

Minutes
of the
Board of Governors
of the
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
January 15, 1988

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Old Lyme Inn, Old Lyme, Connecticut, at 1200 on January 15, 1988. Commodore Slimmon presided. Other Governors present were:

Allen N. Anderson	Eliot H. Porter, 2nd
W. Frank Bohlen	Richard H. Roberts
E. Carleton Granbery, Jr.	Howard A. Schechterle
F. B. George Hohenstein	Walter D. Strang, Jr
Lawrence R. Jacobsen	Paul C. vanDyke
Neal H. O'Connell	

Present by invitation were:

William L. Ames	Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
Donald C. Davis	Donald P. Robinson
John H. Lockwood	Nicholas Staub, II
Edward S. Purcell, Jr.	

The meeting was called to order at 1251.

The minutes of the previous November 7, 1987 meeting were VOTED approved as circulated.

Vice Commodore Hohenstein reported that plans are completed for our annual meeting and shore party at the Norwich Sheraton on April 9, 1988. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. The Board of Governors will meet in room 218 at 1600 hours. Dinner prices will be the same as last year. A commemorative film will be shown with excerpts from races over the years as well as 1987. Consideration will be given to mentioning any old timers of significance from the podium. Commodore Slimmon will write Arthur Johnson and include a plaque, history of our Club and invite him to our annual dinner. Mystic and New London are being considered as sites for next year. However, the Sheraton Norwich has been reserved, with opportunity to cancel if we choose, for April 1, 1989.

Rear Commodore vanDyke reported that letters have been sent to recall our perpetual trophies in preparation for awards at the annual dinner and keeper trophies will be ordered later this month. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

The following resignation was VOTED accepted with regret:

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The Board stood for a moment of silence as the Secretary read the names of the following members who we were notified had passed away since the last meeting:.

Wilbur F. Young, III
John H. Conard

Membership currently is 603 members.

Treasurer Strang commented that 1988 dues were coming in well and the only outstanding bills were lunch today and one half the Empress charter fee. A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached to the minutes. It was VOTED to accept the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer Strang further recommended that the following donations be made: The Mystic Seaport- \$700, the Coast Guard Academy- \$100, and the Block Island Rescue Squad- \$100. These contributions were Voted approved with the added stipulation that the Coast Guard Academy's donation be directed to their local sailing program.

Historian Ames reported that about 20 minutes of this year's film for the annual dinner will be 1987 race activity and 30 minutes excerpts from our first fifty years. The Mystic Seaport included our 1986 Series tape in it's flyer of items that can be loaned, rented or purchased. Response was good and they may do the same with the history prepared for the annual dinner.

Race Secretary Anderson reported that our Spring Series will be at Block Island at the Oar. The Fall Series will be at Shelter Island. The Mystic Seaport has set the date for the Dyer Dhow Derby for October 22, 1988.

Clerk Schectherle indicated that no action is required with the State of Massachusetts until this Spring when some signatures will be required.

The Measurer, Mr. Rabe, was absent and there was no report.

Race Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported that Empress will be available for our Spring and Fall series at a cost of \$2,250 each Series. Volunteers have been obtained for stake and patrol boats. He indicated that the 850 residents of Block Island are enthusiastic about our coming to Block Island in the Spring. He has talked to Dan Kayhill, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Ed McGovern, Second Warden. Peter Wood, who publishes the Block Island Times, is planning to do an article on Off Soundings. Frank Payne and son Cliff are enthusiastically supporting our change to the Oar and Block Island Boat Basin. The owners of the Oar and Block Island Boat Basin are Don Fraizer and his son-in-law Rally Meglearchio. The manager of the Oar is Harry Boudreau.

Membership Committee Chairman Bohlen indicated that there were six applications in the pipeline and that he expects a posting in mid February. Race Secretary Anderson indicated that he had instruction and invitation forms for guests

Measurement Rule Committee Chairman Robinson indicated that PHRF is currently the best rule for our purposes. IMS is interesting but it will be 2 or 3 years before it is in shape to consider. It was suggest that the Commodore discuss with the Measurer his thinking on fully battened mains and determine if this is an appropriate subject to be included in the Winter News Letter.

Classification Committee Chairman Davis reported that we are still a class act.

Protest Committee Chairman Raymond indicated that there have been no protests since the last Board meeting.

Entertainment Chairman Loweth was absent but Race Secretary Anderson indicated that the Entertainment Chairman is comfortable with initial arrangements at the Oar.

Shelter Island liaison Co-chairman Lockwood reported that the Shelter Island Yacht Club is happy to have us in the Fall.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Purcell reported that there was no information to disseminate. He will release a story on the Spring and Fall location change after the Commodores Winter News Letter. There will be a New England Sailing Yacht Symposium at the Coast Guard Academy March 4-6, 1988. Friday and Saturday will cover the technical aspects of seaworthiness and human factors and Sunday safety at sea. Not to be outdone, Historian Ames reported that the Mystic Seaport will hold a yachting symposium for history buffs the prior weekend.

Fleet Surgeon Humphrey was absent and there was no report.

Past Commodore Roberts reported that a selection has been made for the award USYRU has given member clubs to be awarded to a member who has demonstrated the spirit of sailing and/or good sportsmanship. It will be presented at the annual dinner. The individual's name has been forwarded for national consideration.

Rear Commodore vanDyke will take care of the memento for Bill Norton. No conclusion has been reached on what to do about the trophy Wilbur Young's widow offered in her husband's memory.

There was much discussion about selection of Honorary members. The general consensus was that the Flag Officers should propose individuals, the Board of Governors approve and the approved proposals then be brought before the membership. The matter was referred back to the Rear Commodore for action at the next Board of Governors meeting. This still makes it possible to take action at the Annual Meeting.

It was determined that a supplement or reprinting of the Club History is premature. The Secretary has supplies for several years.

It was VOTED that the nominating Committee consisting of Eliot Porter (Chairman), Robert Nickerson and Peter McFadden be approved.

After much discussion, it was decided that there would be no change in our alternate race courses.

There being no further business it was VOTED to adjourn at 1428.

Neal H. O'Connell, Secretary