

Minutes  
of the  
Board of Governors  
of the  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB  
November 5, 1988

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Old Lyme Inn, Old Lyme, Connecticut, at 1200 on November 5, 1988. Commodore Slimmon presided. Other Governors present were:

Allen N. Anderson  
Louis J. Bevilacqua  
E. Carleton Granbery, Jr.  
F. B. George Hohenstein  
Lawrence R. Jacobsen  
D. Richard Magovern, MD

Neal H. O'Connell  
Eliot H. Porter, 2nd  
Richard H. Roberts  
Walter D. Strang, Jr.  
Paul C. vanDyke

Present by invitation were:

William L. Ames  
Donald C. Davis  
Chester B. Humphrey, M.D.  
John H. Lockwood

Edward S. Purcell, Jr.  
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.  
Nicholas Staub, II

The meeting was called to order at 1243.

The minutes of the previous April 9, 1988 meeting were VOTED approved as circulated.

Vice Commodore Hohenstein reported that preparations are underway for our annual meeting and dinner at the Norwich Sheraton on April 1, 1989.

Rear Commodore vanDyke reported that Spring and Fall prizes were awarded. Fall prizes were reused from the Fall of 1987, when we were unable to race, which resulted in about \$1,000 savings.

The Board stood for a moment of silence as the Secretary read the name of the following member who passed away since the last Board Meeting:

Theodore T. White, Jr.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Thomas C. McGow  
\* Christopher McLaughlin  
Nicholas R. G. Phillips

\* G. Palmer Schade  
Ralph Vessella

\* Motor Boat Rule

The following individual was VOTED dropped from membership for non-payment of dues:

Philip J. Smyth

Membership currently is 590 members.

Treasurer Strang commented on our projected financial situation as of

January 1, 1989. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. It shows our current balance as \$12,145.83. January 1, 1989 is estimated as \$6,155.83 about \$2,600 more than 1988 but about \$3,400 less than 1987. We should be able to begin putting money in savings as 1989 dues start coming in.

Collections for Shelter Island mooring fees were about \$600 under charges in contrast to prior years when collections and charges were about a wash. Speculation was that a very late finish Friday and early finish Saturday contributed to this.

Historian Ames reported that the Mystic Seaport has nicely packaged last Annual meeting's video tape in VCR format and it is available on a loan, rental or purchase basis. He asked that it's availability be made known in the next Club mailing. Commodore Slimmon indicated he would include this in his Winter Letter. Tapes of 1988 races contain alot of "good stuff" and will be available for the Spring Shore Party.

Race Secretary Anderson reported on our Spring and Fall Series and related matters. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes. All comments have been positive about swapping the Spring and Fall locations. An analysis of participation for 1986, 1987 and 1988 was inconclusive but it appears that the time of year is more important than location. It was VOTED to approve the following dates and locations for 1989 Off Soundings Events:

Guest Invitation Cut-Off	March 15
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	April 1
First Notice - SPRING SERIES	April 7
Closing Date - SPRING SERIES	May 18
Final Notice - SPRING SERIES	June 2
Race Dates - SPRING SERIES Block Island	June 9 and 10
Results of Spring Series	
First Notice - FALL SERIES	July 7
Closing Date - FALL SERIES	August 24
Final Notice - FALL SERIES	September 8
Race Dates - FALL SERIES Shelter Island	September 15 and 16
Final Results for 1989	October 13
Dyer Dhow Derby	October ( date not determined)
Other Events:	
Board Meetings	January 20, 1989 November 4, 1989
Annual Meeting and Shore Party (Easter is the 15th)	April 7, 1990

The Race Secretary indicated that he will bring dates for 1990 Race Events to the January Board meeting for approval. It is necessary for Committee Chairmen to begin finalizing arrangements before our November meeting and he feels the dates should be approved earlier. In 1990 it may be necessary



to adjust dates a week, giving due attention to Race Week dates.

Clerk Magovern reported that all is proper with the State of Massachusetts.

The Measurer, Mr. Rabe, was absent and there was no report.

Race Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported that Empress is available next year and a charter will be arranged after the first of the year. It was necessary to obtain new committee boats this year. In spite of explanations to the captains, our obligations to the doctor and photographers aboard were not generally fulfilled. He will prepare a document for the January meeting outlining our requirements. At the same time, we are going to have to expect to reimburse the captains in some way.

Historian Ames commented that the Race Committee Chairman performed yeoman duty this Fall. Hurricane Gilbert resulted in several Committee members having to cancel out at the last moment. He scrambled and found substitutes so that the Race went off without a hitch. The Board thanked Chairman Jacobsen.

In the absence of Membership Committee Chairman Bohlen, Commodore Slimmon reported that 7 new members are in the pipeline and they will be processed in the next few months.

There was no report from the Measurement Rule Committee Chairman Mr. Robinson.

Classification Committee Chairman Davis reported that there have been some grumblings about classifications. The committee will meet and bring their recommendations to the January meeting. He solicited comments or participation by the Board in these meetings.

Protest Committee Chairman Raymond indicated that there were no protests at either the Spring or Fall series, some kind of record.

Entertainment Committee Chairman Loweth was absent and there was no report.

At this point Commodore Slimmon brought forward an incident at the Fall Race Series. The sons of Calvin Wilcox had a fight and severely beat an employee of the Shelter Island Yacht Club outside a public bar (the Dory) the night of the Friday Race Party. Police took the individuals to the police station the next day after the Saturday Race and questioned them. No charges were pressed.

Shelter Island Yacht Club was quite upset about the incident. Commodore Slimmon wrote to Commodore Ciaccio and Vice Commodore Henry Kyhl apologizing for the incident. Commodore Ciaccio wrote Commodore Slimmon expressing appreciation for his letter and expressed interest in what the Board of Governors decided about the matter. Commodore Slimmon promised to communicate the result of the Board of Governors deliberations. Commodore Slimmon discussed the severity of the incident with Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Wilcox wrote a letter of apology to the Off Sounding Club and Shelter Island Yacht Club.

After much discussion of the incident it was decided that the Board could not let the incident pass without taking action. The following motion was unanimously VOTED:

"Calvin Wilcox and sons are suspended from the 1989 Spring and Fall

Off Soundings Club's Race Series. If he requests it, he may have a hearing with the Flag Officers of the Off Sounding's Club on December 1 or an appropriate date thereafter and he will be so notified in writing.

The incident, without names, will be publicized to the membership in the Commodore's Winter news letter.

Shelter Island Liaison Co-chairman Bevilacqua and Lockwood reported nothing further than their input on the above incident.

Block Island Liaison Chairman Staub indicated that Block Island likes us and looks forward to seeing us next Spring.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Purcell reported that we were successful with all news media except Channel 26. We provided a vessel as a platform but they did not use the film nor would they turn a copy over to the Mystic Seaport. This is a recently established policy. Because of this, the effort necessary to provide a vessel for them and a question as to whether the Coast Guard might view this as a situation requiring a license, it was decided to tell them that if they want to film our Races they will need to provide their own vessel.

Fleet Surgeon Humphrey reported that no one was injured during our Races to his knowledge. A copy of his report is attached. However, there are two matters requiring attention. The first involves the matter of liability insurance for members who have retired and could be called on for back-up. The Fleet Surgeon will discuss this with the Commodore. The second item concerns purchasing a medical kit that contains materials such as IV fluids, suture sets, tracheotomy sets and emergency drugs as such materials are necessary for a true emergency. It was VOTED to purchase such a kit at a cost of about \$350.

A memento from Off Soundings was given to Bill and Carolyn Norton of Empress recognizing their years of service. The memento given to Tom and Cinny Gotis in appreciation of their many years of Race Committee service was presented just in time as Tom died this Summer.

No suitable course of action has yet been determined for the proposed "Chanty" trophy that Mrs. Wilbur Young has offered to the Club.

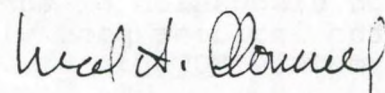
Commodore Slimmon proposed and it was VOTED to appoint the following Nominating Committee:

Eliot H. Porter, 2nd (Chairman)  
John M. Washburn, Jr.  
William D. Webster

Commodore Slimmon noted that Richard H. Roberts will head the Committee to consider candidates for the USYRU Sportsmanship Award.

The Flag Officers would appreciate any input concerning nominations for Honorary Members. In general, this is intended to be no more than one each year.

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



Neal H. O'Connell, Secretary