

**OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING**

April 7, 2001
Munson Room (Library)
at 1400-1645
Mystic Seaport Museum

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Frank Bohlen, then the minutes of the January 26, 2001 meeting were moved and approved.

The following are the reports of each officer:

Vice Commodore Maxwell reported that the annual meeting this evening has 125 reservations, 150 is breaking even considering we pick up the cost of the Race Committee members attending. By returning to the Seaport, the home of the OSC we can take advantage of the various services and the fabulous plant they have to offer.

Rear Commodore Brooks reported the trophies were ready for this evening's presentation. A new trophy (DeCanter) called "Diane" would be awarded to the Multi Hull Class.

Treasurer Geary's report was submitted, approved and made part of these minutes. A mailing list problem having to do with the honorary members was uncovered and has been addressed.

Historian Bill Ames reported that there was no filming at the Fall Race so no entertainment tonight. He reported that a film of historic yachting events was being edited for use. The Commodore offered that Dave Dickerson had volunteered his son in law for filming future races. It was decided to turn the film problem over to the long range planning committee for a solution.

Race Secretary Dick Roberts circulated the Guest Invitations report, a motion was made to accept the proposed guests. Mr. Roberts said there was still time for additional names. Mr. Roberts stated that the Multi Hull Fleet were going to make their participation in OC a part of their season series. He also suggested that the Race Rock group be considered for invitation. Commodore Bohlen also suggested we consider inviting the Classic Boat class sailing out of Shelter Island for the one day Fall Gardners Bay.

Clerk Dick McGovern reported he has filed corporate papers with the state of Massachusetts.

The following is a copy of the Measurers Report presented by Norman Rabe.

Review of the Rod Johnstone letters has been completed and a reply forwarded to him. Rod proposes that all C classes be classified strictly by handicap and displacement-length ratio. I have replied that certain yachts are not currently classified in accordance with those guidelines, and that the results are satisfactory. Limited exceptions based on current practice should continue in the interest of good racing. However, Rod's input was valuable to the process in that several of his suggestions will likely be adopted.

ECSA-PHRF is continuing a handicap review selected boats. Some small adjustments have been made, but no major adjustments are anticipated.

The following are the reports of the Committee Chairmen:

Race Committee Chairman Mr. Chorlton reported that his committee was ready to perform along with NorEaster. Questions of VHF communication be used as informal course information. Mr. Chorlton will use as much communication as possible to make the starting area convenient and safe. The onboard signals will be the official notices.

Membership Chairman Bob Edmands read the names of the applicants with completed applications. He stated he expected all twenty to be approved.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Bill Loweth reported that OS is on the web. He reported that his contact at the New London Day had changed jobs and was suggesting that Vickie Fulkerson, sports news editor be called.

Fleet Surgeon Woodworth recommended that we continue using the 911 emergency response rather than being in the Health Care business during our events.

Andy Anderson distributed his report for the Long Range Planning Committee. Another study of race locations has been made and a copy of it will be made part of these minutes. The bottom line is to continue to race Block Island and Gardners Bay.

Commodore Bohen stated that we should be assigning new trophies. Trophies will be needed for two classes.

- 1. Millett- Class C 4,5,6 to be decided by the Rear Commodore.**
- 2. Ben Dupont Memorial- which was donated by Ron Noe, so moved and approved.**

Commodore Bohlen then commended the board and committee as being the back bone of the club and thanked them for their devotion to duty. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 16:45 upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**Norman B. Peck
Acting Secretay, OSC**