



## Re-Christened Barbara

The history of the sloop Barbara is an inspiring one. She was purchased by the Navy Postgraduate School Foundation with funds donated by Cornelius Shields. Barbara was then presented to the Naval Postgraduate School in March 1971. The sloop was christened by Barbara MacMurray McNitt, wife of Rear Admiral R. W. McNitt. RADM McNitt was NPS Superintendent from 1967-71. As with all of the NPS Shields, Barbara was sailed and raced extensively on Monterey Bay. She enjoyed the distinction of being a favored boat and her crews did well in local competition.

While participating in a race sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club and Naval Postgraduate School Sailing Association (NPSSA) on Sunday, April 13, 1980, unexpected high seas and gusty winds necessitated cancellation of the event. As Barbara's crew attempted to return to port the sloop began to take on water, and despite efforts to tow the sloop to shore she sank in about 80 feet of water near Del Monte Beach. Due to the intensity of the storm, which lasted for several days, a salvage operation was not immediately undertaken. Her approximate position was marked on a chart. Barbara was not forgotten by the members of the NPSSA.

During a port visit to Monterey, USS Pluck (MSO-464) was conducting a familiarization cruise with several NPS students aboard when the idea of locating Barbara with Pluck's sonar was mentioned. On the first sweep the sloop was located and a salvage plan was quickly drawn up. On Friday, January 16, 1981, USS Pluck, a 41-foot Coast Guard rescue boat, and the NPS 40-foot utility boat supported several volunteer Navy divers (who were NPS students). Barbara was hauled to the surface and towed to the recently completed sailing facility at the Coast Guard pier where she was subsequently surveyed.

Deemed a total loss, the title was sold to Mr. Robert Allan, a member of the NPSSA advisory board. Mr. Allan realized that Barbara had potential for further service to NPS and his intention was to



*The Corinthian Yacht Club of Marblehead.*

personally sponsor the refitting of the sloop and then donate her back to the NPS Foundation, of which he was then president.

Substantial hull repairs were made by Claude McKernan during 1982-3 while he was attached to the USCG station at Monterey. In September 1984 Barbara was donated to the NPS Foundation and Peninsula Boat Sales, Inc. was contracted to complete all repairs. Working under the supervision of skilled boatwrights, several members of NPSSA accom-

plished much of the sanding and grinding required.

Today, we all share Mr. Allan's view that Barbara is still of use to the Naval Postgraduate School. She is a symbol of the responsibility harbored by the members and advisors of NPSSA to promote Navy Sailing on Monterey Bay. Her refit is due to the dedication of NPS towards maintaining a dynamic recreational and professional sailing program. It is sincerely hoped that Barbara will serve this purpose well.

## 1985 Nationals To Be In Marblehead

The 1985 Shields Nationals will be sponsored by the Corinthian Yacht Club of Marblehead in conjunction with its Centennial Anniversary celebrations this summer.

The National Regatta is scheduled for August 18-24. Special provisions for free launching and trailer storage have been made to expand the regatta beyond the fleet's own 17 boats. Twenty-five to thirty boats are anticipated to participate.

Registration and measurement will take place on Sunday, August 18 and Monday, August 19. The six-race sched-

ule will run Tuesday through Thursday, with Friday reserved for make-up races, if necessary.

A full schedule of events plus all the charm of historic Marblehead, are guaranteed for all our guests.

Notices for registration will be sent out at a later date. If there are any questions contact:

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## President's Message

Before you do anything else, get out your Blue Book, go to Specifications III-11. On this page, change the paragraph codes as follows: (b) to 12.3; (c) to 12.4; (d) to 12.5; and (e) to 12.6. Our new updated sail specifications, which you should have by now, use a different numbering system. The above will complete the job and will also give you the opportunity to read the information in full. If you haven't already.

This has been a Herculean task to complete, and real plaudits must go to our measurer John Meade, who finished up what Bill Harding had almost done when this new regime came into power. We had 6 sailmakers in the act to be as sure as possible that these new specs covered all modern requirements.

Treasurer Vic Onet came up with the idea to allow winners of district and fleet championships to wear bold chevrons under the Shields sail emblem. This has met with only enthusiastic response! So, as soon as we get suitable art work you will receive an addendum to your Blue Book.

Meanwhile John Meade is working with S. and S. to get our sail and rig plans updated. These will also be sent to you shortly to tie in with all the changes made in them since 1973.

Last, but not least, all of this cost a few bucks, so keep Onet happy and send in your dues early. And the Lord willing, will see you all you hopeful National Championships in Marblehead late August. Work hard to qualify—sounds like a super Regatta coming up.

Jim Moore

## Texas Shields Invitational

Shields Fleet #11 of Rush Creek Yacht Club, Dallas, Texas announces the dates of the 1985 Annual "Texas Shields Invitational". The Regatta is planned for March 29th, 30th and 31st. There will be a practice race on the afternoon of March 28th, and all racing will be completed by noon on March 31st.

As in the past Fleet #11 will make its boats available to visiting skippers. There will be approximately 10 boats available. All boats will be assigned by a drawing. As at the Nationals, skippers will be expected to provide sails and other equipment over and above a basic boat with one set of sheets and spinnaker pole.

Crews are included in this invitation, although Fleet #11 stands ready to provide a crew if needed. We will also furnish housing, transportation and some meals during the Regatta. So come on down!

For more information contact:  
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## Volvo Cup Regatta

Although the commitment is still only tentative, Newport is planning on hosting a Shields Regatta sponsored by Volvo, July 4, 5, 6. The sailing event is to be held in conjunction with the Volvo Tennis Tournament which is held in Newport every year. New England fleets are being encouraged to consider bringing their boats to Newport for the event. Feeder races may be arranged. Moorings and dock space will be available.

When all the details are confirmed, notices will be mailed out to skippers. In the meantime mark down these dates. This Regatta will be one not to be missed!

## Missing Shields Found

For years Shields #109 has been among the lot of missing boats. It has recently been located on Lake Canadaigua just south of Rochester, NY. German Brothers Marina is now in custody of the boat and it is up for sail for \$10,500. For more information call (716) 394-4000.

## New England Shields Dinner

The New England Dinner will be hosted by the Buzzards Bay Fleet on March 16. All skippers, crews and friends are invited to attend the mid winter fun at the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion.

For more information and reservations contact:  
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A shot of the fleet at the New England Sloop Championship just after they had rounded the weather mark on the third race on Saturday. #202 is Harvard; #201, M.I.T.; #116 Coast Guard; #176, Tufts. Photo by Lucy Turner

# Fleet Waves

## Western Long Island Sound, Fleet #1

Fleet One held their Annual Awards Dinner at the Larchmont Yacht Club on January 19. An all time record of 140 skippers, crew and friends weathered the winter storm to attend.

The 1984 Season Champion is Mark Ames. Fred Werblow placed second, and the Carr, Daub, Olsson Syndicate was third place for the season.

There were also a handful of alternative awards. The annual gag prizes were awarded as well as those in recognition of physical and moral support in the Shields Fleet. Arthur Knapp was recognized for his long standing, faithful support and interest in the Shields class.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Sobel were acknowledged for their outstanding loyalty to the fleet. For years they have sailed the long distance from City Island to race their boat during the weekly series and championships held in Larchmont. It is through this type of spirit and support that others find inspiration, and fleets grow and remain competitive.

## Chicago, Fleet #3

The Chicago Fleet had a good 1984, with over 40 races (Saturday, Sundays, and Wednesday evenings until mid-August) and good turnout. The fleet members all enjoyed the first season for the new Columbia Yacht Clubship, the former car and rail ferry M. V. Abgeweit was for 35 years the only link between Prince Edward Island and mainland Canada.

The fleet is looking forward to having an eleventh boat on the line — number 65 "Valmeira", which has been out of the water for the past four years.

Results of the last year's season are:

FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP-In first place was #130 "Emerald", skippered by Martin Plonus, second was #150 "Counterpoint", skippered by Joe Graziano, third was #90 "Redfeather", skippered by Mike and Gene Bernardoni.

NATIONALS QUALIFIER SERIES — First was again #130, while #150 was again second. Third was #45 "Sloop d'Azure", skippered by Fred Fix.

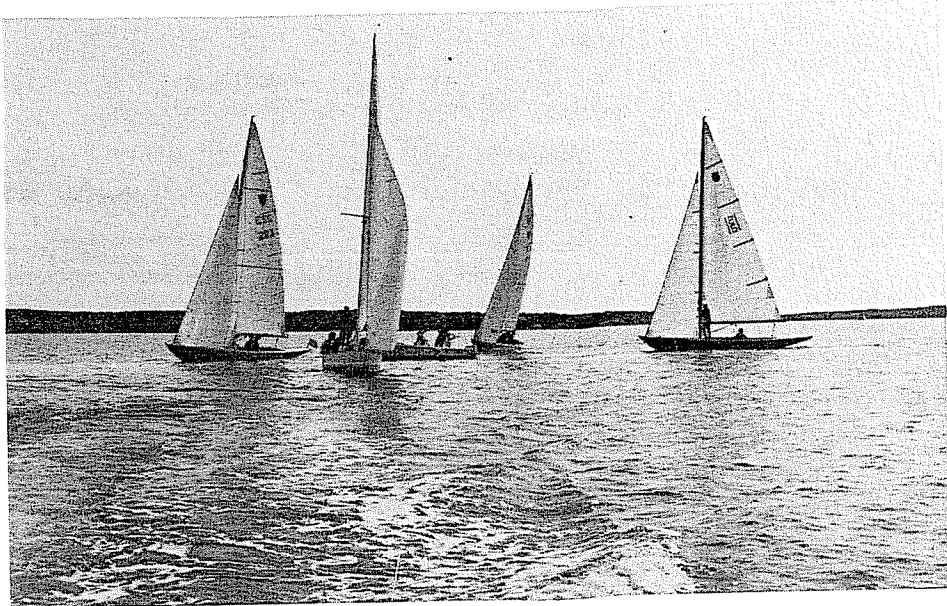
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES — First was #45, second was #196 "Insidious", skippered by Tom Alrich, and third was #88 "Warlock", skippered by Marty Belcklenberg.

## Seawanhaka, Fleet #5

Reported by Vic Onet

Shields Fleet #5 (Oyster Bay) is attempting to expand to twenty boats by the summer of 1986.

We are fortunate to have commitments



*Rounding the weather 'boat' during the Flying Horses Regatta in Edgartown*

for the charter of two boats for next summer and a further commitment for one charter with an option to buy.

As you know, there are not many boats available — either for sale or charter — and this is an attempt to uncover an owner who might be "on-the-fence" and therefore would be willing simply to charter or to do so as a step toward an outright sale.

Our Fleet has been a "net-loser" over the last three or four years with five boats going away largely to the seemingly irresistible lure of the Etchells-22. That lure already pales — the result of the semi-vicious expense of maintaining a high performance boat, the time involved dry-sailing and the effort and trailing to various regattas.

At any rate, we're on the mend and I would very much appreciate help in locating boats in need of either a summer vacation or a permanent home in Oyster Bay.

## Unaffiliated Fleet

Hudson, Wisconsin

Reported by William S. Friedlander

It's about this time of year that we begin thinking again about sailing our Shields. Asteria II (#172) has been on her cradle next to the St. Croix River for almost 3½ months since the end of our season. The river is now frozen hard and cars are driving where we sail in the summer!

The season was a moderate success for us with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the various race series we hold throughout the

season (May - Oct.) We use the PHRF handicapping system and do well against the S-2's, J-24's and assorted Cal's, Catalina's and C&C's.

## Institutional Fleet U.S. Coast Guard Academy New London, CT Reported by Lewis Powers

The New England Sloop Championship held Oct. 20-21, 1984, was hosted by the Coast Guard Academy from the new Seamanship/Sailing Center on Jacob's Rock at the Academy. There were seven pre-qualified schools who competed over the two day seven race series, for the New England slot in the ICYRA (Inter-Collegiate Yacht Racing Association) Sloop Championship at the University of Washington in Seattle. After a 3 hour postponement waiting for wind, Saturday's races were finally held in 5 - 10 MPH southwest breezes.

The fleet competed on a Gold Cup course. Connecticut College took the lead at the end of Saturday with 6 points, followed by Boston College, Harvard and Tufts, each with 11 points. Sunday's races were held in southeast winds of 15 - 20 MPH over a modified Olympic Triangle. Connecticut College's Todd Berman sailed a very consistent series to finish first with 19 points. Tufts was second with 24. Also competing were Maine Maritime Academy, Mass. Institute of Technology, Harvard, Boston College and Coast Guard Academy.

## Class Blue Books

Listed here are the updated pages in the Blue Book. There have been a few revisions in the recent past, so look over your book and be sure you are up to date.

Complete Blue Books are available upon request. They contain information on maintenance, specifications, by-laws and class data. The cost is \$20.00. If you need a Blue Book — or certain pages — please contact Jody Bryan.

(Revised figures are in Boldface)

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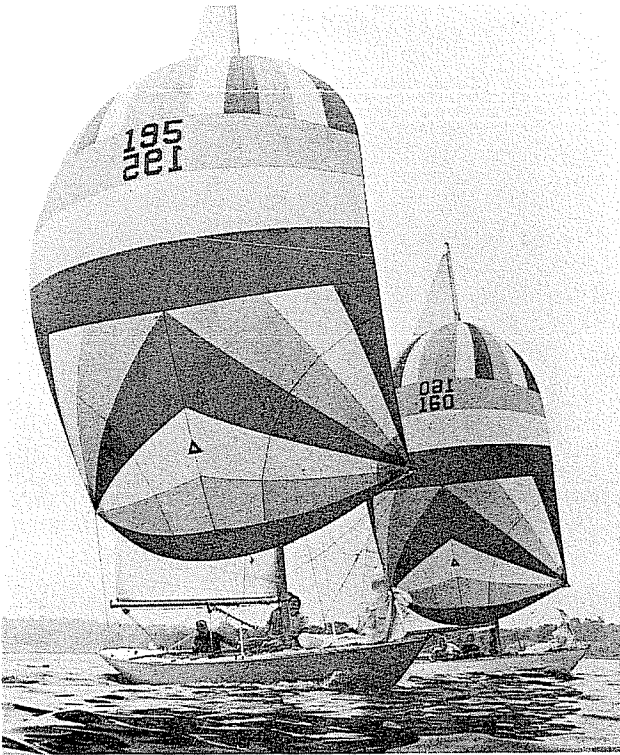
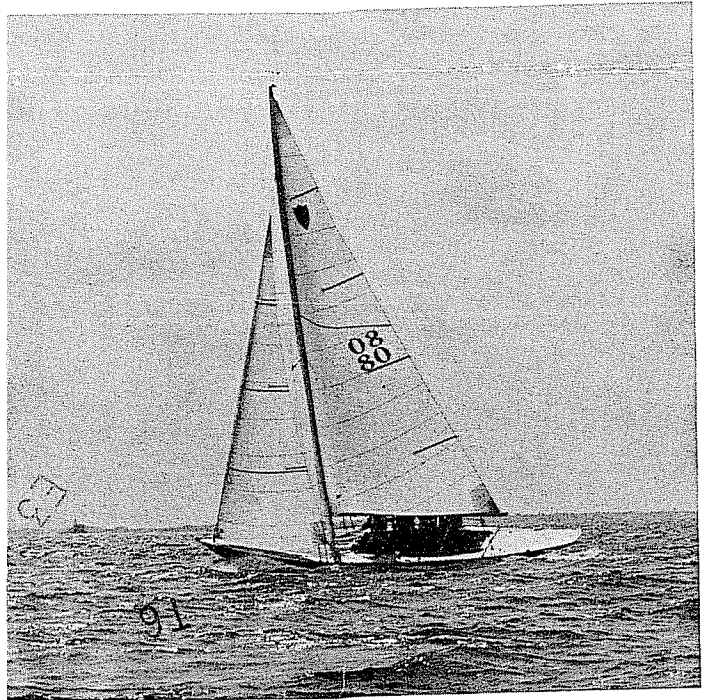
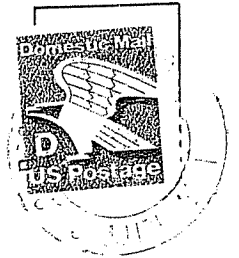


Photo by Roger Shope



Wizard, owned by Dick Coons and sailed by Vic Onet goes to weather off Larchmont. Photo by Roger Shope

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