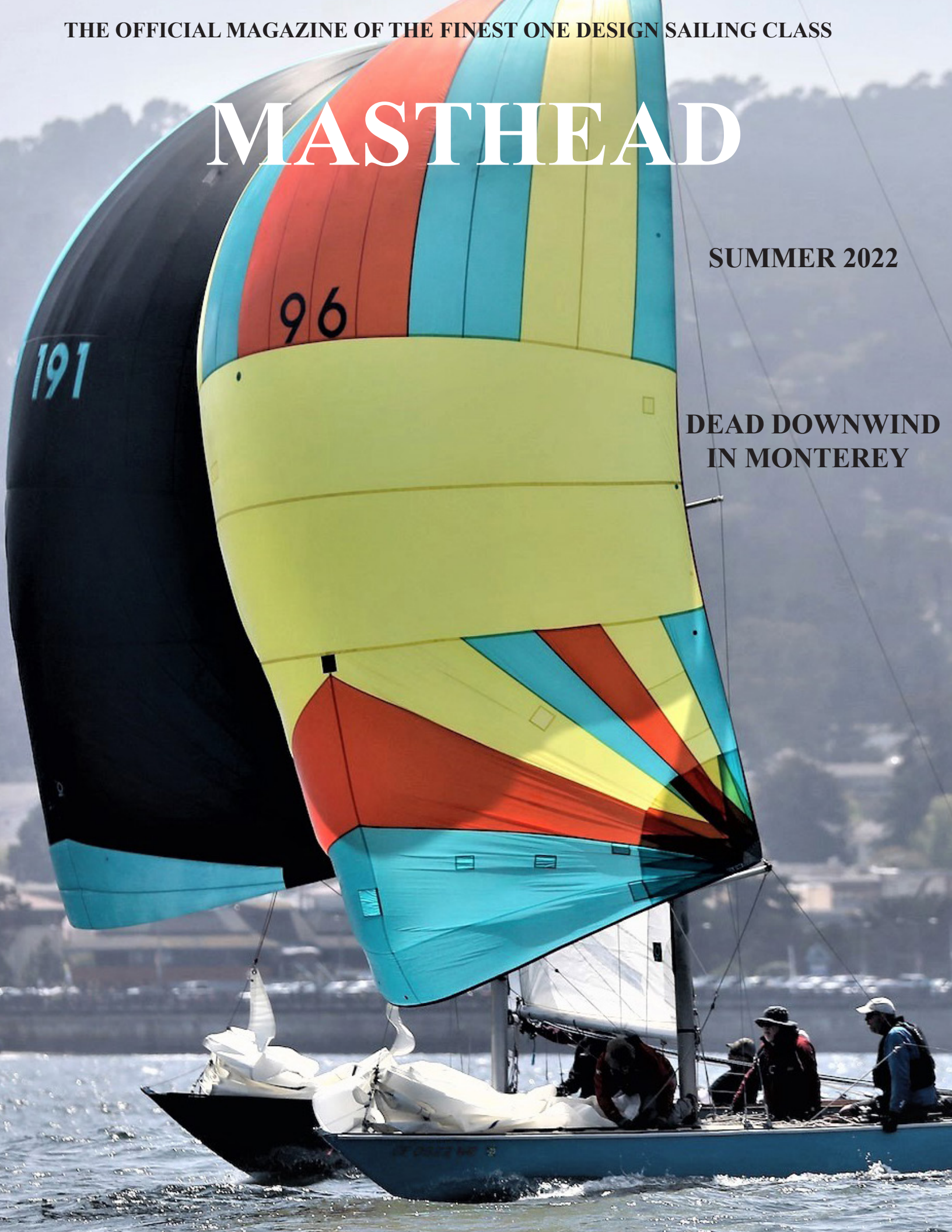


THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE FINEST ONE DESIGN SAILING CLASS

# MASTHEAD

SUMMER 2022

DEAD DOWNWIND  
IN MONTEREY





**Above: Shields Fleet 22 at Daniel Island Yacht Club, SC is Born**

The Shields Class Foundation sponsored the travel expenses of SCF Board Member Ken Deyett who delivered the first Shields to DIYC in April **Above: Joel Bays and Geoff Gibby**

## 2022 Shields Class Officers

President

Ken Deyett - Marion, MA

Secretary

Steve Mettler - Edgartown, MA

Treasurer

Jay Dayton - Oxford MD

Measurer

Dan Goodwin - Marion, MA

Vice-Presidents

Doug Millar - Larchmont, NY

Ron Oard - Newport, RI

Tom McManus - Greenwich, CT

Lee Reichart, Mystic, CT

John Gronberg - Holland, MI

Ted Slee - Newport, RI

MASTHEAD is the official electronic publication of the Shields Class Sailing Association. Opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect views of the Shields Class Sailing Association. Acceptance of advertising does not imply endorsement or approval of the product or service advertised.

Also see the class website [www.shieldsclass.com](http://www.shieldsclass.com)

**Cover Photo: October #96 and Tiburon #191 battle for downwind finish in Monterey**  
**Photo Credit: Michael Fiala**



# President's Message

## Off Season – Journey South

The times, they are a changin'... At least I'm looking for a change from the endless zoom doom we've been trapped in the past 2 years. The apathy surrounding my predicament is one felt by all at this point, and I was certainly in need of a change. I grabbed a photo of myself from the wall and stuck it in front of my computer camera, and when no one said a word, I knew I was golden. While that picture served as my work presence, I was free to jump in my truck to go pick up a Shields in Bristol, RI. This boat is a great symbol of our achievements as a class. It is one of the newly restored Shields which has found its forever home at our new fleet in Daniel Island SC, thanks largely to the outstanding efforts of Jens from Baltic Boat Works, a real gentleman who did an excellent job bringing the boat back to life.

My work will never know that I am driving 1000 miles to play with a Shields...helping rig it and tune it at a South Carolina marina. As far as they know I never said goodbye to the meetings, the boring chitchat and zoom conferences. They won't have a clue that I'm saying hello to the wind blowing through my hair, the sounds of the ocean below the hull and the warm sunshine on my face. You know what I'm talking about - we are all looking forward to getting back out on the water and allow those gentle waves to wash away those office blues.

"Hey, Ken!" (Oops...better mute my phone before work hears) "Do you remember me?" Wouldn't you know it, I was just thinking about the new fleet location in Charleston and who yells my name from clear across the parking lot? It's Bob Scribner from Boothbay Harbor. I had lunch with him last summer discussing a potential Shields fleet forming in Maine.

Wait, it's time for that dreadful 5:30 pm zoom meeting, OR....I can call Shields legends Tim and Laura Bryan to have a second cocktail hour. We spent the evening discussing Shields and they were ecstatic about our new fleet in Charleston.

Just as we were wrapping our spirited Shields discussion another Edgartown legend called and invited us over for dinner. Finally a moment without Shields. Nope, just kidding. We talked more Shields! Bob Whittemore and his wife put on a beautiful dinner party for us with a bunch of their friends. What a great string of social engagements - all focused on Shields! Special thanks to Tim, Laura, Bob, and Anne.

The Shields energy surrounding Charleston is exactly what we need. Conversations about Shields can be held throughout the day and anywhere. In the morning during coffee, at the office, during yoga, at the 9:15 meeting, while updating social media, with your message therapist, your psychologist, the barber, the landscaper, at lunch with your financial guy... it doesn't matter because everyone wants to be part of the excitement of the Shields Class.

Vibration feeling on my leg... another zoom meeting on a Sunday? Nope, it was just the sensation of the Shields Vibe here in Charleston. Our trip to South Carolina was short, but action-packed and productive. We visited friends, marinas, several yacht clubs, chandleries, bars, and cafés. Everyone I met was excited about the Shields coming to the Daniel Island Yacht Club. Even the people that didn't know the Shields wanted to get out and sail her. The vibe was in the air and happening. Ten boats for the Shields newest fleet is not a dream it will be a reality. At your next meeting or gathering, talk about Shields, and get caught up in the Shields Vibe too!

***Kenneth Deyett***  
***Shields Class President***

# Photo Gallery



**Clockwise Starting in Upper Left:  
Fleet 9 During 1st Wednesday of  
2022, Glory and Old Glory in Larch-  
mont, Restoration in Holland , MI,  
Daniel Island Clubhouse, Lily Rob-  
nett Trimming Jib in Monterey**



## Eight Bells for ILYC Past Commodore Earle "Stubby" Stubbs 1985 Shields National Champion

I am devastated to learn of Stubby's passing.

Earle Stubbs started racing Shields in 1976 on Dan Hadley's #168 *Shamrock*. In 1980, Stubby bought #59: a bright red Shields from the Chicago fleet which he promptly renamed *Lisa* to honor his wife.

I can remember one of the first races on *Lisa* (maybe the Shields New Englands in Marion), we pulled off a horizon job. Quite a sight—the red boat with the extra special spinnaker, which sported a huge galloping horse. It became one of our signature downwind tactics to start neighing and make hoof sounds by slapping on the deck while overtaking a competitor. Yes, we used to be fast, cocky and intimidating...



Stubby didn't like the red, so the next spring we long boarded *Lisa* and Stubby sprayed her the classy grey she is today. But in his true competitive fashion, he thought we could be faster. So the next spring he used the free enthusiastic labor from his devoted crew to longboard *Lisa* again!

There were so many spirited races full of laughter and camaraderie. Stubby will be missed by one and all. May we all send our best wishes to his family and wish Stubby a safe passage with fair winds and following seas. **Above Left: Dan Hadley, Pat Griffin, Bill Rommel and Stubby at far right in 1977**

With a heavy heart,  
**Bill Rommel – Lisa #59, crew**

I cannot say that I knew Stubby extremely well, but we were definitely connected through the Shields Class in an interesting way for over thirty years, meeting just twice during that span. Our first engagement was 1985 while racing against each other at the National Championship Regatta in Marblehead. Stubby edged us out for the title in the very last race of the series by a mere quarter of a point. In those days a race win was scored as a 3/4 point, giving the winner a slight scoring bonus. We were defending national champions from Monterey, but we couldn't help being full of praise and joy at their achievement and seeing how jubilant Stubby and his crew were at winning their first title, even though the bite of being edged out by the slimmest of margins carried its own weight and motivation.

After taking a 30-year break from sailing Shields, I was privileged to again compete at the Shields Nationals in 2015 held at Ida Lewis Yacht Club. I found myself recounting the story of this razor thin series loss and how the name "Earle Stubbs" had become a metaphor to me to persevere. A bystander stated that Earle Stubbs himself was indeed visiting the clubhouse that evening and that he was known to have told that same story many times over the years. Stubby and I were reunited over a drink and had many laughs over this long ago championship and how fate and connected us years later in Newport. Stubby earned the narrowest of victories in that event and he also earned my admiration as a true competitor and great champion.

Thanks for motivating me all these years Stubby. Fair Winds and Rest in Peace my friend.  
**Michael Polkabl - 1984 Shields National Champion**

# Glory Wins 2022 Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge in Larchmont

by Ron Oard

Fleet 9 came away with the top honors among the four boats that competed at the Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge over Memorial Day weekend at Larchmont. The light winds (7-8kts Saturday and 5-6 on Sunday) made for a challenging event, with a four-hour thunderstorm thrown into the mix early Saturday afternoon. **Right: Thunderstorm**

## Highlights

Heather Shaver and her brother Tor Johnson were great additions to Team Glory's crew of John Earhard, and Mike Koplovsky and me. As John Burnham coined it: "Glory with a dash of Helen". Heather and Tor had raced at Larchmont before, as had John, and having that conversation about what the wind was doing and likely to do during the prestart and during the race was key. I could concentrate



on driving and leave the tactics of where to go on the course (my admitted weakness) to them.

**Left: Heather, Ron, Mike and John Downwind**

Mike was telling me to keep starting aggressively after we were over early on the first race. A big part of our strong performance was winning all the other starts, and that way we could dictate what we wanted to do the rest of the race. It was also Mike's first time out racing this season, so it was great to have him back.

Finishing second in the first race after restarting. Why: see item one above and immediately below. Plus, John's spinnaker trimming. We had tons of downwind speed in that race and rode over 207 on the final leg before the t-storm halted things.



Heather's comment that we were better off with older sails (we used a 2020 jib with one season on it, a main from 2017, and a spin from 2010ish) in the light air. We had a newer spinnaker that never came out of the bag. I would never have guessed it. Not only did we have speed on the course, but on the last two starts we tacked within 30 and 25 seconds of the gun and still got our speed up enough to have great starts (the Shields thumb rule I have always followed is it takes about a minute to get back up to speed after tacking).

Tor's Friday dinner: Pan fried chicken. OMG, so good!

The sandwiches! And Heather's great call to have two lunches on Saturday and Sunday to enjoy them all the more. We were like hobbits with our "second breakfast".

After the practice race on Friday was called off after twenty minutes due to lack of wind, we shared beers with the crew of 207. Yes, it was Bud Light as we held back the Space Dust, but that gesture bought us some goodwill for the rest of the event. Following closely was the Sunday discovery of the oatmeal raisin cookies my wife Kelly had packed, and sharing them on the veranda with the RC while we waited for wind.

Continued from previous page

Getting that private puff of air and crushing everyone on the downwind leg of the final race. I didn't realize how far ahead we were (I was too focused on how to finish to cover all the bases when the RC shortened course and it wasn't clear where the finish line was) until we were reaching home and started taking pictures. Much better than not racing at all on Sunday and winning by default (we were a point ahead of two boats tied for second going into the second day).

### **Lowlights (that I can laugh about now):**

Almost hitting a moored boat on our way out Saturday while everyone was distracted trying to dry off personal gear. Ugh, that would have sucked...

My inability to land the boat on a mooring after two tries with the t-storm looming. I compensated by having Mike do the rest of the landings for the weekend, and he also avoided the boats on moorings. Maybe I had too much beer by then...

Ummm...getting locked inside my bedroom the first night. Fortunately, it was only 10-15 minutes until Heather finally let me out of jail when my texts to John and Mike went unanswered (they blamed the dark and stormies).

To be honest, we had such a fun weekend both on and off the water that winning was just icing on the cake. This is the third time I have participated in OGLC (also 2018 Newport and 2019 Monterey), and the fact that everyone must race in a borrowed boat makes it easy to travel to and provides the opportunity to bring back (ok, steal) ideas from boats that can be very different from what you are used to for two days of racing.

A big shout out to Fleet 1 and Larchmont Yacht Club for putting together such a wonderful event, and especially the Race Committee who got off as many races as they could in very challenging conditions.

### **Ron Oard 158 Glory**



**The Champs - Ron, John, Mike, Heather and Tor**



## New York Yacht Club Annual Regatta

Congratulation to John Burnham and Reed Baer for winning the 168th annual regatta. Thank you to the Organizing Authority (the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc) and the host New York Yacht Club for a great event.

#	Sail	Yacht	Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	107	Grace	John Burnham / Reed Baer	2	6	1	1	1	1	12.0
2	181	Helen	Ed Adams	1	1	2	2	4	4	14.0
3	258	Tinky	Clayton Deutsch	3	4	4	6	3	3	23.0
4	11	Apollo 11	Joe Bardenheier	4	5	8	3	6	12	38.0
5	166	Tantrum	Jonathan Hough	12	3	7	8	2	9	41.0
6	158	Glory	Ron Oard	7	2	10	7	5	10	41.0
7	121	Mahi	David Bush-Brown	6	7	3	10	10	6	42.0
8	151	Meander	Scott Foberg	5	11	6	4	9	7	42.0
9	237	Bit~O~Honey	Ken Deyett	9	10	11	5	7	2	44.0
10	238	White Rabbit	Richard Robbins / Ethan Robbins	8	8	5	9	8	11	49.0
11	245	Hawk	Peter K Siegl	10	9	9	11	11	8	58.0
12	223	Aileen	Clare Evans	11	12	12	12	12	5	64.0



## Winners of NYYC 168th Annual Regatta - Team Grace

## The Edgartown Yacht Club 99th Annual Regatta

The Edgartown Yacht Club 99th Annual Regatta for one-design keelboat classes will be held at Edgartown, Massachusetts on Friday, July 8, through Sunday, July 10, 2022.

The Edgartown Yacht Club 99th Annual Regatta for one-design Junior classes will be held at Edgartown, Massachusetts on Thursday, July 14th, through Saturday, July 16, 2022.



# 58th Shields Nationals Return to Newport September 8-10, 2022



## 2022 Shields Nationals Newport, Rhode Island

With the date rapidly approaching for the 58th edition of the Shields Class National Championship, a number of teams from across the nation are preparing to compete in what could be the largest showing in recent history. The Ida Lewis Yacht Club and Shields Fleet 9 have been busy getting ready to welcome as many as 25 teams from around the country to the waters in and around Newport, Rhode Island. For any sailors who have been to Newport before, and specifically Ida Lewis YC, know that the conditions on Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound are pretty impressive. The ILYC Race Committee has been hard at work and with the possibility of as many 40+ boats on the starting line this September, updating the typical course format to maintain a fair and competitive regatta. So, as we all begin to get our beautiful racing machines out of winter storage and begin our seasons, don't forget to register soon so the organizers in Newport can plan accordingly with housing, moorings, and events. More information is available on Yacht Scoring or by reaching via email to [shieldsfleet9@gmail.com](mailto:shieldsfleet9@gmail.com).



[Click Here to View the Notice of Race for 2022 National Regatta](#)

This Nationals promises to be a very special event, with an excellent sailing venue, top-notch race committee, housing for visiting crews, lively social activities, and a large fleet with fierce competition. Make your plans today to compete at Shields Nationals on Narragansett Bay, hosted by Ida Lewis Yacht Club and Shields Fleet 9.



# Fleet Reports

## Fleet 9 - Ida Lewis Yacht Club, Newport Rhode Island



**Upper Left: Sam Howell, Will Welles, Carl Merril, and Nick Ewenson pose with a nest of Shields: 226 Ultimate Pressure III, 224 Virginia, and 258 Tinky Upper Right: Jon McClean takes a break from measuring 253 Q&A Bottom: Final 2021 Wednesday Night Race**



## Fleet 10 - Beverly Yacht Club, Marion, MA

Greetings from Fleet 10 in Marion and happy spring to all Shields Class Sailors! This year, the Marion Fleet plans to extend our title as the best traveled fleet in the class. Marion boats will be traveling to 5 or 6 events in at least 4 venues while maintaining our weekly series racing. We may be a smaller fleet, but we are a fleet with a strong and reliable commitment to our national class and to the local club racing here at the Beverly Yacht Club.

The 2022 season started with supporting the Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge hosted this year by Fleet 1 in Larchmont NY. Two weeks later, the New York Yacht Club Invitational Regatta where Marion sent three boats. This weekend our fleet travels to the 99th Edgartown Regatta hosted by Fleet 8 in Edgartown, MA. This event kicks off with a distance race to Edgartown via Buzzard's Bay, Woods Hole and Vineyard Sound. Each year, The Tiffany Bucket is awarded to the first place finisher by Joan and Ed Tiffany (who still hold the record). Timing the hole is the trickiest part. We are fortunate to have our expert navigator Rich Robbins to calculate the tide and the timing to make it through the Woods Hole safely or we all would end up on the rocks! **Left: Bit~O~Honey in Tred Avon**



Our series racing started in June with Twilight Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons. Early in the season, it can be a challenge to get at least three boats on the line, but somehow with a lot of mutual encouragement, pep-talking, wimp-shaming, crew wrangling, and arm twisting, we nearly always have a quorum. Our series racing will end on Labor Day weekend. The fall racing runs through Columbus Day Weekend.

This year, Labor Day weekend presents a new opportunity for Fleet 10 and a terrific warm-up for this year's Nationals. We're looking forward to joining many Newport and National Competitors for the Newport Classic Yacht Regatta which has been running for over forty years. The Shields class has been invited to this historic event. On September 7th through 10th the Ida Lewis Yacht Club will host the Shields Class National Championship. The convenient location, great racing, and excellent hospitality combine to make it a no brainer for a great week! Fleet 10 expects to send 5 boats!

In 2023 Marion is hoisting the Shields Nationals. With our record of sending 75% of our fleet to different events over the years and supporting every Nationals since the creation we look forward to each fleet to repay the commitment. Luiza Burr and Clare Evens are heading up the regatta and will be contacting you.

See you on the racecourse.

---

## Fleet 7 - Naval Post Graduate School Yacht Club and Fleet 12 - Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Monterey CA



The West Coast Shields fleets have been enjoying a competitive 2022 season with very accommodating weather. We have seen an average of 7-9 boats on Wednesdays and similar numbers for our Sunday Series. This continues the Shields' streak locally as having the largest racing fleet in Monterey. We are hopeful that new club members will step into Shields ownership to continue our tradition as being the "Class of the Bay". Stillwater won the Spring Series and Charlotte currently is leading our Sunset Series. Fleet 12 is proud of 5-year fleet member Dante Fiala who is a plebe at the U.S. Naval Academy now. We are pleased that Delaplaine #139 and October #96 will be competing in Newport this September at the National Regatta.



**Above Left: Congressman Jimmy Panetta, Dante Fiala and Tiburon Owner Eric Anderson at Dante's Recognition Ceremony at the Weckerling Center at Presidio of Monterey. Below: Stillwater, Helen and Tiburon (photo credit: Michael Fiala)**