

Minutes  
of the  
Board of Governors  
of the  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

APRIL 2, 1994

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at Jacobs Rock, US Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut on April 2, 1994. Commodore McFadden presided. Other Governors present were:

Allen N. Anderson	Ernest R. Messer, Jr.
W. Frank Bohlen	Neal H. O'Connell
William G. Gunther	Norman E. Rabe
John H. Lockwood	Richard H. Roberts
D. Richard Magovern, DMD	James B. Slimmon, Jr.
H. Wes Maxwell	Paul C. van Dyke

Present by invitation were:

William L. Ames	Carl D. Fast
Milan T. Bartek	John D. Haugh, MD
LCDR John F. Brooks, USCG	Robert B. Nickerson
Donald C. Davis	Nicholas Staub, II

Absent were:

J. Christopher Field	Rodney S. Johnstone
F.B. George Hohenstein	Nicholas Staub, II

The meeting was called to order at 1442.

The minutes of the previous January 14, 1994 meeting were VOTED approved.

Vice Commodore Gunther reported that attendance at the Annual Dinner will be significantly up over recent years at 272.

Rear Commodore Anderson indicated that trophies are engraved and ready for presentation. He proposed the following resolution:

"Award an appropriate Brass Plaque ( similar to those given as perpetual trophy keeper plaques) at the Annual Dinner and Awards Event to those who have served the preceding year's Club Races through donation of power craft for race committee use as patrol, stake and committee boat."

After discussion the resolution was VOTED approved to begin for the 1994 season ( awarded the Spring of 1995). These trophies will display the period of continuous service when earned.

The Board stood for a moment of silent prayer as the Secretary read the name of the following members who were reported as having died since the last Board meeting:

Peter H. Comstock	Charles E. Gleason
Duncan Sterling	

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Charles S. Edwards	Talcott Stanley
John M. Fales, Jr.	Ned Street
RADM Guy H. B. Shaffer, USN (Ret)	

With these changes membership is at 516.

Treasurer Messer submitted a written report which is attached to these minutes. The report shows that with most of our dues collected and few of our expenses incurred we have almost \$40,000 on hand. Donations of boats for use in race support and careful management by Club management has been responsible for this generous surplus.

The Treasurer proposed that based on our current financial condition that boat fees be reduced by \$5 for the 1994 Series and it was so VOTED.

Historian Ames indicated that not much history had been made since the last meeting.

Race Secretary Roberts discussed the guest lists mailed to the Board. It was recognized that Van Brown had raced two series but it was the feeling that he would be a good member, wants to be a member and it has been a matter of getting paper work done by our members that has delayed his application. Membership Chairman Bohlen asked to have Richard Lilly, 458 Country Club road, South Glastonbury, CT 06073, whose paperwork was recently received, added to the membership guest list. It was VOTED to approve the guest lists submitted by the Race Secretary and Membership Chairmen with the addition of Richard Lilly.

Clerk Magovern reported that all the proper papers required for our incorporation in the State of Massachusetts have been gathered and he will obtain the necessary signatures.

Measurer Rabe, based on discussion with others, proposed that the US Sailing Association Safety-at-Sea Regulations be distributed to all members and be the basis on which skippers certify on their entries that they meet our safety requirements. In volume, the booklets cost one dollar each. A spirited discussion resulted.

It was VOTED to send the US Sailing Association Safety-at-Sea booklet and the traditional one page summary to the membership with the Spring 1994 First Notice. The one page summary will be the basis for certifying the safety of a vessel on our race entries.

Measurer Rabe commented on the updated version of category IV requirements that had been distributed. He further commented on the changes made to our one page summary to conform to the latest version of the category IV requirements.

Race Committee Chairman Maxwell noted that Nor'easter and Chris Cox's boat are available for the Spring. He assumes Dan Miller will be available for patrol boat. Both he and the Protest Committee Chairman will not be available for the Spring Race Series. There was discussion about the course for the second day in the Fall and general matters concerning courses and starting

sequences. The specifics were left to the discretion of the Race Committee Chairman.

Membership Committee Chairman Bohlen reported that 11 candidates were recently posted and 5 applicants are in the pipeline.

Measurement Rule Committee Chairman Brooks commented that we have a rule, that it continues to collect dust and that he will be attending a seminar on measurement rules.

Classification Committee Chairman Davis indicated that he was unaware of any questions or problems.

Protest Committee Chairman Field was absent.

Entertainment Committee Chairman Bartek commented that he had made initial contact with the Oar. The new public address system will be first tested in the Spring.

Shelter Island liaison Committee Chairman Lockwood indicated that all was well with Shelter Island Yacht Club. He also invited all to the 80th birthday of Dolphin at the North Pier of Shelter Island Yacht Club on June 4th from 1600 to 2000 hours.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Nickerson outlined the usual activities required to keep us in the news.

Block Island Liaison Chairman Staub left early but had talked to Commodore McFadden who reported that Block Island was looking forward to our arrival.

Fleet Surgeon Haugh commented that an attending physician will be available on Why Not and many of our medically qualified members will be available on an on call basis.

Long Range Race Planning Committee Chairman Johnstone was absent.

Nominating Committee Chairman van Dyke reported that the Committee composed of himself, Edward Dieckerhoff and William Loweth had a slate for the Annual meeting.

Membership Chairman Bohlen commented that when approaching the alternative penalties question he quickly recognized he was covering well plowed turf. He met with a adhoc group of the Board and Committee Chairmen and they quickly developed the following criteria.

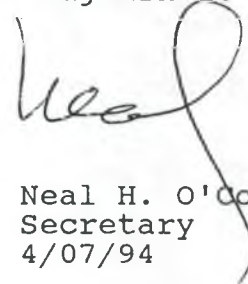
- . Maintain discipline on the race course
- . Maintain fairness
- . The option of maneuvering was quickly discarded
- . The issue was whether a percentage or flat amount approach would best accomplish the goal

After much discussion, it was VOTED that we would "adopt an alternative penalty of 10 minutes for the 1994 Spring series for infringing the rules of part IV of US Sailing's 1989-1992 International Racing Rules". This change will be highlighted in the First Notice.

Treasurer Messer suggested that, given our current financial

position, we should consider giving more to our sport such as to a interscholastic sailing program. We contribute \$1600 now of which \$1000 is given to the Seaport's audio visual department. He challenged us to come up with some ideas for the future.

There being no further business it was VOTED to adjourn at 1719.



Neal H. O'Connell  
Secretary  
4/07/94

PS: Commodore McFadden has appointed the following committee chairmen for the 1994-95 year:

Membership	W. Frank Bohlen
Protest	J. Christopher Field
Entertainment	Carl D. Fast
Classification	Donald D. Davis
Measurement Rule	LCDR John F. Brooks, USCG
Prizes & Awards	Allen N. Anderson
Public Relations	Robert B. Nickerson
Fleet Surgeon	John D. Haugh, MD
Shelter Island Liaison	John H. Lockwood
Block Island Liaison	Nicholas Staub, II
Long Range Race Planning	Rodney S. Johnstone
ECSA Representative	Richard H. Roberts
USSA/ORC Representative	Richard H. Roberts