

MINUTES

of the

BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

January 13, 1978

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Morgan Suite of the Seamen's Inn at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1200 on January 13, 1978. Commodore Robinson presided. Other Governors present were:

William L. Ames
Dudley W. Butler
Donald C. Davis
Eliot H. Porter, 2nd.
Richard H. Roberts

Howard A. Schechterle
Walter D. Strang, Jr.
William B. White
Richard W. Woolworth

Present by invitation were:

Varick D. Harrison
A. Duncan Mac Dougall
Norman E. Rabe

Paul C. vanDyke
John M. Washburn, Jr.
Richard B. Washburn

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Robinson at 1216.

The minutes of the previous meeting on October 15, 1977, were approved as circulated.

The Board stood for a moment of silence in memory of Gilbert L. Wolfe who passed away since the last meeting.

The Treasurer, Mr. Strang, presented his interim report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He felt that the figures were coming out where he had predicted them in October, and we will remain in a good financial position.

The Historian, Mr. Converse, was not able to attend due to the snow storm, but sent word through the Commodore that he will have a film to show at the Annual Dinner.

Race Secretary Wadlow was not present but Commodore Robinson reported that Shelter Island Yacht Club is happy to have us back and everything seems to be under control for next season.

The Clerk, Mr. Schechterle, reported that our corporate problems have been straightened out with Massachusetts. He turned over a copy of the Articles of Organization to the Secretary. He was requested to look into getting a federal tax exempt number for the club.

The Measurer, Mr. Roberts, presented a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. It was moved and VOTED that the 1978 race series will be conducted under the following handicapping systems:

1. Classes C-1 through C-4 and the Cruising Canvas Class will use the PHRF Handicapping System.
2. Classes A-1, A-2, B-1, and B-2 will continue to use the Off Soundings Club Measurement Rule, together with the USYRU Time Allowance Tables.

Speed potential ratings for the PHRF classes will be developed and assigned by a committee reporting to the Chief Measurer. These ratings will take into account existing information from regional areas with PHRF experience, related efforts by ECYRA, and additional data which may be developed by the committee. Yacht dimensional information will be taken from a valid Off Soundings Certificate and additional information may be required to be furnished by the owner.

The Membership Chairman, Mr. Butler, presented a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. A long discussion on guest invitations and membership limits took place. It was moved and VOTED that a guest may be invited to go sailing (as per guest invitation system adopted at the October 15, 1977 meeting), twice, each for one season. If the individual does not become a published candidate for membership thereafter, the person may not be invited again for three seasons.

Mr. Raymond, Chairman of the Measurement Rule Committee, was not present but it was reported that he plans no changes in the rule this year.

Mr. Rabe, Chairman of the Classification Committee had no report at this time.

Race Committee Chairman Harrison reported that he has signed up "Empress" for both the spring and fall series. After a discussion about the size and competitiveness of the Cruising Class, it was decided to make no changes this year. It was VOTED to authorize Mr. Harrison to purchase a new buoy at a cost not to exceed \$500.

John M. Washburn, Jr. and Richard B. Washburn, Co-Chairmen of the Entertainment Committee, had nothing to report. Commodore Robinson welcomed them on board and wished them luck with their committee.

Fleet Surgeon Mac Dougall reported that he has some Doctors lined up to help him this summer.

Prize and Awards Committee Chairman, Rear Commodore Porter, read his written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Mr. vanDyke had no Public Relations Committee report.

Under old business, the Secretary read a letter from Mystic Seaport, offering their two work boats to the club for the spring and fall series. Commodore Robinson appointed a committee of Varick D. Harrison as Chairman, Thomas S. Wadlow, Jr., William L. Ames and Donald C. Davis to look into this offer and report back at the April meeting.

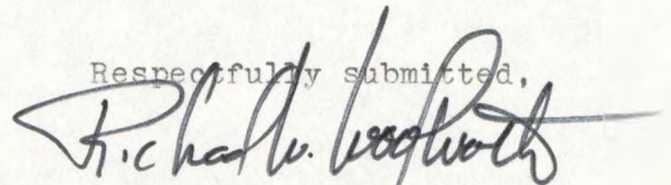
Treasurer Strang announced that he has received 50 tie clips and had them with him. He immediately sold nine to the Board and decided he had better reorder another 50 to have for the Annual Meeting. He will also order hat badges.

Under new business, it was moved and VOTED to donate \$600 to Mystic Seaport and \$50 to the Block Island Rescue Service.

Commodore Robinson thanked Bill White for the use of his computer and said how much we appreciated it.

There being no further business, it was VOTED to adjourn at 1419.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Woolworth
Secretary