

## OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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### Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

October 26, 2002  
Aboard the Good Ship Valiant

The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held aboard the Good Ship Valiant on October 26, 2002. Commodore Maxwell presided.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commodore Wes Maxwell. The minutes of the April 6, 2002 meeting were duly moved and approved as written.

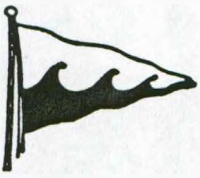
The Commodore reflected on the death of our own Race Secretary Dick Roberts while in California attending an U.S.S.A. meeting. Commodore Maxwell reminded us of the many hats Dick wore; "OS, ECSA, Thames Yacht Club, U.S.S.A." that "not many like Dick come along, we will seriously miss him." A moment of silence was observed in his honor.

Treasurer Robert Geary presented the Treasurer's report which is made part of these minutes. The report is through October 15th. The Treasurer projects a 7000+ over budget which was not the plan. After reviewing the projected income and expenditures a \$6800 over budget is expected.

The major events that went over budget were the tent at Block Island, the extra expenses at Greenport, tent, toilets, launch service, trophies etc. That may not continue if and when the city of Greenport completes the planned marina. The annual meeting incurred about a \$2000 loss. This led to a general discussion of where and how to make our annual meeting better attended and nearer the budget expense. The \$18 charge for the 2002 party, actual cost \$27. 132 paying members was higher than 2001 but still not enough. The solution is to increase attendance.

The Commodore challenged the members on what we should do; go back to dinners? change location? raise price? We may have a situation that we always will have the same loyal group of members that will attend. If we have a dinner for \$50, 125 will attend if we have a cocktail party for \$18, 132 will attend.

After a lengthy discussion the Commodore assigned the job of recommending the annual meeting venue at the January meeting to Vice Commodore Brooks.



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The Treasurer asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report which was duly made and approved.

The Treasurer presented six members who were delinquent in dues payment.

1. Frances Murphy  
Action- A check was in the mail. Mr. Murphy will be reinstated when check clears.
2. William Zeigler III  
John Lockwood to contact
3. Joseph Ristucci  
John Lockwood to contact
4. Herbert Owen  
Resigned
5. John S. Lovell  
Neal O'Connell to call
6. John J. Locker  
Unable to contact  
Dropped non pay by vote of Board of Governors

It was also duly voted to give Zeigler III, Lovell and Risticci until November 30th to pay or be dropped.

Treasurer presented a 2003 budget projection, a \$6500 difference. In order to break even next year an increase in dues from \$45-60 would be necessary.

It was duly moved and seconded that all membership dues be increased by \$5, vote unanimously to approve.

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A motion was duly made and adopted to increase race entry fee to \$50 and the per person charge to \$8.50 These adjustments should make up the projected short fall for 2003.

Vice Commodore reported he will be reviewing the annual meeting location and report in January.

Rear Commodore reported on the computer input errors on the finishes at the Fall Off Soundings event that caused trophies to be given to the wrong boats. He advised that the trophies were being retrieved and represented to the real winners.

Race Committee Chairman Charlton explained in detail the cause of the error.



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The Rear Commodore reported a \$600 over budget on trophies caused by additional classes and a drop in entries at the Fall event. He was reminded to have photo taken of the newly added trophies for insurance purposes.

A discussion of the lack of participation by the "nonesuch" class at the Fall event was acknowledged by the Rear Commodore. He will contact Jack Lombard, rep for that class.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that B class was getting very small. The leader Ed Purcell has indicated he is moving to cruising canvas.

To fit B into A would be a 50 point spread which is way over the ideal.

Dave Nickerson thought there could be as many as 12-35 J's encouraged to participate if a separate designated start was established.

The Commodore advised that 12 would make a class even though 10 showed up. Dave would have an answer at the January meeting.

Norm Rabe's report of classification asked that members keep an eye out for two younger people to get active in the PHRF business .

Race Committe Chairman reported on the use of Jim Granby's "Peggy" for Spring Race Committe boat. He personally thanked Jim for his generosity.

Neal O'Connell has volunteered to update Off Soundings records at the Seaport.

Bill Loweth (publicity) is frustrated over the lack of interest by local papers. He's not giving up.

Shelter Island Liason John Lockwood praised Greenport as a location and looks forward to being there next year. A few minor activity locations must be adjusted such as the protest meeting location.

New trophies and their assignments were brought up and names such as Ames and Roberts were mentioned.

Vice Commodore and Past Commodore Frank Bohlen to be a committee of two to study and report on trophies and ways to recognize people at the January meeting.

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Entertainment Committee Chairman Edward Dieckerhoff announced he will resign after this year and go sailing.

Past Commodore Bohlen addressed the subject of a large number of members have power boats and whether there are ways or ideas that would attract them to OC events.

Subject of 2004 events was reviewed and will be acted upon at the January meeting.

Secretary submitted a new format for the annual membership booklet. After some discussion a motion was made and adopted to change the annual booklet as presented.

Death of Race Secretary needs our immediate attention. After much discussion it was agreed that a committee consisting of Commodore Maxwell, Norm Rabe, Bob Geary, Steve O'Connell and Past Commodore Bohlen be committed to find a new Race Secretary.

Bill Loweth volunteered to be computer liason to Dick Robert's files with Walter Pratt assisting.

There being no further business, it was duly moved and approved to adjourn at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman B. Peck".

Norman B. Peck  
Secretary