Sound reported by Fred Werblow.

Twenty-two boats raced in the Shields District Championships hosted by Larchmont Yacht Club the weekend of June 21 with Jay Darling, Race Committee Chairman. The results with racers competing from Larchmont, Manhasset Bay and Seawanhaka Corinthian were as follows:

1. Bob Prosser #185 "Vixen" (3, 2, 5) 10 pts. (Larchmont)
2. George Huntington Jr. and Sr. #101 (2, 3, 7) 12 pts. (Manhasset Bay)
3. Bill Rich #106 "Gaudemus" (5, 5, 3) 13 pts. (Larchmont)
4. John Sheffield #81 "Spirit" (4, 1, 12) 17 pts. (Seawanhaka)

Fleet #2 Manhasset Bay reported by Dick Jordan.

The top three qualifiers for the National Regatta using the Cox-Sprague scoring system are as follows:

1. Jim Moore #166 "Lure"
2. Mike Grinnell #64 "Windsong"
3. George Huntington #101 "Diehard"

The 43rd Annual Manhasset Bay Race Week will take place August 20-24. At least twenty-five Shields are expected to participate. Every major class in Western Long Island Sound will be represented.

Ronald Lazar sailing #195 "Ariel" won the single-handed race.

Bad weather conditions cancelled the crew race.

Labor Day Weekend will have a three-day series of racing.

The twenty-five mile Long Distance Race will be on Sept. 6.

Of note: To encourage Shields sailors to participate in all of the series racing, Manhasset Bay has a "Ten Boat Rule." This rule provides that regardless of the number starting boats the scoring is based on a minimum of ten. Therefore if only five boats start and you are fifth, then it is fifth out of ten rather than out of five. Those who sail are rewarded!

Fleet #3 Chicago reported by Nancy Hostak.

Congratulations go to the winners of the Spring Series:

1. Martin Plonus #130 "Emerald" 7¼ pts.
2. Otto Stossel and Warren Lieb #194 "Sage" 14¾ pts.
3. Jay Higgins #88 "Warlock" 16 pts.

All of these sailors plus Dominic Gatto and Dennis Kleper #126 "Patsy" are in contention to qualify to represent Chicago in the Nationals.

Boat for Sale: #46 will be up for sale at the end of this season. Contact: Tom Van Straaten at 630 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

1981 sail purchase under consideration: jibs from Hood, North and Shore are being tested over the summer.

Columbia Yacht Club, home of Fleet #3, sponsored the 4th Annual Mayor Daley Memorial Regatta on July 12 in honor of the late Richard J. Daley. The Shields Fleet is always an active one-design participant of this yearly regatta, which affords spectators an excellent view of this event as the start/finish line is positioned near shore. The Club topped off the regatta with a poop-deck cookout compete with an Irish bagpipe corps, rag-time jazz band, and finally presentation of awards for the winners. The top winners of this special event in our fleet were Paul Hennessy and Al Kupferschmidt #196, Martin Plonus #130, and Jay Higgins #88.

It was a perfect day for racing on July 4th when Fleet #3 held its annual Ms. Regatta, with an exciting neck-and-neck spinnaker reach finish between #63 skippered by Nancy Hostak, and #88 skippered by Mara Malakoff of the Northwestern University Sailing Club, with Mary Goodkind, skipper of #45, in close and hot pursuit of both.

A no-score fun race weekend scheduled for August 23 and 24 is being organized by Fred Fix (#45). Fred has plans to fix us all but good - ideas include floating greased watermelons about the course to be picked up by each boat before the finish - only one of many aberrations in store for the fleet. This weekend was devised to take a little pressure off our heavy racing schedule and should prove to be a very enjoyable weekend.

Fleet #4 Northern Mass. Bay reported by Newt Clemson.

Marblehead Race Week results of the best five out of six races:

1. Twig and Nick Burke "Roaring Bull" (1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3) 7¼ pts.
2. Phil Audet and Al Meril (National Champ. from Texas) "Typhoon" (1, 2, 2, 4, 4, 5) 12¾ pts.
3. Newt Clemson and Jim Porath "Typhoon" (1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 4) 13¾ pts.

Note that the last race indicated is the "throw out." In particular the racing was very, very close between second and third.

Results of Marblehead Racing Association racing for Spring series had Phil Audet winning by ¼ pt. over John Read in "Spirit." For the July series Phil Audet and Tim Jenkins "Icarus" finished with



Rick Wakeman #145 "Monsoon" of Buzzards Bay Fleet #10, being congratulated by Brandon Harrison, Jr., National Regatta Race Committee Chairman. Rick placed first in each of the four Shields races during Edgartown Regatta. The "Clean Sweep Award" was presented by fellow contenders of the Thacher/Tiffany boat #4 "Patience." photo: G.S. Sleeman

the exact same number of points, but Jenkins won on better mix of races. The next three boats finished within 1¼ points! Twig and Nick Burke are the first qualifiers for the Nationals.

Fleet #5 Seawanhaka Corinthian reported by Trixie Benjamin.

The Spring series began on the Club's opening day. The Fleet's new Chairman John Sheffield sailing his "Spirit" captured the series. Robert Copp at the helm of Tom Josten's and Harry Anderson's "Seiche" placed second. There are fifteen Shields in the fleet. "Altair" #84 was recently sold to Edward Heaney, John Phelan and Adrian Bogart.

Fleet #8 Martha's Vineyard.

Edgartown Regatta was once again a huge success with a total of fourteen boats racing including eight from Edgartown and six from the Buzzards Bay fleet. The top three finishers were all from Buzzards Bay with fourth place from Edgartown.

1. Rick Wakeman #145 "Monsoon"
2. Mike Deland #141 "Rebel"
3. Bryan McSweeney #205 "Cuchulain"
4. Peter Hufstader and Dana Achley

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Fleet Waves

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Rick Wakeman sailed to victory winning all four races under both light and heavy air conditions.

Note: The Edgartown fleet will be hosting the Nationals, and everyone is hard at work to make this regatta a success.

Fleet #9 Narragansett Bay reported by Chuck Roberts.

The top contenders in qualification racing for the Nationals are as follows - not in order:

- Robin Monk #143 "Folly"
- Dan Hadley #168 "Shamrock"
- Chris Withers #14 "Vindex"
- Gordon Benjamin #167 "Fledermouse"
- Tim Dwyer, Gary Lash, Steve Crowley and Bob Berglund #169 "Bombacharger"

Fleet #10 Buzzards Bay reported by Ed Tiffany and Mike Deland.

The New England Shields Championship was hosted by Buzzards Bay at Padanaram as a part of the joint regatta of Beverly Yacht Club and New Bedford Yacht Club. Nineteen Boats competed with results as follows:

1. Gordon Benjamin #167 Fledermouse (Narragansett)
2. Tim Dwyer, Gary Lash, Steve Crowley, Bob Berglund #169 "Bombacharger"
3. Robin Montgomerie #147 "Samantha"

Salignac Cognac has sponsored prizes for this championship. This year's awards were silver brandy snifters as keepers and for display at the winning Club the permanent Paul Revere bowl trophy. In addition there is a half model of a Shields donated by Corny Shields.

The top two contenders for qualifications in the Nationals are:

1. Rick Wakeman #145 "Monsoon"
2. Mike Deland #141 "Rebel"

Fleet #11 Dallas, Texas reported by Bill Nolden.

Results of Spring series:

1. Al Meril
2. Marshall Nelson
3. Bill Nolden

Results of Summer series:

1. Bill Nolden
2. John Wright
3. Jim Berry

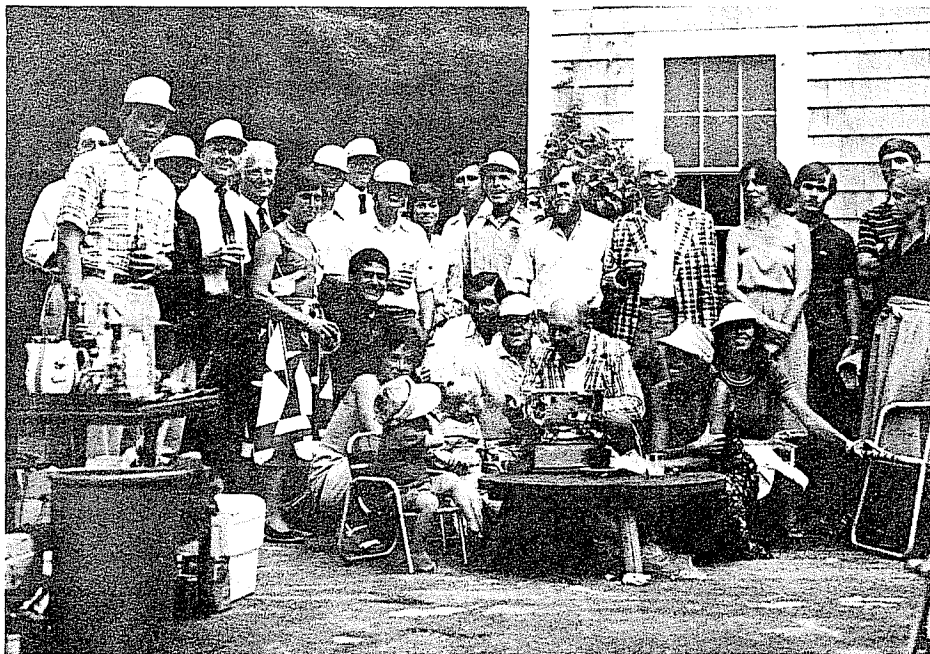
Qualifiers for National Regatta:

- Al Meril - defending champion
- 1. Bill Nolden #73
- 2. Marshall Nelson #2002

Fleet #12 Monterey Bay reported by Bob Coffin.

Top finishers in qualifications for the Nationals:

1. Dick Clark #103 "Stillwater" (1978 Champion)
2. Mike Polkabra #123 "Tara"
3. Patti Womble #100 "Columbia"



Pictured at a social gathering are members of the Buzzards Bay Fleet #10. Hats and the silver bowl are courtesy of Salignac Cognac sponsors of the New England Shields Class Championship. Salignac also hosts a cocktail party and provides "keeper" prizes for the top three finishers. - Send us your photos!!

photo: Deborah Hynes



Mike Deland, National Association President, #141 "Rebel", with wife Jane on the weather rail, starts during Fourth of July races at Beverly Yacht Club in Marion. In pursuit is Brett Thacher #4 "Patience."

photo: G.S. Sleeman

The Navy has authorized replacement of "Barbara" and action is now underway to procure a used Shields. The subject of boat survivability should be discussed again at the National Meeting. Rather than trying to make the Shields unsinkable, everyone should be fully aware that they will sink if filled. In the event of a knockdown, bailing must start at once. In fact, every time they take water, it should be removed immediately. Another survivability maneuver is to lower the mainsail in high winds and sail under jib only. The Shields sails well that way and is completely controllable. The only caution is to ease the backstay to prevent damage to the mast.

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Bob Ethridge (#47, "Spirit") of Grand Rapids, Michigan reports having located Shields #132 sailing at Holland, Michigan and says they now have three boats

in that area. He is hopeful that, perhaps, someday they might be able to form a fleet in Michigan.

Boat Directory

The computer continues to work at trying to compile a listing of all Shields according to sail number, fleet location, boat name, and owner. This listing is included as part of the Class Book supplement. Double check to make sure your listing is correct. Unfortunately, there are still missing boats and it is hoped that some of you readers will be able to identify one of the following sail numbers to Nick Baker at 285 Winter Street, Weston, MA 02193:

12	49	109	132	174
37	56	111	152	209
42	58	115	153	
43	102	117	172	