

MINUTES

of the

ANNUAL MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 8, 1972

The Annual Meeting of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Aloha Meeting House at the Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1800 on April 8, 1972.

Commodore Ames called the meeting to order at 1802.

Commodore Ames asked that all members present please sign in in lieu of roll call.

On a motion made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, April 3, 1971, as circulated.

The Secretary read the roll of members who "sailed their last voyage" since last year.

Dr. Terrell E. Cobb  
Richard S. Shattuck  
Herbert S. Hall  
Hobart J. Hendrick  
John W. Keeshan

The membership stood and observed a moment of silence in their memory.

The Treasurer, Mr. Geyer, reported that we are in very fine condition and solvent. On a motion made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the Treasurer's report.

The Historian, Mr. Gordon, reported that the records are intact. On a motion made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the Historian's report.

The Race Secetary, Mr. Robinson, reported that there will be a race this year and to read your race circulars to find out the details. on a motion made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the Race Secretary's report.

The Measurer, Mr. Russell, reported that the measurement certificates have all been recalculated and that everyone is happy with their new rating. A short discussion on why the rating changes were made followed. On a motion made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the Measurer's report.

Race Committee Chairman, Mr. Wolfe, stated that his report was the same as the one he gave this afternoon. The Commodore gave a capsule summary of the report leaving out parts due to the fact that this meeting was being held in a church.

The Membership Committee Chairman, Mr. Comstock, reported that the committee worked very hard and elected only the finest members.

The Commodore reported for the Classification Committee stating that they had no problems.

The Measurement Rule Committee Chairman, Mr. Raymond, reported that there has been a change in the rule.

He also reported for the Protest Committee saying that he had protests from everyone - everybody's rating went up.

The Commodore reported for the Entertainment Committee by saying that the chairman is now sailing the long course in C-2 and that if he is trying to sail through you, please let him through.

The Commodore reported for the Public Relations Committee by saying that they are in good shape.

The Prize and Awards Committee Chairman, Mr. White, reported that there will be prizes.

The Commodore announced that he had a lot of assistance from a lot of guys, and we will not have another "thing" like last fall because it couldn't happen again.

Mr. Porter, speaking for the Nominating Committee, nominated the following:

Commodore	William L. Ames
Vice Commodore	Herbert W. Owen
Rear Commodore	William B. White
Secretary	Richard W. Woolworth
Treasurer	Leo A. Geyer
Clerk	Phelps Brown
Race Secretary	Donald P. Robinson
Measurer	Thomas M. Russell, III

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Nominated for Governors:

William L. Ames  
Phelps Brown  
Benjamin B. duPont  
John E. English  
Leo A. Geyer  
Robert L. Hall

Herbert W. Owen  
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.  
Donald P. Robinson  
Thomas M. Russell, III  
William B. White  
Gilbert L. Wolfe  
Richard W. Woolworth

Nominated for Historian: Clyde B. Gordon

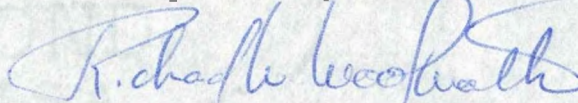
On a motion made and seconded, it was VOTED that the nominations cease, and the Secretary cast one ballot for the above slate. The Secretary cast one ballot as directed. The Nominating Committee report is attached to these minutes. The Committee consisted of the following:

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

A suggestion was made from the floor that we drop our ~~rule~~ handicapping rule and use IOR and MORC rules. The Commodore referred the suggestion to the Measurement Rule Committee for study.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was VOTED to adjourn at 1811.

Respectfully submitted



Richard W. Woolworth  
Secretary

ROLL CALL  
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Richard Hobert	Ronald Noe
Jim Rice	Don Davis
Art Donkin	B. B. Edmands
G. Follett	Herb Rathbun
D. W. Butler	J. E. Buza
Eliot H. Porter, 2nd	Leo A. Geyer
Ben duPont	Ed Raymond
Jack English	Gib Wolfe
Clyde Gordon	H. Peter Converse
Everett H. Dunn	John B. Mc Pherson
George Harrah	Phelps Brown
Bob Thorne	T. M. Kingsley
Eric A. Robba	Mark S. Hough
Bill Webster	Prescott W. N. Gustafson
Herb Owen	William S. Heyniger
Peter comstock	John P. Leo
D.P. Robinson	J.K. Baker
C. Melvin Haines	Paul Adams
Bill White	P.E. Bergendahl
Paul Rogers	William Ames
Robert English	Richard Woolworth
John B. Johnstone	Tom Russell
Stu Tillinghast	E. Dickinson, III

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On behalf of the Nominating Committee - Bill Dodge, Herb Cooper and myself - I propose the following for Officers and Governors of the Club for the coming year:

For:	Commodore	William L. Ames
	Vice Commodore	Herbert W. Owen
	Rear Commodore	William B. White
	Secretary	Richard W. Woolworth
	Treasurer	Leo A. Geyer
	Clerk	Phelps Brown
	Race Secretary	Donald P. Robinson
	Measurer	Thomas M. Russell III

for Board of Governors - the above Officers, and Benjamin B. duPont, John E. English, Robert L. Hall, Edgar L. Raymond Jr., and Gilbert L. Wolfe.

For Historian of the Club - Clyde B. Gordon.

All of these gentlemen have graciously indicated a willingness to serve, and since no other names were submitted, to the Commodore within the prescribed time limit, I move the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for their election.

Respectfully,



Eliot H. Porter, II  
for: The Nominating Committee

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

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April 8, 1972

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 8, 1972. Commodore Ames presided, and other Governors present were:

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

Present by invitation were:

Peter H. Comstock	Allen N. Anderson
Edward S. Purcell, Jr.	Clyde B. Gordon

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Ames at 1630.

The minutes of the last meeting of January 14, 1972 were VOTED approved as circulated.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Judson B. Shafer  
William C. Brewer, Jr.

The Secretary reported the following deaths since the last meeting:

Hobart J. Hendrick  
John W. Keeshan

The Treasurer, Mr. Geyer, reported that we are in good financial condition. Our net worth stands at \$14,170.21, a growth of almost \$2,000.00. He also reported that as of the moment we have 67 members that are delinquent in payment of their 1972 dues. On a motion, made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the Treasurer's report with thanks. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

The Historian, Mr. Gordon, reported that all of the archives are in the state of Maine and in good shape.

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The Measurer, Mr. Russell, stated that we are going to have to double the cost of mailing as he is having to send another post card to everyone saying "everybody elses rating went up too". He reported that all measurement certificates have been recalculated except the ones that expire before May 15, 1972. Mr. Russell also brought up the possibility of having our measurement rule computerized. Much discussion followed. The Commodore appointed the following committee to come up with a complete recommendation at our January meeting:

Thomas M. Russell, III, Chairman  
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.  
Donald P. Robinson  
Robert L. Hall  
William B. White

The Race Secretary, Mr. Robinson, moved and it was seconded to increase the minimum rating to 18 feet. The motion was VOTED unanimously. He also reported that the arrangements in Block Island are locked in. The Rhode Island Development Commission has agreed to donate \$200 towards launch service and will put up snow fence and provide loud speaker service again. He also said that he plans to start A-1 first followed by C-1. The first notice is at the printers and should be out next week. It was VOTED to accept the the guest list, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

The Commodore and the Race Secretary guaranteed the Chairman of the Race Committee that the walkie-talkie radios would be working for the spring series.

Past Commodore duPont stated that when you propose someone for a guest invitation, it is almost like putting him up for membership. A discussion followed about guest privileges and it was decided that a set of guide lines be developed and sent to the membership.

The Clerk, Mr. Brown, made his annual request for signatures on the corporate papers. He needed five plus the Commodore, who in Massachusetts is known as the President.

The Commodore reported that he had heard from the duPonts and that "Noreaster" would be again available for the spring series.

The Chairman of the Race Committee, Mr. Wolfe, reported that he is now an ordained minister in some obscure religious sect. A copy of his report and his "Doctor of Divinity" papers are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Comstock, the Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that we now have 584 members.

The Measurement Rule Committee Chairman, Mr. Raymond, had nothing to report.

The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Mr. Purcell, explained that the reason that we got more for less last year was that site rental was less and we got a better break on the liquor.

Mr. Raymond, reporting for the Protest Committee, stated that there have been no protests since the last meeting.

Public Relations Committee Chairman, Mr. Anderson, reported that information on the rule change went out to the press in February, also information about the dates of our events.

Mr. White, speaking for the Prize and Awards Committee, stated that he had purchased two plaques to be awarded at tonight's dinner. They are worded as follows:

To Ben Harrison  
THE LOUBENVAR AWARD  
in appreciation of many years of  
skilled, daring and devoted service  
April 8, 1972

To Pat Patterson  
THE NIGHT HAWK AWARD  
in appreciation of many years of  
skilled, daring and devoted service  
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There was no old business.

Under new business it was VOTED to accept the following wording to be put in the year book to describe the new "Henry B. duPont Memorial Trophy":

HENRY B. DUPONT MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy was presented to the club by former Commodore John E. English in memory of Henry B. duPont. It is to be awarded annually as the Governors from time to time shall determine. It is presently awarded to the boat in Class C-3 having the best combined results, corrected time, of the spring and fall races,

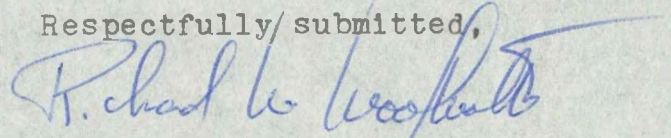
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A short discussion on the "720 rule" followed. It was decided not to get involved with it as, it was felt that it was not a good rule for larger cruising boats.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1536.

Respectfully/ submitted,



Richard W. Woolworth  
Secretary