

MINUTES

of the

BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

October 15, 1977

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Morgan Suite of the Seamen's Inne at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1000 on October 15, 1977. Commodore Robinson presided. Other Governors present were:

William L. Ames
Donald C. Davis
Herbert W. Owen
Eliot H. Porter, 2nd
Richard H. Roberts
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.

Howard A. Schechterle
Walter D. Strang, Jr.
Thomas S. Wadlow, Jr.
William B. White
Richard W. Woolworth

Present by invitation were:

H. Peter Converse
Varick D. Harrison
A. Duncan Mac Dougall

Norman E. Rabe
Nicholas Staub, II

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Robinson at 1004.

The minutes of the previous meeting on April 2, 1977 were VOTED approved as circulated.

The Board stood for a moment of silence in memory of J. Reid Johnson who passed away on October 1, 1977.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Lawrence A. Chappell, Jr.
Charles T. Dwight
Robert T. Finlay

Richard Hutton
F. Lee Moore, Jr.

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

Robert E. Darling
Sal J. Galtieri
Humphrey B. Simson

The following were VOTED reinstated as members:

Robert E. Drew
John Spear, Jr.

The Treasurer, Mr. Strang, presented an interim report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He estimates that we will be within \$500 of where we were last year.

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The Historian, Mr. Converse, said that he wished there had been better weather for filming this year, but he had enough to present a good show at the Annual Dinner. He has had some success in filling in the missing years in his historical files and is still working on them.

Mr. Wadlow, the Race Secretary, presented the following dates for 1978 events which were VOTED approved:

Board of Governors Meeting	January 13
Guest Invitation cut-off	March 24
Annual Meeting	April 1
First Notice, Spring Series	April 14
Closing Date, " "	May 18
Final Notice, " "	June 2
Race Dates, " "	June 9-10
Spring Results and	
First Notice, Fall Series	July 14
Closing Date, " "	August 24
Final Notice, " "	September 8
Race Dates, " "	September 15-16
Final Results	October 13

It was moved and VOTED that in 1978 we hold our races at Shelter Island in the Spring and Block Island in the Fall.

It was moved and VOTED that Commodore Robinson be empowered to write the Cruising Club of America and invite the Bermuda Race fleet to participate in our Spring Series. Any Bermuda Race boat that wishes to enter, may get in touch with our Race Secretary and request an entry application.

A discussion of launch service took place and the Race Secretary was directed to do the best he could.

The question of whether we should change our party from the Block Island Marina to Champlain's Marina was discussed. It was decided not to make a change at this time. The Race Secretary was instructed to ask the Block Island Marina to fix their showers.

The following statement on penalty policy was VOTED adopted:

If a yacht is acquired by a person not associated with the acquisition of the penalty, the penalty will be dropped from the yacht. If the owner then purchases or charters a non-similar yacht he will also not continue to carry the penalty. It is the responsibility of the entrant to contact the Race Secretary prior to the entry closing date if there is any question regarding the dropping of a penalty.

It was moved and VOTED that we charter "Empress" for 1978 spring and fall series.

The Race Committee was instructed to enforce the "Stay clear of the starting line" rule by instituting protests against boats who are interfering with other classes' starts.

Past Commodore White reported for the "Guest invitation review Committee". He and Mr. Wadlow presented a new instruction sheet and invitation form, copies of which are attached to these minutes. The Board VOTED to accept these as the new guest invitation policy of the club.

The Clerk, Mr. Schechterle, reported that our annual corporate report has not been filed since 1974. He was instructed to clear up the problem and keep us legal in Massachusetts.

The Measurer, Mr. Roberts, reported that the use of the PHRF in the Cruising Class seems to be working reasonably well. It was VOTED to continue the use of it in that class. Commodore Robinson appointed a committee, consisting of Donald C. Davis, Norman E. Rabe, Edgar L. Raymond, Jr., Thomas S. Wadlow, Jr. and Richard H. Roberts as Chairman, to study the use of PHRF in the racing classes and possible changes in time allowances in all classes. They were instructed to report back at the January meeting.

Membership Chairman Butler was not present but there was a discussion on the problem of issuing invitations to prospective members whose two guest invitations have been used up and there is no opening in the membership rolls for them. The Membership Chairman was instructed to look into this problem and make some recommendation at the next meeting.

Mr. Raymond, reporting for the Measurement Rule Committee, said that our rule seems to be working well and is having an effect on other rules. He is contemplating placing a heavier assessment on large foretriangles, but has not reached a decision as yet.

Classification Committee Chairman, Mr. Rabe, reported that he had two requests from "Cal" boats for a change from the "C" class to the "A" and "B" classes this year. Due to the fact that he felt they would overmatch the "A" and "B" classes, the requests were denied, but with sympathy.

The size of Cruising Class was discussed. Mr. Harrison was asked to look into various proposals to improve the situation and report back at the January meeting.

The possibility of using Mystic Seaport's workboats as launches and stake boats was brought up. The Commodore and the Chairman of the Race Committee will look into it.

Mr. Raymond said that he would look into the availability of large inflatable bouys to be used as turning marks.

The Chairman of the Race Committee, Mr. Harrison, reported that "Empress" worked very well during the last year.

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Protest Committee Chairman, Mr. Raymond, reported that several protests were settled and he appreciated the help given him by Bill Ames, Bill Donovan and John Lockwood.

Entertainment Committee Chairman, Mr. Staub, presented a written report comparing costs over the last four years. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. The Commodore congratulated him and his committee for their fine work under adverse weather conditions last year.

Fleet Surgeon Mac Dougall suggested that there be two or three doctors to assist him or cover for him in his absence. He will set up some system to handle this.

Prize and Awards Committee Chairman, Rear Commodore Porter, presented a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He was complimented on the great prizes this year.

Mr. van Dyke, the Public Relations Chairman, was not present, but his report is attached to these minutes.

There was no old business.

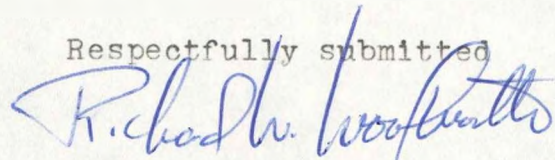
Under new business, the Commodore was authorized to make appropriate Christmas gifts to those women in mailing and elsewhere that helped the club during the year.

Vice Commodore Davis, who volunteered to take over the leadership of the "Hat Badge and Tie Clip" Committee, reported that research is on-going.

Commodore Robinson reported on the progress of the Pratt Project at MIT. It was moved and VOTED to donate \$1,000 to help them implement the project.

There being no further business, it was VOTED to adjourn at 1342.

Respectfully submitted



Richard W. Woolworth
Secretary