

Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 6-9-14:

Members in attendance:

Wendy Goodwin- Secretary Marion (fleet 10)
Jay Dayton- Treasurer Oxford (fleet 21)
Richard Robbins-Marion (fleet 10)
Betsy Yale-Newport Hosting Nationals 2015(fleet9)
Eric Anderson-Monterey (fleet 12)

Steve Potter-Edgartown (fleet 8)
Rick Gibson-Northern Mass Bay (fleet 4)
Mike Schwartz-Chicago (fleet 3)
Chris Wick-Masons Island (fleet 19)

Presidents Report: Com Crocker: Com was unfortunately stricken with the need to have a tooth extracted earlier today, so the group followed through with the planned agenda. Com asked that we move forward with the vote to change the date the Nationals dues are due. Also he stressed that we support the Great Lakes Ocean Challenge in Chicago.

<https://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/Default.aspx?p=dynamicmodule&pageid=393506&ssid=315485&>

Treasurers Report: Jay Dayton:

There has been minimal activity this month from our Treasury. No Fleet dues received this month.

INCOME: (Checking Balance as of 05/30/2014) \$20,033.50

EXPENSES: Check to Laser Letters for Spring Masthead publication (6/4/14)-\$ 3,721.68

Current Account Balance: \$16,311.82

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Dayton, Class Treasurer, Fleet #21

Secretary's Report: Wendy Goodwin Some Marion Shields sailors met with Eric Anderson of the Monterey fleet during a recent trip to New England for lunch to discuss upcoming Nationals. Some membership info has come in but I'm behind on updating but will catch up. The coffee table book committee is still waiting on a few people to respond to the call for content. We'll meet to start the outline later this month. There was a question: can we still submit book content-the answer is yes. Please send in content to wendy@capecodshipbuilding.com or check with Wendy for instructions on using the data dump for lots of content/photos.

Technical Committee Report: Richard Robbins spoke on Kristian's behalf. The measurement committee has not met but during the racing season, that's not unusual. There was discussion about the change in the class rules to move the date the dues are due from August 1 to May 15. There was a proposal to change the new date from May 15 to June 1. There was no objection with the desire to strike the rules for reinstatement. There was a question as to whether we have any information on what % of dues go unpaid. The Oxford fleet & the Newport fleets each chimed in that they have a rule that you are not scored until you pay your dues. There is no way to tell what % of dues notices that go out remain unpaid-the dues are collected by the fleet treasurers. The group agreed the best fleet practice would be to require National membership for local racing. The goal with this rule change is to get members to pay dues before the racing begins. The group unanimously voted to change the dues due date to June 1. In addition, the group agreed to strike the requirement for the Governing Board to reinstate a member who has fallen in arrears. See the old rule & new rule excerpts below.

Current Rule with Markup

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Adopted Rule

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Note that the change will go into effect in 60 days unless there is an objection from the fleets.

New & Old Business:

Great Lakes Ocean Challenge Cup: The NOR and the Registration information is on the website. Rick Gibson from fleet 4 will be driving to this event and invited others to carpool with him. Contact him at rick.gibson11@gmail.com. Please support this event. The Chicago sailors will help fill any gaps you have in the cockpit. Fleets 1,4 & 12 are confirmed. We still need support from fleets 5,8,9 &10. There was a request for Rick to put his offer in an e-mail so the fleet captains can send it out to the membership. It was noted that the time of year is difficult for many to attend Newport/Bermuda etc. Mike reports that they are housing everyone, they have a fantastic welcoming committee & are committed to making it a super quality regatta on and off the water. Be sure to support this event, the class association has invested in this and we need to all work together to assure its success. To sign up go to:
<https://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/Default.aspx?p=dynamicmodule&pageid=393506&ssid=315485&>

2014 Shields Nationals-Larchmont, NY: The goal is to get 50 boats on the starting line. 12 boats are registered (6 of those are local). Note that the sooner you sign up, the more times you are entered to win door prizes. Each time another entry is received, your sail number will be entered to win again. There will be more notifications as the event gets closer. Please encourage participation & sign up to attend either the Legends Regatta or the Nationals.

Fleet Reports:

Newport: Betsy is encouraged at the increased number of inquiries for how folks can get involved with local racing. Be sure to use the Mastheads to encourage folks to join right in.

Oxford: Jay reports their spring series has had 12 races with a great turn out.

Mystic: Chris reports one inactive boat is back in service so they have 7 boats on the line.

Chicago: Mike reports they have 8 boats racing

Monterey: Eric reports that they will form a committee to audit each boat in their fleet to determine which boats are out of compliance & come up with a plan to comply. They'll report back to the association and expect most items to be minor or fixable. They anticipate to correct things by early fall 2014.

There was a motion to adjourn-the meeting closed at 8:35

Reminder:

2014 Shields Nationals-Larchmont, NY: Wednesday Sept 10, 2014 to Saturday Sept 13, 2014

2015 Shields Nationals-Newport, RI: September 10-12, 2015

2016 Monterey, CA or Edgartown, MA-we will report when the votes are in.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 8 at 8PM EDT

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy J. Goodwin, Shields Class Secretary