

Minutes
of the
Board of Governors
of the
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
January 15, 1993

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Captain Daniel Packer Inne, Mystic, Connecticut, at 1200 on January 15, 1993. Commodore van Dyke presided. Other Governors present were:

Allen N. Anderson	H. Wes Maxwell
W. Frank Bohlen	Peter W. McFadden
William G. Gunther	Ernest R. Messer, Jr
F.B. George Hohenstein	Neal H. O'Connell
John H. Lockwood	Richard H. Roberts.
D. Richard Magovern, DDS	James B. Slimmon, Jr

Present by invitation were:

William L. Ames	Rodney S. Johnstone
Donald C. Davis	Nicholas Staub, II
Chester B. Humphrey MD	

Absent were:

Milan T. Bartek	Norman R. Rabe
J. Christopher Field	Donald P. Robinson
Robert B. Nickerson	

The meeting was called to order at 1240.

The minutes of the previous October 24, 1992 meeting were VOTED approved with the following corrections:

- Since the last meeting we have heard that Edmund Zacker died and thus should be moved from the non payment of dues category.
- The proposed Honorary member is Henry not Harry duPont.
- Donovan rather than Donavon.

Vice Commodore McFadden reported that arrangements for the Annual Dinner at the Norwich Sheraton on April 3, 1993 have been made. At the moment prices are the same as last year.

Rear Commodore Gunther reported the most recent activity between he and Peter Brinckerhoff on the Donovan trophy. It has been agreed that it will be a combined C1 & C2 trophy. A proposed trophy and the wording for the gift were discussed. With the exception of the exact wording on the plaque, the Board was in agreement with the proposal. The Vice Commodore was asked to complete negotiations with Peter Brinckerhoff.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Russell Allen Boss
John H. Boyd

Stuart Tillinghast
Gifford D. Warren

The Board stood for a moment of silence as the following members names, who we were notified had died, were read:

Hans M. Rozendaal, MD
David C. Scott, Jr.

John R. Wheeler Jr.
Edmund Zacker (reported under
non payment of dues last meeting)

Joseph V. Healey was reinstated upon payment of dues as voted last meeting. Membership currently is 526 members.

Anthony A. Cooper's request that his membership be reinstated back to his original "date of election" by paying dues for his lapse in membership was VOTED approved. He is to be reinstated with his original date of election upon payment of past and current dues.

Alfred van Liew III, skipper of the old twelve meter Onawa, asked if his 69' boat could race in the series. After discussion, it was VOTED that an exception be made to make him eligible to enter Onawa. The Secretary will so inform him with a copy to the Race Secretary.

Treasurer Messer presented his financial report for the 1992 year, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He further gave a list showing cost center reporting. As Shelter Island Yacht Club Fall Series expenses have not yet been settled, the report is still an estimate. Income exceeded expenses by over \$7000 and our end-of-the-year balance on hand is just over \$18,000. The Treasurer's Annual report was VOTED approved.

The procedures for having Sportsline handle our sales of merchandise were instituted with flyers mailed both in November and with the dues notices. This arrangement gives us a 15% return on all merchandise sold, an expanded line of merchandise and solves our having to get involved with Connecticut sales tax.

A donation of \$1000 to the Mystic Seaport Museum had been previously approved in October. Additional donations of \$200 for the Coast Guard Academy and \$250 for the Block Island Heath Services were VOTED approved.

Historian Ames commented on the superior quality of the videos done by Ken Mahler in comparison to those he recently saw that were professionally done for the Opera House Race. He also commented on Kens assistance during our Fall Series medical emergency.

Fleet Surgeon Humphrey was taken out of sequence to discuss the matter of physicians rendering assistance. It was agreed that the current rules provide for the consideration that we wish to give to physicians rendering assistance. However, when possible, the Race Committee will ask the physician to see them after the race, discuss the circumstances and assistance rendered and communicate this information to the Protest Committee Chairman for action. This does not remove the obligation of the physician rendering assistance to contact the Race Committee if he feels that he should be given consideration.

Race Secretary Roberts submitted a list of dates for 1994 a copy of which are attached to these minutes. The dates listed below were VOTED accepted:

1994 Off Soundings Events

Board Meeting (Friday)	January 21
Guest Invitation Cut-Off	March 17
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	April 2
First Notice - Spring Series	April 15
Closing Date - Spring Series	May 19
Final Notice - Spring Series	June 3
Race Dates - Spring Series	June 10 & 11
Results of Spring Series & First Notice - Fall Series	July 8
Closing Date - Fall Series	August 25
Final Notice - Fall Series	September 9
Race Dates - Fall Series	September 16 & 17
Final Results	October 14
Board Meeting (Saturday)	October 29

Clerk Magovern reported that the State of Massachusetts has a two volume publication that tells you all you ever wanted to know about the laws pertaining to Massachusetts corporations. There were no takers.

Measurer Rabe was absent and there was no report.

Race Committee Chairman Maxwell reported that there was nothing other than the discussion on physicians rendering assistance that needed to be discussed at this time. Our race courses will be reviewed and commented on at the next meeting.

Membership Committee Chairman Bohlen reported activity has increased and he expects a posting in about 6 weeks.

Measurement Rule Committee Chairman Robinson was absent and there was no report.

Classification Committee Chairman Davis reported that all is quiet.

Protest Committee Chairman Fields was absent and there was no report.

Entertainment Chairman Bartek was absent but has indicated that he is working on completing Fall Series expenses with Shelter Island Yacht Club. Shelter Island has not yet been paid.

Shelter Island liaison Co-chairman Lockwood reported that he felt that Shelter Island recovered well from Hurricane Bob to handle our Fall Series and our relations with the club are good. There were problems with launches this Fall as their big launch was out of commission.

Block Island Liaison Chairman Staub reported that Great Salt Pond is now under Federal, State and Local laws and is a no discharge area. The matter of greater enforcement activity is a real possibility. Also, the anchorage area has been changed.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Nickerson was absent and there was no report.

Fleet Surgeon Humphrey commented that he was getting the first aid kits together in preparation for the Spring Series.

Long Range Race Planning Committee Chairman Johnstone said that nothing was on the table and he was open for suggestions. He asked if anyone had any feed back on the class changes in 1992 as he had none. No one had heard anything but there was some feeling that the weather had been so good for both series that it had not been a true test of the changes. There was discussion on alternative penalties, time on time vs time on distance, the need to have any modifications structured so the Race Committee could administer them, how many classes can be administered, and the wide range of ratings and characteristics of boats in cruising canvass. There is interest and/or over lap on these subjects between at least the Race Secretary, Measurer and the Classification, Protest, Race, and Long Range Planning Committees.

Commodore van Dyke asked Long Range Committee Chairman Johnstone to prepare three proposals of how we might improve the Cruising Class for discussion at the April 3, 1993 Board Meeting.

Board members Slimmon and Anderson were asked to investigate, solicit input from interested parties and develop proposals for alternative penalties and time on time vs time on distance. These proposals should be presented to the board for discussion at their April 3, 1993 meeting.

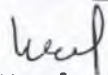
It was VOTED that the Nominating Committee for the 1993 slate will be F.B. George Hohenstein (Chairman), William L. Ames and Ronald A. Sternicki.

It was unanimously VOTED that Eileen Ames and Henry duPont IV be proposed as Honorary Members at the April 3, 1993 Annual Meeting.

The current practice of using the date of reinstatement as the date of election for reinstatements was discussed. It was VOTED that the date of election for reinstatements would be the original date of election adjusted by the number of whole months break in membership, rounded to the next higher month in the case of partial months,

Commodore van Dyke indicated that no nomination will be made for the USSA Sportsmanship award unless someone has a nomination.

There being no further business it was VOTED to adjourn at 1520.


Neal H. O'Connell
Secretary