

MINUTES  
of  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
of  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB  
January 15, 1971

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Morgan Room of the Seaman's Inne, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut on January 15, 1971 at 12:40. Commodore English presided, other Governors present were:

William L. Ames	Geddes Parsons
Phelps Brown	Donald P. Robinson
Benjamin B. duPont	Thomas M. Russell III
Leo A. Geyer	William B. White
Robert L. Hall	Gilbert L. Wolfe

Present by invitation were:

Allen N. Anderson	Peter H. Comstock
David Z. Bailey	Ronald K. Noe

The minutes of the last meeting on June 11, 1970 were voted approved as circulated.

The resignation of Roger H. Neidlinger, per his letter of August 20, automatic under "The Motorboat Rule", was noted.

Henry Pelton requested re-instatement to membership. He had resigned on January 17, 1964 when in violation of "The Motorboat Rule". Per his letter of December 7 he has a Hinkley Pilot and is no longer in violation, it was voted he be re-instated as of January 15, 1971.

It was voted the following be dropped from the rolls of the Club for non-payment of dues:

John E. Dodson, Jr.	C. Eric Olsen, Jr.
John W. Keeshan	John D. Webster
Carlton E. Miller	

The following deaths since the meeting of April 11, 1970 were noted with regret:

Nathan C. Brownell	George Westbrook
Henry B. duPont	Charles Crockett
Alexander Sellers, Jr.	Harvey Stockder

The Race Secretary Mr. Robinson reported: Good progress with arrangements for Spring Races. It was voted requests for season guest invitations must be received by March 26 and they be acted upon at the Governors meeting April 3. 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.

The event dates listed below were voted approved:

Winter Meeting	April 3
First Notice - Spring Series	April 16
Closing Date	May 20
Final Notice	June 4
Race Dates	June 11 + 12
Results and	
First Notice - Fall Series	July 16
Closing Date	August 26
Final Notice	September 10
Race Dates	September 17 + 18
Results	October 8
Dhow Derby	October 9

The Treasurer Mr. Geyer presented his interim report 9 April 1970-6 January 1971. He remarked yearly race expenses approximately as follows:

1967 - \$8,800
1968 - 9,200
1969 - 10,100
1970 - 9,600

This report was voted accepted and made a part of these minutes.

No contribution having been made to the Marine Historical Association during 1969 and 1970, it was voted \$1600 be donated.

The Measurer Mr. Russell reported 473 Measurements on hand, 6 new measurers appointed, 3 removed at their own request, for a current total of 26. His report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Clerk Mr. Brown reported the Club is in compliance with the laws of Massachusetts.

The Race Committee Chairman Mr. Wolfe reported his group happy and healthy.

The Membership Committee Chairman Mr. Comstock reported his group active and working with 5 individuals awaiting posting. He accepted the Secretarys count as follows:

Membership as of 4/22/70	=	542
Plus: New Members		25
Minus: Resignations:		2
Deaths:		4
Dropped - non payment of dues:		5
Net Gain =		14
Membership as of January 15, 1971	=	556

The Classification Chairman Mr. Bailey reported our rule OK, simple, liveable with basic concurrence. But our one big problem with no easy solution in sight is in the area of displacement. He reaffirmed a basic policy "with any daylight showing between keel and rudder, the vessel is in Class C."

The Measurement Rule and Protest Committee Chairman Mr. Raymond reported "in absentia" no change in rule suggested, all protests settled with no appeals.

The Entertainment Chairman Mr. Noe reported our Block Island arrangements basically superb, and that with time and planning even better things can be done.

The Public Relations Chairman Mr. Anderson reported Spring and Fall race series were covered in seven newspapers and seven yachting magazines, that the AP reported the Fall series. With comment and appreciation for the excellent work, this report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Prizes and Awards Chairman Rear Commodore Parsons reported a secure source for quality trophies, that there are a few unawarded from last year because of no finishes that will be used this year.

The Commodore's appointment of the following Nominating Committee for the year 1971 was voted approved:

Charles T. Dwight, Chairman  
Carleton E. Granbery, Jr.  
Edwin S. Gaynor

Commodore English reported monthly luncheon meetings were being held in Branford, Ct. In Springfield from 4 to 12 members have luncheon together every Monday.

He re-affirmed the policy that as long as New York State law stands alone as regards holding tanks, Off Soundings must hold its regattas elsewhere.

It was voted the Spring and Fall 1971 series be held in Block Island and our rendez-vous be held on the East side of the harbor.

Under new business, new and perhaps better ways to announce race results were discussed - with no final conclusion other than to consider the problem next time as improvements in the P. A. system are imminent.

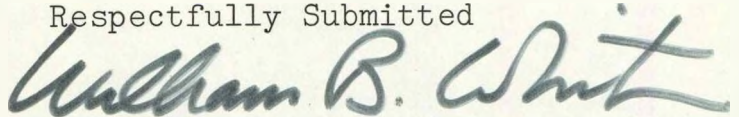
The policy that NAYRU sail numbers are required was reaffirmed and the Race Secretary was instructed to again print in his First Notice that this policy will be strictly enforced.

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Upon motion moved and seconded, the meeting was voted adjourned  
at 1512 with the next Governor's Meeting scheduled for April 3.

Respectfully Submitted



William B. White  
Secretary.