

MINUTES

of the

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

January 14, 1972

A meeting of The Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Morgan Suite of the Seamen's Inn, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut on January 14, 1972 at 1200. Commodore Ames presided, other Governors present were:

Phelps Brown	Donald P. Robinson
John E. English	Thomas M. Russell III
Leo A. Geyer	William B. White
Herbert W. Owen	Gilbert L. Wolfe
Edgar L. Raymond	Richard W. Woolworth

Present by invitation were:

Allen N. Anderson	Clyde B. Gordon
David Z. Bailey	Edward S. Purcell, Jr.

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Ames at 1246.

The minutes of the last meeting of April 3, 1971 were moved and voted approved as circulated.

The resignation of George Schuster was accepted with regret.

The resignation of Prescott B. Huntington was tabled until the next meeting.

The following members' deaths were noted with regret:

Dr. Terrell E. Cobb
Richard S. Shattuck
Herbert S. Hall

It was noted that Thomas L. Miller was in violation of "The Motorboat Rule" and it was voted that he be dropped from membership.

The Secretary noted that the membership now stands at 577.

The Secretary's report was accepted.

The Treasurer, Mr. Geyer, presented his year-end report. He noted that the launch expenses seemed to be extremely high last year. Mr. Robinson pointed out that launches were very

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hard to find and that these were the best available. A general discussion of launch service followed. On a motion made by Mr. English and seconded, it was voted to make every effort to have the best available launch service.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and attached to these minutes.

Mr. Purcell, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported that we got more for less last year.

In 1970 liquor cost \$2300 and site rental \$750 = saving of \$400
In 1971 liquor cost \$2000 and site rental \$600

The Historian, Mr. Gordon, reported that he had changed his address. The Commodore noted that Mr. Gordon will again present movies at the Winter Meeting, April 8th and they will be narrated by Tom Russell.

The Measurer, Mr. Russell, reported that he has 487 active measurements on file and that there has been no change to the list of measurers. His report is attached to these minutes. A motion of thanks to the Measurer was voted.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Robinson, reported that the Maine Maritime Academy has requested to be a guest this year, and seeing that we usually invite the service academies, we extend them an invitation. There was general agreement.

A motion was made and voted that the cutoff date on invitations be March 31st this year. A discussion as to whether or not we had too many guests followed, but it was decided that our system is working well.

A motion was made and voted to go to Block Island again this year.

A motion was made and voted to use the same courses as last year. A discussion followed concerning the possibility of having a boat stand by Nebraska Shoal to make noise in the fog.

A motion was made and voted to invite the Bermuda Race participants to race with us this spring.

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A motion was made and voted to accept the following dates this year:

Guest cutoff	March 31
Winter Meeting	April 8
First Notice	April 14
Closing Date	May 18
Final Notice	June 2
Race Date	June 9 & 10
Results and First Notice	July 14
Closing Date	August 24
Final Notice	September 8
Race Date	September 15 & 16
Results	October 6

A motion was made and voted that Class "C" be split in three divisions, and that the bottom division sail the short course and the two top divisions sail the long course. Jack English said that he would provide a permanent trophy for the new class. The Race Secretary's report is attached to these minutes.

It was noted that the Off Soundings Burgee was flying from the New York Yacht Club flag pole at the Seaport.

A motion was made and voted to donate \$800 to the Mystic Seaport. Don Robinson thanked the Off Soundings Club in behalf of the Seaport.

The Clerk, Mr. Brown, reported that he has filed the necessary reports with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that we are legal in that state.

Race Committee Chairman, Mr. Wolfe, reported "bloody but un-daunted". He reported that he had purchased some large signal flags with cross staffs that should be much more visible from the committee boat. Mr. Wolfe also suggested the possibility of firing flares to call attention to the signals. A discussion followed, but it was moved and voted to stay with the N.A.Y.R.U. Rules.

Don Robinson read the Membership Committee's report. It stated that there were 32 new members in 1971. Members posted are 3. Applications sent for approval are 2. Applications pending are 12. The report is attached to these minutes.

David Bailey, Classification Committee Chairman, reported progress. Everyone happy.

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Ed Raymond, reporting for the Measurement Rule Committee, suggested two changes to the rule. A motion was made and voted that the rule be changed so that Beam Difference uses a multiplier of 2 in place of 4 and that the Mainsail Measured Sail Area shall have added an aspect ratio of "P-2B".

Ed Raymond, reporting as the Chairman of the Protest Committee, said that everything was under control. All protests were settled with no appeal.

Allen Anderson, Public Relations Chairman submitted a list of newspapers and radio stations that carried information. His report is attached to these minutes. He will also notify all clubs using our rule of the change made to it.

Bill White reported that the Prize and Awards Committee had saved about 25% last fall because of a change in engraving. Everyone agreed that the trophies look fine.

A motion was made and voted that we accept Past Commodore English's new perpetual trophy for Class C3 and that it be in honor of Henry B. du Pont.

Under "New Business", Commodore Ames nominated the following Nominating Committee:

William B. Dodge, Chairman
Eliot H. Porter
Herbert H. Cooper

On a motion made and voted they were elected.

It was brought up that Pat Patterson and Ben Harrison had helped the club out for a number of years now.

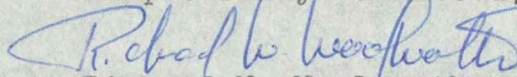
A motion was made and voted that an appropriate token of our appreciation in the form of a plaque be developed by the Prize and Awards Committee and be awarded by the Board of Governors to those persons who have helped the Off Soundings Club.

A motion was made and voted that the preceeding award be presented this year to Pat Patterson and Ben Harrison.

Commodore Ames thanked everyone for being here and for all their help last fall.

The meeting adjourned at 1454.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Woolworth
Secretary