

Minutes  
of the  
Board of Governors  
of the  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB  
October 16, 1993

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Ram Island Yacht Club, Noank Connecticut, at 0930 on October 16, 1993. Commodore McFadden presided. Other Governors present were:

Allen N. Anderson	H. Wes Maxwell
W. Frank Bohlen	Ernest R. Messer, Jr.
William G. Gunther	Neal H. O'Connell
John H. Lockwood	Norman R. Rabe
D. Richard Magovern, DMD	Richard H. Roberts
Paul C. van Dyke	

Present by invitation were:

William L. Ames	Donald C. Davis
Milan T. Bartek	J. Christopher Field
LCDR John F. Brooks, USCG	John D Haugh, MD

Absent were:

F. B. George Hohenstein	Robert B. Nickerson
Rodney S. Johnstone	James B Slimmon, Jr.
Nicholas Staub, II	

The meeting was called to order at 0937.

The minutes of the previous April 3, 1993 meeting were VOTED approved as circulated.

Vice Commodore Gunther reported that preparations are being made for our board meeting, annual meeting and dinner at the Coast Guard Academy on April 2, 1994. We are hoping to get a larger turnout with this new location and lower cost. Both the Coast guard Academy and Sub Base were looked at and the Vice Commodore thanked John Brooks and Bill Ames for their assistance.

Rear Commodore Anderson reported that the cost of trophies were currently just under \$3100 and a full accounting would be available in January. The Donovan trophy is in hand,

A Secretary's report was submitted. The Board stood for a moment of silent prayer for the following members who were reported as having died since the last Board meeting:

Henry A. Scheel	Wm. D. Thomas ( honorary)
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The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Charles T. Baker	Henry Godfrey Thorpe
Bruce Biddle	John P. Wood, MD
William M. Stuek	

The following individuals were VOTED dropped from membership for non-payment of dues:

Lloyd Bergeson  
Robert L. Boger

Roger E. Galliher

The following reinstatement was approved at the April 3, 1993 meeting:

John A Serrie

The following new members were added to the rolls:

Elected 4/3/93

Eileen Ames (honorary)  
David G. Dickerson

Henry duPont, IV ( honorary)  
Gregory S. Lukowski

Elected 7/3/93

Rodney S. Carlson  
Walter Carucci  
Sherrie B. Desmond  
Queene Hooper Foster  
Jeffrey W. Going

Paul E. Hale  
Janice A. Jacobsen  
R. Alan Johnstone  
Girard H. Keeler  
Dirk A. Lewis

Keith W. Lovell  
Dennis J. Marron  
Michael D. Morin  
Arturo O. Pilar

Membership currently is 530 members. A graph showing recent membership trends was distributed.

Treasurer Messer submitted a written report which is attached to these minutes. He commented that the income to Off Soundings from Sportsline is now over \$1,000. In particular, the Sportsline "booth" at our races has been successful. Though there were some ups and downs, overall expenses appear about the same as last year. A final report and analysis for the year will be submitted at the January meeting.

Historian Ames encouraged us all, in particular the flag officers, to make use of or at least look at the Off Soundings archives at the Seaport Museum library. The archives have been moved and we have been given more space. He has looked at the tapes of the Fall race series and believes we made a lot of history.

Race Secretary Roberts reported on our Spring and Fall Series and related matters. His written report is attached to these minutes. A comparison of 1987 through 1993 races show entries settling in at just over 150 for the Spring Series and just under 150 for the Fall. However, there were 26 boats that DNS either day of the Fall Series!! The Spring high was 219 boats in 1983 and the Fall high was 204 boats in 1981. Non race party participant receipts showed about 30 participated.

Suggestions for all 1995 dates were distributed. These dates are for review and will be voted on at our January 1994 meeting. Comments on rendezvous locations, courses and race management also were distributed. They will be discussed and finalized at the January meeting.

Clerk Magovern reported that all is proper with the State of Massachusetts.

Measurer Rabe commented on the clear USSA rules violation of outrigger spinnaker poles and how all clubs ignore the appropriate

USSA rule. It was agreed that we should take action to avoid any protests. The Measurer and Race Secretary will prepare appropriate race circular wording for our January meeting. The Measurer will present a report on category 4 requirements at our January meeting.

Race Committee Chairman Maxwell commented that Henry duPont liked doing Off Soundings and has said he would like to donate Nor'easter regularly. He treats the Race Committee royally. However, we may incur more Race Committee expenses in the future as Nor'easter does not bunk as many as Freedom and Henry duPont furnished much of the food and liquor this Fall.

Chris Cox said he would do stake boat in the Spring. There is not a problem with the size of his boat.

The computer used by the Race Committee is borrowed from the Seaport. It is used for the after race results that are so popular. The clerical system of calculating results is still the basic system used. As courses become more sophisticated, it may be necessary to depend on a computer and at that time we may be faced with purchasing one.

Membership Committee Chairman Bohlen reported that things were quiet with four applicants in the pipeline. About one half dozen applications are out. In response to a question, he indicated that new members are split about 50/50 between boat owners and crew.

Measurement Rule Committee Chairman Brooks had nothing to report.

Classification Committee Chairman Davis indicated that all was quiet.

Protest Committee Chairman Field indicated that we had one protest this year. He offered that we need to be able to legally make changes to our race instructions on Friday night. Verbal communication is not appropriate. After some discussion, he was asked to prepare a written proposal for the January board meeting.

Entertainment Committee Chairman Bartek commented that the Spring Series Saturday party was very successful given the early finish, great weather and long protest hearing. Rum and Coke was tried and went over well. Entertainment activities about broke even for the year. A new PA system has been donated through Rear Commodore Anderson. Commodore McFadden asked Messrs. Bartek and Bohlen to get together with Ken Mahler and evaluate our sound system needs and whether this new unit will do the job.

Shelter Island Liaison Committee Chairman Lockwood commented that relations with Shelter Island Yacht Club are very good. This year Vice Commodore Gunther managed to keep several problems at the manager level that might otherwise have ended up with the Shelter Island Board. However, Shelter Island Club member Dr. William C. Cacceze had a flag stolen from his boat that is very special to him. The flag is referred to as a "Gadsden Flag" and was taken from his boat Andrea. He believes someone from the Off Soundings fleet took it. He is not asking that any action be taken but wanted the Officers and Board of Off Sounding to know about the incident.

A letter from Jeff Goubeaud, General Manager, Shelter Island Yacht Club was presented by Vice Commodore Gunther. The letter was

a complaint concerning the actions of Off Soundings Club member Peter Brinckerhoff and his table mates on Friday night September 17, 1993 in the dining room of the Shelter Island Yacht Club. Excerpts from the letter are that Peter Brinckerhoff "apparently sought to entertain himself and his table mates ... by being overly loud, by throwing food at the entertainer, by throwing food at the ceiling, and by rearranging the plant settings on tables of guests sitting around the room. As if this wasn't enough,.... to tell the waitresses serving his table that he found their buns to be cute ....other members of his table including himself, started to spit watermelon seeds at the waitresses." John Lockwood commented that there were other actions not mentioned that were equally as embarrassing.

It was further mentioned that Brinckerhoff did not pay for his mooring for Friday night, leaving on Saturday. Treasurer Messer noted that a new person in the office had indicated to at least one of the 3 other boats that did not pay that 1 mooring fee covered all boats on a mooring. We do not know for sure what transpired regarding Brinckerhoff's mooring. Discussion ranged from writing a strong letter to expulsion.

It was VOTED that "Peter R. Brinckerhoff be suspended from all Off Soundings Club activities for two years. At which time his actions during the suspension period will be reviewed and final Off Soundings Board action taken." The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Brinckerhoff outlining this action and explaining that he had thirty days in which to request a hearing. Such request is to be directed to the Commodore.

Block Island Liaison Chairman Staub was absent.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Nickerson was absent.

Fleet Surgeon Haugh reported that we had no known injuries or illness this season. He found the medical supplies and equipment updated and reasonable for our needs. He expressed his appreciation for the willingness of Doctors Bardenheier, Healy, Humphrey and Sternicki to act as backups to the doctor on the patrol boat ( We thank Dr Haugh as well).

Long Range Race Planning Committee Chairman Johnstone was absent.

Rear Commodore Anderson presented his and Past Commodore Slimmon's proposal for using Time on Time for the Off Soundings Race Series. The general feeling was that it was no burden on the people who manage the races and communications, will usually make little difference in results and will help in some extreme conditions. It was VOTED that Off Soundings adopt the Time on Time handicapping system for at least one season starting in 1994.

He also reported that they had concluded that there was no positive consensus for establishing an alternative penalty. As Race Secretary Roberts had an alternate penalty proposal in his report, Commodore McFadden asked us all to review it and so that we can make a decision in January.

There was no support for modifying the 11/13/78 precedent setting decision and the Secretary withdrew his proposal.

The appointment of a nominating committee was tabled for January.

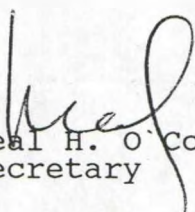
The replacement for resigned Board Member F.B. George Hohenstein was tabled.

Based upon the response to our past candidates for the USSA Sportsmanship Award it was decided not to select a candidate this year.

Commodore McFadden has no candidate for Honorary membership and looks to his Flag Officers for a specific proposal at the January meeting if they have a candidate.

Treasurer Messer feels that the current dues and fees will be satisfactory for 1994.

There being no further business it was VOTED to adjourn at 1217.

  
Neal H. O'Connell,  
Secretary