

SOME PRECEDENT SETTING DECISIONS
Of the
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(3/17/51)

RESOLVED, that all members entering military service have their dues waived for the period of their military duty.

(1/16/53)

It was voted that penalties for placing in races be changed from 10% for first place, 5% for second place and 3% for third place to 15% for first place, 10% for second place and 5% for third place. Penalties will be effective for a total of three consecutive race series making an effective top penalty limit of 45% for a boat which wins three race series in a row.

It was voted to drop all penalties which may have been acquired by a boat under any owner at the time of the sale of that boat to a new owner.

(4/2/54)

RESOLVED, to accept the recommendation of Rear Commodore Roderick Stephens, Jr., for determining what is a motor sailer in the following manner:

Take the ratio between the square root of the sail area as it would appear under the Off Soundings Rule and the load waterline length. If this ratio is less than .8, the boat would tend to be underrigged, slow under sail and hence should be classed as a motor sailer. Between .8 and .9, if the boat has a centerboard or reasonable keel area, she could be considered a sail boat. If the ratio is over .9, it can be presumed the boat sails moderately well and may legitimately be classed as a sail boat even without a centerboard and with somewhat less than normal draft. Other factors which should be considered include lack of adequate lateral plane unless supplemented by a centerboard, having an oversized deckhouse, and perhaps lacking provisions for outside steering. Even though the sail area ratio might be satisfactory, these factors might properly classify a vessel as a motor sailer.

(9/28/55)

It was voted that the clubs mailing list was not to be given to any commercial outfit unless it was for the definite good of the club. However, it was voted that any member could use the mailing list.

(1/2/56)

RESOLVED, that the length over-all for Class A yachts be boosted to 62'.

(1/12/56)

RESOLVED, That perpetual trophies shall be awarded to those with the lowest corrected time for both Spring and Fall races neglecting penalties usually applied for winning trophies.

(3/23/57)

RESOLVED, that the following be adopted to assist the Membership Committee in its consideration of applications for membership because of the anticipated large increase in the number of applications:

- (a) Applicants must have participated in two or more Off Soundings races
- (b) Quota of new members for the year to be limited to thirty five (35)

(6/6/58)

Mr. White reported for the Membership Committee and recommended that a limit be set insofar as age for admission to the Club. Upon a motion made and seconded, it was VOTED that any applicant for membership must have attained his 21st birthday.

(6/6/58)

After full discussion, it was VOTED that properly completed measurement certificates by an authorized measurer are valid for three years from the date of measurement. Any certificate that is valid on the closing date for the acceptance of entries for a particular race series is good for that series.

(9/17/59)

----- and it was VOTED that where one owner sails a different boat of the same one design class which he sailed in a previous race any penalty earned remains with the owner. It was further VOTED that in all other situations any penalty earned stays with the boat unless that boat changes ownership or is sold. Upon such change of ownership or sale the penalty is dropped. Decision as to what constitutes a bona fide sale or change of ownership rests with the Flag Officers of the Club.

Mr. Gustafson then raised the question of the matter of measurement certificates for boats upon a change of ownership and it was VOTED that where a new owner presents satisfactory evidence from the former owner that there have been no changes affecting the then valid measurement certificate, such certificate would be valid until its normal expiration. In the absence of such evidence satisfactory to the measurer a certificate issued to a former owner would become void, and a new certificate required.

(4/2/60)

The matter of eligibility for listing in the Club Yearbooks of the owners' yachts was discussed at some length, after which it was moved and VOTED that starting with the 1961 Yearbook, only those yachts eligible to race in our races and not less than 15' in overall length would be listed in the Club's Yearbooks.

(1/19/61)

----- it was VOTED that to be eligible to receive a perpetual trophy a vessel participating in the race must be owned by or under charter to a member and skippered by a member.

(4/8/61)

It was also VOTED that only officially announced entries may cross the starting line for any race and complete the course with the fleet. Members and others as spectators shall keep well clear of the course.

(3/30/63)

Following the report of the Race Committee Chairman, There was considerable discussion with reference to the matter of issuance of invitations to participants in our racing events to non members of the club. It seemed to be the Governors' feeling that participators in our races should have sufficient interest in and be of appropriate caliber for membership in our club, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED that beginning with the year 1963 invitations to any individual to participate in the Club's races will be limited to two series for any one individual.

(4/4/64)

After thorough discussion, the following requirements were adopted unanimously by the Board:

1. The minimum rating for any yacht sailing in the O.S.C. Annual Race Series is established at 17 feet. Yachts whose ratings calculate lower than this 17-foot minimum, shall race using this 17-foot minimum.
2. The minimum L.O.A. of vessels which may race in the O.S.C. Annual Race Series is established at 23.75 feet. Vessels smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race.
3. Excepted from this ruling are vessels which fall below these minimums but which have raced in a series prior to this date, owned by members or participating guests. These Vesseks will be permitted to race using ratings shown on the Vessel's Valid Rating Certificate so long as there is no change in the vessel's ownership.

(4/1/67)

Treasurer Geyer reported club insurance on permanent trophies was not available and he recommended each trophy winner be advised repair or replacement is their responsibility. This policy was Voted approved.

(4/5/69)

An additional problem arose where a son received an invitation to race, his father also for the following 2 series (all in the same Vessel), such that an intra-family violation of our invitation policy might arise. It was ruled that family members be considered as individuals as regards our invitation policy "2 series invitations per person with Board approval". A "series" consists of spring and fall races. It was also agreed the policy "the man in whose name the vessel is entered must be aboard during our races" be written in the Race Notice.

(1/15/71)

After discussion regarding method of removing "winning" penalty, it was voted that in order to work off a penalty, in addition to the other conditions, a vessel must start both races in a series. She must finish both races in a series also or submit a withdrawal notice to the Race Committee.

(1/12/73)

A discussion about flying different colored plastic pennants from the bow of competing boats was held. It was VOTED that all contestants will fly the appropriate code flag designated for that class.

(1/12/73)

It was VOTED that in order for a propeller to be rated, it must drive the boat at a speed in knots equal to the square root of the measured waterline length in feet in smooth water with no wind.

(1/12/73)

Commodore Ames reported on an incident last spring where a member added a false transom to his boat in order to make it long enough to meet the minimum LOA requirements. It was VOTED that if additions are to be made to vessels originally built with a LOA of under 23.75 feet LOA, to qualify for entrance, the addition shall be constructed so as to be a fair extension of the basic hull with out visible parting lines, be bouyant and structurally adequate consistant with the basic hull. The Chief Measurer shall determine that the above criteria is met before a valid measurement certificate is granted certifying a 23.75 foot or greater LOA. If in doubt, the Commodore shall make the final decision on eligibility.

(1/11/74)

It was VOTED that pulpit and lifelines be required in 1975. All boats must meet NAYRU Class 4 requirements except for boats holding a valid MORC certificate.

(4/6/74)

On a motion, made and seconded, it was VOTED to assess any member who had not paid his dues within four months after the dues bills are mailed, an additional fee of \$5.00.

(4/5/75)

....., it was VOTED to set a new limit of 630 on our membership.