

Shields Class Governing Board Meeting
January 12th, 2016
MINUTES

Attending

Eric Anderson	President	Garth Hobson	2016 National Regatta Chair
Jay Dayton	Treasurer	Richard Robbins	VP
Peter McWhinnie	Secretary	Mike Fratantoro	Fleet Captain, Fleet 20
Ted Slee	Fleet Captain, Fleet 9	Bill Berry	Class Measurer, Fleet 10 Captain
Ian Smith	Fleet Captain, Fleet 8	John Klein	VP

The meeting began at 8:00 EDT

1) President's Report: Eric Anderson

- President thanked people for attending call.
- Masthead:
 - Eric thanked everyone involved for the quality of the submissions, the editing, and overall for a high quality edition, which also came in on budget.
 - He reminded Fleet Captains to use the Masthead as a marketing tool for potential members and sponsors.
 - He also reminder contributors of the need for **high resolution** photos for future editions.
 - Ted Slee commented that all Fleet 9 feedback had been good.
 - Other comments: important to maintain budget, as budget drives size of edition; Class can keep Masthead as both mail and electronic at the current budget.
- Trophies – updating records and procedures: (Com Crocker could not attend, Eric led conversation):
 - Progress has been made on this, draft procedures were circulated with proposed rules wording changes (see Appendix at end of minutes), and these were discussed by Board. All to review, make suggestions to Eric ahead of a further review and vote at the next meeting.
 - There was an active discussion about procedures for the Take-a-Bow award and the Golden Stern. The former has a long and well regarded history in sailing and was well supported. The Golden Stern was seen by some as an award with good intentions, but also a “double edged sword” – a suggestion was made to consider retiring the trophy.
 - Insurance: Com has been working with LYC who have agreed to cover the trophies whilst they are at LYC. Insurance for the trophies when in transit or at a venue was to be investigated.
 - Actions/follow up:
 - Robbie Benjamin has confirmed that there is a perpetual Gordon Benjamin Trophy which is kept at ILYC, and said it is available to travel to regattas upon request.

- Eric has asked Com Crocker to inquire about the possibility of LYC covering the 3 primary trophies while in transit or at a venue, via rider to trophy coverage insurance.
 - All – to consider whether the Golden Stern Award might better be retired after several years of useful service.
 - All – review procedures and suggested rule changes, make any suggestions to Eric and prepare to discuss again at next Board Meeting.
- Dues:
 - Eric and Fleet 7 & 12 have beta tested procedure for scrubbing and updating Class website data.
 - Pete to roll out similar procedure to other Fleets for 2016.
 - Associate Member fees:
 - Eric had collected \$10 from 9 crew members, and commented it was a great way to strengthen communication and connection across the Class, and encourage the next generation of owners.
 - Jay Dayton suggested that Fleet Captains promote this effort, leading by example in signing up their crews as Associate Members and encouraging their Fleets to do the same.
 - Some discussion of “difficulty” of signing up Associate Members with rotating crews et al for some boats, but for other boats perhaps skippers could sign them up automatically.
 - Associate membership offers good value: receive Masthead and electronic communications from the Class.
 - Eric asked that all skippers make efforts to sign up their crews as Associates, and set a goal of 2 associates per boat.

2). Treasurer’s Report: Jay Dayton

Very little activity since last report s:

• Account Balance as of 10/01/2015	\$11,189.86
• Income	
○ Deposits:	None
• Expenses:	
○ Laser Letters (Fall Masthead) (12/20/15)	-\$ 2,498.49
○ Bonnier Corp (Harken One Design Ad) (11/26/15)	-\$ 150.00
○ ILYC - Golden Stern Trophy Shipping (01/08/16)	-\$ 150.00
• Approximate Ending Balance: as of 11/9/2015	\$ 8,391.37

There were no questions.

3) Secretary’s Report: Peter McWhinnie

- Masthead:
 - 237 copies mailed out; plus packs of ~10 to each Fleet Captain.

- Only ~8 returns with wrong address so far. (Kudos to Wendy for having a clean mailing list). Will follow up with individual fleets to see if we can correct these addresses.
- Membership roster: 2015
 - Status:

2015	Per annual meeting 9/15	Per Database
Active	160	156
Assoc.	16	16
	176	172

- Current viewpoint: database numbers contain a few duplicates, don't align well with dues received (dues received from ~120).
- In process: more detailed cross checking of lists vs dues received and Fleet by Fleet updates. Fleet 7 and 12 lists updated in December.
- Action: will be sending lists to Fleet Captains for validation and update

4) Technical Committee: Bill Berry

- Nothing formal to share.
- Bill Berry said he was still recruiting others to join the Technical Committee – needs to have 6 members and was looking for candidates, in particular from the following Fleets:
 - Chicago
 - Mystic
 - Tred Avon
 - Larchmont

5) Discussion Topics

Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge: Bill Berry

- Status of preparations:
 - NOR has been issued.
 - Have got PRO
 - Generally on schedule and in good shape.
 - Fleet has secured 8 boats for racing
- Eric asked whether there was any indication of registrants / likely attendees – but it was seen as too early. However, it was commented that Fleet 7 and 12 would each be sending boats; attendees from Newport and Larchmont were also thought to be likely.
- Action:
 - Eric reminded the Board that this was a great event, and it was important to keep building momentum. He asked Fleet Captains to promote the event to their Fleets
 - Fleets should registration their participants as soon as possible
 - Goal: The Class hopes for this event to be fully subscribed by April 1st

2016 National Regatta: Garth Hobson

- Status of Preparations: going well.
 - Deposit on the location for the awards ceremony – the top floor of the Marriott Monterey – which is a great location.
 - Sponsorship is going very well – have exceeded \$10k goal for end of year.
 - PRO identified, Judge – not yet.
 - NOR drafted.
 - Issue for Fleets is identifying/choosing attendees given the likely high reliance on loaner boats. General thought was each Fleet could send its Fleet Champion, and then it would be first come, first served. Richard Robbins advocated giving Fleets decide their order or priority rather than being prescriptive in the NOR. It was recognized that Fleets need to be thinking about this **early**.
- Goal is to have 20 boats on the line; currently have 15 boats available.
- Transport:
 - Monterey team is **actively looking** at how to get more boats to California, and at transport options, and is open to ideas and suggestions.
 - **Class strongly recommends** that owners consider the possibility of trailering or hiring commercial transport to get their boats to California. The Monterey Fleet will be a willing partner:
 - The Class will likely offer \$500 rebate to visiting sailors, pending Governing Board approval
 - Monterey likely will offer up to \$1000 in addition to trailer a boat in.

2017 Nationals Regatta - Mystic

- Early preparation underway. Have already identified PRO.

2018 National Regatta Proposals

- Two fleets have indicated interest in submitting bids: Chicago and Edgartown.
- Eric commented that the deadline for submitting proposals for hosting 2018 National Regatta is February 1, 2016 -requirements are on the website. Eric stated that the Board would review one proposal each month – in line with past practice.
- Ian Smith indicated that Edgartown would submit their proposal by the deadline and that the Fleet and their club were supporting the bid 100%

The meeting concluded at 9pm EDT.

Appendix – Text of Class Rules Regarding Awards

5 Championship Awards

5.1 Procedures

- a. Log of Winners of Perpetual Trophies. The Regatta Committee shall prepare a form (See Section 6.0 Log of Winners of Perpetual Trophies) listing the recipients of all permanent trophies and forward it to the Shields Class Secretary. The Secretary shall provide that information to the Regatta Committee for the following year to assist them in retrieving the trophies for the National Regatta.

Proposed:

A) Communication of Winners to the Board. The Regatta Committee shall inform the Class Secretary of the recipients of all permanent trophies.

B: Alternate. Logging of race results. The Regatta Committee shall inform the Class Secretary of the recipients of all permanent trophies and individual race scoring.

- b. Documentation of Winners. The Class Secretary shall be responsible for the maintenance of the records of winners. These records may be kept on the Class web site.

(No Change)

c. Proposed:

Storage. The Shields National Championship Trophy, the Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize, and the Kap-Dun Trophy shall be stored year-round at Larchmont Yacht Club. Storage of the Take-a-Bow Trophy and the Golden Stern Award are the responsibility of the most recent recipients of each.

- d. Insurance. At the discretion of the Governing Board insurance may be purchased for any of the perpetual trophies.

Proposed:

Insurance. The Shields National Championship Trophy shall be included under the insurance policy of Larchmont Yacht Club for any damage or loss incurred while stored on the premises. (Note: details to be confirmed; Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize and Kap-Dun Trophy to potentially be included.)

- e. Inscription of Winners. The inscription of the winner's name on a trophy, where applicable, shall be paid for by the Association and managed by the National Championship Committee.

(No Change)

- f. Shipment. The shipment of the perpetual trophies shall be paid by the Class Association and coordinated by the National Championship Committee.

Proposed:

Shipment. The shipment of the perpetual trophies stored year-round at Larchmont Yacht Club, if necessary, shall be paid by the Class Association and coordinated by the National Championship Committee. When practicable, the trophies should be transported to and from the National Championship Regatta by Members competing in the regatta. Transportation of the Take-A-Bow Trophy and the Golden Stern to the National Championship Regatta are the responsibility of the most recent recipients of each, who are strongly encouraged to compete in the following year's event.

- g. Creation of New Awards. Any Fleet may propose the creation of a new award. Details of the award shall include the purpose and determination formula; description of the trophy; declaration to be read when the trophy is awarded; storage location of the trophy; and whether there shall be perpetual and/or keeper trophies. The Governing Board shall act on this proposal at least 90 days prior to the event and the trophy awarded only if approved according to the rules governing By-Laws.

(No Change)

- h. Elimination of Existing Awards. The elimination or repurposing of an award shall be determined by the Governing Board.

(No Change)

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5.2 Awards

Multiple skippers are allowed per yacht and each skipper should be considered individually for the Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize, Senior Skipper Award and Junior Skipper Award. There is no requirement that a skipper be a helmsman.

To be presented annually at the Shields National Championship Regatta:

Shields National Championship Trophy

Sterling Silver Chippendale tray donated by Cornelius Shields and awarded each year to the winner of the Shields National Championship Regatta.

Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize

Shields half-model donated by the Western Long Island Sound Fleet No. 1 and the Larchmont Yacht Club in 1982 in memory of Cornelius Shields and awarded at the Shields National Championship Regatta to that skipper who achieves the greatest improvement in his standing from the previous Shields National Championship Regatta.

Shields Class National Championship Institutional Trophy

ELIMINATED (1/8/2012). Pewter Revere bowl donated in 1984 by Christopher Withers, Captain, USN, ret., of the Narragansett Bay Fleet No. 9, and awarded annually for the best performance by an institutional crew in the Shields National Championship Regatta.

Senior Skipper Award (Moore Trophy)

Pewter tray donated in 1981 by James B. Moore, Jr., of the Manhasset Bay Fleet No. 2 and awarded for the best performance among the five oldest skippers in the Shields National Championship Regatta (excluding the winner of the Shields National Championship Regatta).

Proposed addition: (Pewter tray missing; not replaced.)

Junior Skipper Award

Pewter Chippendale tray donated in 1981 by James B. Moore, Jr., of the Manhasset Bay Fleet No. 2 and awarded for the best performance among the five youngest skippers in the Shields National Championship Regatta (excluding the winner of the Shields National Championship Regatta). ***Proposed addition: (Pewter tray missing; not replaced.)***

Take A Bow Trophy

Fully rigged bow section of a Shields Yacht mounted on a teak door. It was donated in 1985 by the Commodore and membership of Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, and later refurbished by Brian Ladouceur, Graham Quinn and the crew of Shields No. 46, of the Buzzards Bay Fleet No. 10. It is awarded each year to an individual or individuals selected by a special committee to reward and celebrate dubious achievement during the Shields National Championship Regatta.

James B. Moore, Jr. Memorial Prize

In recognition of James B. Moore, Jr.'s invaluable service to the Association as President, as Founder of Fleet No. 2 and in numerous other capacities, the Long Island Sound District, consisting of Fleets Nos. 1 (Western Long Island Sound), 2 (Manhasset Bay) and 5 (Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club), instituted in 1991 a prize to be awarded each year to the crew of the winning yacht to recognize their efforts in attaining that goal. ***Proposed addition: (No perpetual trophy.)***

Golden Stern Award

Donated in 2006 by the ***Goodwins*** and Cape Cod Shipbuilding Co., is awarded to the last place finisher of the Shields National ***Championship*** Regatta (who actually competes). The award recognizes the effort it takes to race in a National Regatta and that last place is far superior to not participating at all. It is expected that in the year to come both the trophy and its recipients will be improved for the next Nationals. This stern section was a casualty of contact that came from a boat repaired by Cape Cod Shipbuilding Co. and is ably sailing again.

Gordon L. Benjamin Memorial Newcomer Award

It is to be awarded to the top finishing skipper sailing in his/her first Nationals. Gordon was a long time member of Fleet #9 and the 1976 Shields National Champion. ***Proposed addition: (No perpetual trophy.)***

Kap-Dun Trophy

Kap-Dun Trophy - donated in 2008 by Fleet #21, Tred Avon Yacht Club, awarded to the winning fleet calculated by the fleet's top three finishers with a minimum of three boats racing in order to qualify. The Kap-Dun Trophy is named after the historic first name of the Tred Avon Yacht Club. On June 17, 1931, a group of men met in Oxford, MD., and voted to establish the Kap-Dun Racing Association. By July 15, they voted to change the name to the Kap-Dun Yacht Club. According to a written history by Jerry Valliant, elected as president of the club in 1931, the name Kap-Dun was first used as the name of a club established in a small building just east

of the ferry dock as a swimming and canoeing club. When the sea nettles (jellyfish) arrived, they quickly changed the focus to a club which would promote sailboat racing. Thus the Kap-Dun Yacht Club was born. The club later changed to Tred Avon Yacht Club, after the name of the river the club sits upon. The name Kap-Dun comes from an old English spelling of the word Cape (point) and Dun meaning Town. The club being located on a point, near the town of Oxford.

Keeper and Perpetual Trophies

The winners championship awards shall have their names engraved on the permanent trophies and shall receive an appropriate keeper trophy provided at the expense of the Regatta Committee. The storage location of the permanent trophies *(is)* as indicated in the table. **[The Governing Board may allow any of the trophies to be stored with the year's winner, other temporary locations or at the venue for the National Championship Regatta.]** *(Proposed: Eliminate the last sentence.)*

Trophy	Storage Location	Keeper Trophy	Inscription on Permanent Trophy
Shields National Championship Trophy	<i>Larchmont Yacht Club</i>	Yes	Skipper name(s) and date
Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize	<i>Larchmont Yacht Club</i>	Yes	Skipper name(s) and date
[Shields Class National Championship Institutional Trophy <i>(Proposed: Eliminate)</i>	???	Yes	Skipper name(s) and date]
Senior Skipper Award (Moore Trophy)	<i>N/A</i>	Yes	<i>N/A</i>
Junior Skipper Award	<i>N/A</i>	Yes	<i>N/A</i>
Take A Bow Trophy	Award winner or his YC	Optional	Optional
James B. Moore, Jr. Memorial Prize	No permanent trophy	Yes	-
Golden Stern Award	Award winner or his YC	Optional	Optional

Gordon L. Benjamin Memorial Newcomer Award	<i>N/A</i>	Yes	<i>N/A</i>
Kap-Dun Trophy	<i>Larchmont Yacht Club</i>	No	Fleet, <i>skipper names of top three finishers</i> , and date

6.0 Log of Winners of Perpetual Trophies – National Championship Regatta

(Proposed: Eliminate)