

Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 8-13-13:

Members present:

Roland Schultz-Larchmont (1)

Fred Werblow-Larchmont & Treasurer (1)

Mike Schwartz-Chicago & President (3)

Stephen Potter-Edgartown (8)

Betsy Yale-Newport (9)

Andy Segal-Newport (9)

Richard Robbins-Marion & Tech Committee (10)

Jason Van Inwegen-Marion (10)

Bill Berry-Nominating Committee (10)

Wendy Goodwin-Marion & Secretary (10)

Chris Wick-Masons Island (19)

Jay Dayton-Oxford/Tred Avon (21)

Treasurers Report: We have a balance of \$22,802. Fred submitted an itemized list of the dues paid per fleet, the costs for the masthead publication, trophies, sailing world ads, US Sailing membership etc. 90 boats & 39 co skippers paid dues which is down slightly from last year (approx. 20%). Our costs have also been reduced & we are solvent. Congrats to the Chicago fleet who encouraged their crew to sign up with Associate memberships. The Fleet encouraged the crew to sign up for Associate membership by letting them know they would get a newsletter.

Secretary's Report: The 2013 membership list was distributed. Please encourage those who are racing but not on the list to send their Treasurer/Fred their dues.

Fleet reports:

Fleet 1 Larchmont They had a great race week & also had the districts getting together with Seawanaka & Indian Harbor. 16 boats attended. They had 26 races total & at least 8 boats attended each race. 11 boats are qualified to attend Nationals now. They are looking forward to hosting the 50th Shields Nationals on September 10-13, 2014. They are making progress with the logo & sponsors. They hope to promote the Nationals in Oxford. 6 Larchmont Shields are signed up to attend the 2013 Nationals.

Fleet 2 Indian Harbor- Rick Hendee was not available on the call, but this fleet was commended for attending the districts in Larchmont.

Fleet 3 Chicago- Mike Schwartz Chicago will send 1 boat to Shields Nationals. They are hosting the Verve cup next week. <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=899>

Fleet 8 Martha's Vineyard- Steve Potter reports it was a short season but good. There were a few more collisions than usual. They have 2 more weekends to race. Jeff Randall has been encouraging the Edgartown fleet to go to Oxford but they are afraid fleet 8 won't be represented. They anticipate participating for the 50th in Larchmont.

Fleet 9 Newport- Betsy Yale The summer series had 6 races with 32 boats attending. The Aloha Series on Friday nights had improved attendance this year & the Saturday series had 10 boats. They are looking forward to hosting the 51st Shields Nationals and they are discussing a possible date of the 3rd week of August due to conflicts with dates later in the year. Betsy will continue to keep us informed of her discussions with the current & future Ida Lewis YC commodores. Andy S. commended Betsy for a great job handling the communication between the fleet membership and the club. Betsy mentioned that Robbie Benjamin is looking forward to chairing the 2015 Nationals. She is a former Shields champion.

Fleet 10 Marion- Jason reports an average of 6-7 Shields are racing the Saturday Championship Series & Thursday twilight series. Attendance is down on odd years due to other away events. Please share with him some ideas as Marion is in a process of rebuilding.

Fleet 19 Masons Island-Chris Wick reports they have 5 active boats, one remains on the hard due to a leak. Chris will represent fleet 19 in the Nationals in Oxford. They have had a fun racing season locally.

Fleet 21 Oxford Jay Dayton They have completed 2 spring series and a summer series 12 races each. The 82nd annual Oxford Regatta was held with 14 one design classes. 35 to 40 races should be completed by the time we get together to race Shields Nationals. 18 Shields are currently registered. Two more are in the mail. Attendance is not what they expected, but it will be a great regatta.

New & Old Business:

Challenge Cup: Betsy Yale & Mike Schwartz presented ideas for the Challenge cup which would take place in Chicago & then move to which ever fleet wins the cup. The cup currently resides in Chicago. For 2014 it would be held possibly in June (either the 14th or 21st) & fleets would send top racers in their fleet & race in borrowed boats. They would like to hold off more discussion as they don't want this overshadowing the Nationals. Racing would be 2 days. It was suggested that the timing not conflict with local race schedules.

Nominating Committee: Bill Berry presented the following potential slate of Officers:

President-Com Crocker

Treasurer-Jay Dayton

Secretary-Wendy Goodwin

Measurer-not 100% sure- but Kristian Martincic is considering the position

The committee is still pondering the VP's as they want to make sure the Governing Board is well rounded/represented. 4 of the 6 VP's have agreed to continue. The committee will send the full slate to Wendy so a proxy can be e-blasted to the membership.

All agreed these were fine choices. WBerry5395@aol.com, hldevore@gmail.com, RMONK@travelers.com

Masthead: Please send all fleet reports for the next Shields Masthead. This fall distribution will be printed. The question was asked who is responsible for the content: the host of the Nationals is responsible, so Larchmont will be responsible for Spring 2014 and Fall 2014. Newport will be responsible for Spring 2015 and fall 2015. The publisher has been local, Marion used Fran Grennon to coordinate & Oxford's Richard Slaughter has connections & was commended for publishing such a great looking book for such a great price. It's important that the fleets supply current addresses for the membership to Wendy. All those who become members receive the Masthead.

Technical Committee: Richard Robbins reports no new news at this time. The measurement committee will pursue any ideas the Governing Board presents to them. Richard also handles the Website & e-mail: There was discussion of one final e-blast regarding the Nationals participation. Richard asks for content.

Mike Schwartz welcomed all the newcomers to this month's conference call & thanked them for their participation.

The question was asked how the board is promoting membership. The members who are not affiliated with any fleet were recently sent a membership invoice. Richard set up the Secretary section of the database with a way to send notices to individual members. There is also a section of the e-mail database for potential membership information to be collected so we can continue to touch base-even if they have not signed up for membership. Each newsletter from now on should include a form to fill out to inquire about/become a member. The last 2 Mastheads had one so they could be left at Yacht Club Coffee tables etc. Richard also set up a form to fill out on the website <http://www.shieldsclass.com/join/index.php>

Reminder:

2013 Shields Nationals-Oxford, MD: Thursday Sept 26-Saturday Sept 18, 2013

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

2015 Shields Nationals-Newport, RI: Third week of August 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin
Shields Class Secretary