

MINUTES
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING
OF
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the New York Yacht Club on November 17, 1961 at 2:00 P.M.

Commodore duPont presided and other Governors present were:

Paul W. Adams	Robert L. Hall
William L. Ames	Rodney G. Paige
Frederick K. Daggett	Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
John E. English	Melvin D. Southworth
Robert B. English, Jr.	Roderick Stephens, Jr.
Leo A. Geyer	

Mr. Hitz, Chairman of the Classification Committee, and Mr. Scheel, Chairman of the Measurement Rule Committee were also present by invitation.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with, they already having been circulated to the Governors.

The first item discussed was possible changes in the Measurement Rule, particularly with reference to the manner in which the rig allowance for ketches is determined. The possibility of special penalties with respect to over-size spinnakers and the inclusion of a spinnaker luff dimension were also discussed. It was moved and VOTED that the Measurement Rule Committee study these possibilities with particular reference to the allowance for ketches and report with recommendations to the Governors at the January meeting.

There then was discussed at length the possibility of developing minimum requirements of seaworthiness for participating vessels in our races with particular reference to "open cockpit boats", and after thorough discussion, it was VOTED that no special provisions or requirements along these lines should be promulgated. However, the Governors did feel that appropriate comments on this subject should be included in a letter to the entire membership, preferably at the time notices of the annual meeting in Springfield go out, and instructed the Secretary to prepare such a letter for consideration at the January meeting.

In view of the relatively small number of contestants in some of our classes, particularly C-1, the policy with respect to prizes was discussed. It was the consensus of the Governors, however, that our present policy if followed was adequate and no change should be made.

The matter of courses and rendezvous locations was discussed and it was VOTED that if possible arrangements should be made to repeat last year's courses with the rendezvous at Montauk and a rendezvous at Three-Mile Harbor.

Chairman Hitz of the Classification Committee asked the Governors whether or not some absolute limitation might be set on minimum size boats competing in our races and the Governors felt that it was advisable to leave the matter of eligibility to the discretion of the Classification Committee, giving it full power to act.

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The Treasurer then presented a report for the period April 1, 1961 to November 15, 1961 (copy of which is made a part of these Minutes) and the Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$3,950.55. His report was accepted with thanks.

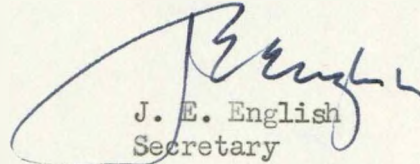
The Secretary then reported the following names of members who had submitted their resignations:

Thomas J. Willets
John R. Fales
David J. Meehan
David Anderson

Each letter was acted on individually and the resignations were accepted with regret.

There being no further business the meeting thereupon adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


J. E. English
Secretary