

Shields Class Annual Meeting

September 9th 2015

Ida Lewis Yacht Club, Newport, RI

President's Report: Outgoing President Com Crocker opened the meeting & welcomed all the attendees. He offered thanks to all those who contributed to the development of the Shields Class during his term and especially called out the contributions of Jay Dayton as Treasurer, Rich Robbins as Measurer and Wendy Goodwin's service during 4 years as Class Secretary.

Treasurers Report: Jay Dayton

As of September 9th 2015; Jay Dayton reported that the Class finances were healthy with a balance of \$11-12k. Most Fleets had paid their annual dues, though Fleet #10's dues were still thought to be outstanding. He also reported that the IRS had accepted the Class filing for Non-Profit status.

Approximate Class Account Balance at 9/9/2015: \$11,437.92

Secretary's Report: Wendy Goodwin

The membership electronic roster is up to date. Currently there are currently 160 Active Members & 16 Associate Members. Active Membership has grown over the last 3 years, but associate membership is "way down" this year.

	2013	2014	2015
Active	131	148	160
Assoc.	27	34	16
	158	182	176

Wendy made an appeal to all skippers to get their crews to sign up / maintain associate membership so that they can receive the newsletter and increase their connection with the Class and with other Fleets. Wendy then read out a poem that she wrote on her way to Nationals, a scan of which is included at the end of this document.

Wendy reported that a complete membership list, including members who let their membership lapse has been handed over to Peter McWhinnie along with instructions on how to access the on line membership. He also has a complete thumb-drive of every document created during Wendy's tenure.

Wendy concluded by offering to continue to assist during the transition to the new Secretary and remarking on what a pleasure it had been to serve the Class with Com, Richard, Jay & all the VP's.

Technical Committee Report

There was no formal Technical Committee Report, but Com and Richard encouraged local fleets to continue experimenting and discussing potential topics, including:

- loose-footed main
- roller furling jib
- small spinnaker (something used in Marion & Edgartown)

Topics: The meeting proceeded to future Nationals discussion.

- We will gather in 2016 in Monterey and 2017 in Mystic;
- 2018 Nationals: Call for proposals.

New Slate of Shields Class Association Officers:

A motion was proposed, seconded and duly carried to elect the new slate of Shields Class Association Officers

2017 Governing Board members:

President-Eric Anderson (Fleet12, Monterey)
Treasurer-Jay Dayton, (Fleet 21, Oxford)
Secretary-Peter McWhinnie (Fleet 1, Larchmont)
Measurer-Bill Berry (Fleet 10, Marion)
Vice President-Richard Robbins (Fleet 10, Marion)

Vice President-Sam Veilleux (Fleet 3, Chicago)
Vice President-John Klein (Fleet 8, Edgartown)
Vice President-Ronald Oard (Fleet 17, Newport)
Vice President-Rick Hendee, (Fleet 2, Indian Harbor)
Vice President-Christopher Wick (Fleet 19, Mystic)

The group then voted to close the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Peter McWhinnie
Shields Class Secretary

Appendix

If you are here for the 1st time
Welcome & be ready for a ride
The Shulds not only requires brute strength
but an equal amount of instinct, subtlety ^{knowledge} & or tide

If you flirt with the fleet
and crew on occasion
please consider an associate membership
to aid your Shulds Specific Navigation

Perhaps you race Shulds regularly
both home & every September
then its time to step up
get involved, become a board member

This group does not exist
without countless hours of time & dedication
So many people in this room
are directly responsible for our solid foundation

Although I wear 1 less hat
as I stand before you today
I recall my first Shulds Nationals
the Awe, the confusion like it was yesterday

Year after year
we each strive to return
to race against friends
in just three days we adjourn

Make the most of this extraordinary time
bottle up & save the love that you feel
what will you do to help the Shulds class
remain on an even keel