

MINUTES

of the

ANNUAL MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 6, 1974

The Annual Meeting of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Aloha Meeting House at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1800 on April 6, 1974.

Commodore Owen called the meeting to order at 1806.

Commodore Owen asked all members present to sign in in lieu of roll call. The list is attached to these minutes.

On a motion made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, April 7, 1973, as circulated.

The Secretary read the roll of members who had "sailed their last voyage" since the last Annual Meeting.

William H. Eisenbrandt  
Clayton Farrar  
Robert M. Lyson  
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The Treasurer, Mr. Geyer, reported that we are in reasonably good shape. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Historian, Mr. Hall, reported that the Off Soundings Club will go down in history. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Robinson, informed the members of the action taken by the Board of Governors concerning the Cruising Class and the NAYRU Class 4 lifeline requirements. He announced that arrangements for the Spring had been made with the Block Island Marina, but Block Island's anchoring fee was the responsibility of each Captain and not the Off Soundings Club. It was VOTED that his report be accepted with thanks.

The Clerk, Mr. Brown, had nothing to report.

The Race Committee Chariman, Mr. Wolfe, reported that the Race Committee will be on deck. His report was VOTED accepted.

Membership Committee Chairman, Mr. Comstock, reported that a committee had been set up to study limiting Membership and after their report the Board of Governors had set a top limit of members at 650. He said that there was room for some new members but asked that people proposing new members be very selective in

who they propose. His report was VOTED accepted.

Classification Committee Chairman, Mr. Bailey, reported that his committee had been working on some changes to let boats move from one class to another if they met certain criteria. As yet, the details had not been completely worked out. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Entertainment Committee Chairman, Mr. Strang, reported that "rest assured, rain or shine, there will be a party". His report was VOTED accepted.

Mr. Raymond, reporting for the Measurement Rule Committee, stated that there would be no changes in the rule this year. There will be some changes in the interpretation that would come through in due course. Mr. Raymond also reported for the Protest Committee saying that all protests had been taken care of. Both reports were VOTED accepted.

Public Relations Committee Chairman, Mr. Van Dyke had no report.

Prize and Awards Committee Chairman, Mr. Comstock, reported that they were there in the Spring and the Fall and they will be there this Spring. His report was VOTED accepted.

Commodore Owen thanked all the Committees for the great work that they had done over the year.

Eliot H. Porter II reported for the Nominating Committee which consisted of himself as chairman, Robert B. English and Ronald K. Noe. They placed in nomination the following slate:

Commodore	Herbert W. Owen
Vice Commodore	William B. White
Rear Commodore	Peter H. Comstock
Secretary	Richard W. Woolworth
Treasurer	Leo A. Geyer
Clerk	Phelps Brown
Race Secretary	Donald P. Robinson
Measurer	Richard H. Roberts

Nominated for Governor:

William L. Ames	Herbert W. Owen
Phelps Brown	Edgar L. Raymond Jr.
Peter H. Comstock	Richard H. Roberts
Benjamin B. duPont	Donald P. Robinson
John E. English	William B. White
Leo A. Geyer	Gilbert L. Wolfe
	Richard W. Woolworth

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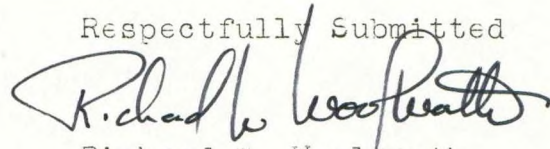
Nominated for Historian: Robert L. Hall

On a motion, made and seconded, it was VOTED that the nominations cease and the Secretary cast one ballot for the above slate. The Secretary cast one ballot as directed. The report of the nominating Committee is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Thomas M. Russell, III pointed out that N.A.Y.R.U. was in need of new members. He asked if it would be possible to ask, or require, all persons entering our races to be members of N.A.Y.R.U. Commodore Owen said that he would have a meeting of the Executive Committee to see what could be done to help out N.A.Y.R.U. in this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1819.

Respectfully Submitted



Richard W. Woolworth  
Secretary

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Report of the Nominating Committee:

Commodore Owen:

The Nominating Committee consisting of Robert B. English, Jr., Ronald K. Noe, and myself, propose the following slate of officers and governors to serve for the ensuing year:

Commodore:	Herbert W. Owen
Vice Commodore:	William B. White
Rear Commodore:	Peter H. Comstock
Secretary:	Richard W. Woolworth
Treasurer:	Leo A. Geyer
Clerk:	Phelps Brown
Race Secretary:	Donald P. Robinson
Measurer:	Richard H. Roberts

For the Board of Governors: the officers here listed and:

William L. Ames	Edgar L. Raymond
John E. English	Gilbert L. Wolfe
Benjamin B. duPont	

For Club Historian, Robert L. Hall

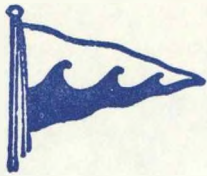
Each gentleman has confirmed his willingness to serve.

No other names were submitted to the Commodore within the prescribed time limit.

Respectfully submitted,  
for the Nominating Committee



Eliot H. Porter II



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## ATTENDANCE

at the

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E. L. Raymond  
Talcott Stanley  
Frank L. Hertel  
T.S. Wadlow  
D. A. Swindells  
Eliot H. Porter  
Charles E. Gleason  
Herbert W. Rathbun  
H. Peter Converse  
Peter H. Comstock  
Bob Hall  
Spence Gowrie  
Leo A. Geyer  
James Q. Rice  
Phelps Brown  
David Z. Bailey  
Ralph Lawson, III  
Ronald K. Noe  
Donald P. Robinson

Allen N. Anderson  
T.S. Wadlow, Jr.  
Gary T. Griffin  
Jack English  
Bill Ames  
P. E. Bergendahl  
H. Bergendahl  
Art Donkin  
Donald C. Davis  
T. M. Russell, III  
Gib Wolfe  
Felix T. Trommer  
Prescott W. N. Gustafson  
Peter C. Ross  
C. M. Haines  
Richard W. Woolworth  
Herbert W. Owen  
Richard H. Roberts  
Walter D. Strang

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MINUTES  
of the  
BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING  
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OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 6, 1974

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Munson Room of the G. W. Blunt White Library, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1630 on April 6, 1974. Commodore Owen presided. Other Governors present were:

William L. Ames  
Phelps Brown  
Peter H. Comstock  
Benjamin B. duPont  
John E. English  
Leo A. Geyer

Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.  
Richard H. Roberts  
Donald P. Robinson  
William B. White  
Gilbert L. Wolfe  
Richard W. Woolworth

Present by invitation were:

David Z. Bailey  
Robert L. Hall

Walter D. Strang, Jr.  
Paul C. Van Dyke

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Owen at 1638.

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 11, 1974, were VOTED approved as circulated.

The Secretary reported that only one member, Dr. William H. Eisenbrandt, had died since the last meeting. The Board stood for a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Eisenbrandt.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Charles T. Blair  
David Cabot  
Hall W. Cushman  
William S. Heyniger  
L. Emmett Holt, 3rd.

Harold F. Kneen  
Alfred E. Poor  
John U. White  
George H. Whitney, Jr.

On a motion, made and seconded, it was VOTED to reinstate Duncan Sterling, Jr. to membership.

On a motion, made and seconded, it was VOTED to assess any member who has not paid his dues within four months after the dues bills are mailed, an additional fee of \$5.00.

The Historian, Mr. Hall, reported that he has had his job for a year and so far nobody has given him any records. He said that he would be in touch with the Commodore and gather what information

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was available right away. Commodore Owen reported that our photographer, Peter Converse, was in the process of developing an historical film from the old movies owned by the club. It was VOTED to accept the Historian's report.

The Measurer, Mr. Roberts, reported that the new certificates have been printed and are here now. He has questioned the measurers as to whether they will continue and is now getting replies back from them. The Measurer's report was VOTED accepted.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Robinson, reported that the first notice is at the printers. He recommended that if a boat had a penalty in its regular class, and decided to enter the Cruising Class, its penalty goes with it. Also, if a boat was in a racing class in the spring and wanted to go in the Cruising Class in the fall, or vice versa, it be allowed. There was general agreement.

It was decided that the Race Committee would endeavor to notify the boats over the line early by radio on Channel 16 VHF-FM and 2638 kHz or whatever frequencies are available for this type of transmission.

A discussion took place on qualifications of non-members requesting guest invitations. Mr. Robinson said that he would get together with Mr. Comstock and work out some guidelines. It was VOTED to accept the guest list, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

The Race Secretary's report was VOTED accepted.

The Treasurer, Mr. Geyer, submitted a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He stated that the club is in reasonable shape and that no increase in dues is needed at this time. It was noted that it cost approximately \$3,000 more to run the races than we receive from race donations. It was moved and VOTED that we raise the per person donations to \$5.00 starting in the fall. The Treasurers' report was VOTED accepted.

Race Committee Chairman, Mr. Wolfe, reported that there had been no races since the last meeting. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Membership Committee Chairman, Mr. Comstock, reported that a membership study committee had suggested that the membership be limited to 650. After a short discussion it was moved and VOTED that our membership be limited to 650.

The Clerk, Mr. Brown, made his annual request for signatures on the Corporate papers. He asked that at least seven Board members meet him after the Annual Meeting to sign them. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Classification Committee Chairman, Mr. Baily, reported that

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his committee is working on the numbers for the "go-no go" gauges. He will have them ready by the time the Race Secretary and the Measurer need them. His report was VOTED accepted.

Mr. Raymond reported for the measurement Rule Committee and suggested that there be no changes in the rule this year. He did make the following motion:

The Off Soundings Rule shall be interpreted so that  $P_2$  (height of fore triangle) will be measured to be the same as I in the I.O.R. formula.

Any rudder that fairs into the hull lines above the water shall be interpreted to be an extension of the water line and shall be so measured.

The above mention was seconded and VOTED adopted.

Mr. Strang reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that arrangements had been confirmed and will be the same as last year. His report was VOTED accepted.

Mr. Raymond reported that there had been no protests since the last meeting. His report was VOTED accepted.

Mr. Van Dyke said that the Public Relations Committee had nothing to report. Commodore Owen commented that the committee had done a very good job, it had got lots of publicity, and almost none of it unfavorable. The report was VOTED accepted.

Mr. Comstock reported for the Prize and Awards Committee that there will be prizes in the spring.

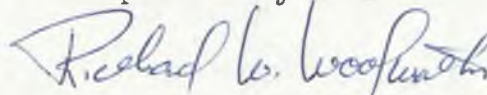
Under Old Business, Commodore Owen reported that the trophies were not returned in time to be photographed this year but he will try to do it next year.

Mr. Raymond offered to donate a perpetual trophy for the Cruising Class. Commodore Owen thanked him and said that he would take up the offer if the class worked out.

On a motion made and VOTED, Commodore Owen is to appoint a committee to look into the possibility of letting selected powerboat owners remain members of the club. The committee is to report back to the Board at the January meeting.

It was VOTED to adjourn at 1759.

Respectfully submitted



Richard W. Woolworth  
Secretary