

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

April 2, 1966

KIMBALL TOWERS
Springfield, Massachusetts

The Commodore called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

After appropriate roll call, copy of which is attached, the Commodore announced a quorum was present.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting and upon motion duly made and seconded it was VOTED to approve the minutes as read.

Mr. Geyer, Treasurer, presented his report in capsule form with the great news that the Club's treasury was in excellent shape, recording an increase in assets on hand March 31, 1966 of approximately \$2100. His report was enthusiastically accepted.

Mr. Daggett, reporting for Chairman Comstock of the Membership Committee, stated that as at the moment membership stood at 464, which compared with a membership at the last annual meeting of 437.

Commodore Adams then reported to the membership that John B. McPherson, our Race Secretary for a number of years, had found it necessary to resign and that the Governors had elected Mr. James L. Christy to act in his stead until this annual meeting. Mr. Christy reported that all was in readiness and reminded all those present that the deadlines for entries in our events would continue to be scrupulously observed without exception.

Mr. Ames, Measurer, commented about extra spinnakers, and stated that the "duPont Special" would be outlawed in the forthcoming measurement certificates, stating that "No headsail shall be set to fly out and over the mainsail and/or spinnaker by sheeting over the main boom or by any other means."

Mr. Wolfe, reporting for the Race Committee, indicated all in readiness for the coming season.

Reporting for Chairman Love of the Protest Committee, Mr. Herbert Owen indicated that the E.C.Y.R.A. Protest Committee has reversed our own Committee ruling of last fall on Henry B. duPont's protest re second spinnakers and that he expected the ruling might now well be appealed to the NAYRU.

Entertainment Committee Chairman Harrah reported all would be in readiness in the usual way for the after-race festivities.

There was no report from the Classification Committee, and Chairman Scheel of the Measurement Rule Committee indicated that the only rule change recommended had already been referred to in the outlawing of second spinnakers.

Commodore Adams then presented his own report. He advised the members that all Bermuda and Trans-Atlantic Race entrants were to be invited to race in our Spring Races and that while maintaining our 62 ft. overall length limitation, boats larger than that would be racing in a separate class if two or more contestants entered.

He also reported that the Governors had accepted from Vice Commodore Miller a trophy to be known as the G.W. Blunt White Memorial Trophy, and that though a definite deed of gift had not yet been developed, this trophy would in all likelihood be awarded to that member racing in Class A-1 or 2 who had the best combined result for two years of racing.

Commodore Adams went on to report Vice Commodore Miller's resignation and that the Governors had accepted it with great regret.

After thanking all of the Committee Chairmen and Flag Officers for their help during the past season, the report of the Nominating Committee was then called for. Representing the Chairman, Robert B. English, Henry Scheel presented the following slate:

Commodore	Paul W. Adams
Vice Commodore	Benjamin B. duPont
Rear Commodore	John E. English
Treasurer	Leo A. Geyer
Clerk	Melvin D. Southworth
Secretary	William B. White
Race Secretary	James L. Christy
Historian	Hinsdale Smith, Jr.
Measurer	William L. Ames

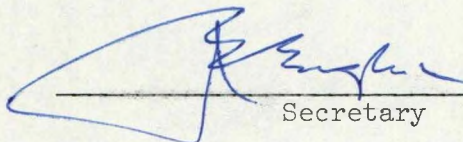
GOVERNORS

Frederick K. Daggett
Henry B. duPont
Robert L. Hall
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
Roderick Stephens, Jr.

After motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to empower the Secretary to cast one ballot for the election of Officers and Governors as presented.

Commodore Adams then adjourned the meeting so that all present might join their wives and guests for the annual shore party.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

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Report of the Nominating Committee 1966

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Board of Governors

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Respectfully submitted
Robert B. English Jr.



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1966

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MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 2, 1966

Adams, Paul W.
Ames, William L.
Barnes, Stanley G.
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Buza, Joseph E.
Christy, James L.
Daggett, Frederick K.
Daniells, William K.
Dellenbaugh, Warren G.
Dunn, Everett H.
duPont, Benjamin B.
duPont, Henry B.
English, John E.
Ford, Horace S., Jr.
Geyer, Leo A.
Hall, Robert L.
Harrah, George R.
Hawke, J. H.
Heinemann, F. Parker
Helm, John L.
Lemmerman, Richard D.
McPherson, John B.
Noe, Ronald K.
Owen, Herbert W.
Rathbun, Herbert W., Jr.
Robinson, Donald P.
Rogers, Paul K., Jr.
Scheel, Henry A.
Southworth, Melvin D.
Stephens, Roderick, Jr.
Turner, Mark A.
Walden, Joseph
Welte, William D.
Wolfe, Gilbert L.

M I N U T E S
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
OF
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 2, 1966

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Kimball Towers in Springfield, Massachusetts, on Saturday, April 2, 1966, at 4:30 P.M. Commodore Adams presided and other Governors present were:

William L. Ames	John E. English
Frederick K. Daggett	Robert L. Hall
Benjamin B. duPont	Melvin D. Southworth
Henry B. duPont	Roderick Stephens, Jr.
Leo A. Geyer	

Also present by invitation were Race Secretary, James L. Christy; Race Committee Chairman, Gilbert L. Wolfe; Chairman, Measurement Rule Committee, Henry A. Scheel.

It was VOTED that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved as circulated.

The Secretary then presented resignations from John M. Callander and Charles B. Delafield, which resignations were accepted with regret. The Secretary also presented requests from W. Perry Curtiss, Jr., and Wallace H. Humphrey for reinstatement to membership and it was VOTED that both of these gentlemen be reinstated at this time.

The Secretary then reported the action which he and the Commodore had taken with respect to John A. Knowles, Jr., whose resignation was accepted at the January meeting. The Secretary reported he had received a letter from Mr. Knowles requesting withdrawal of his resignation in view of his acquisition of a sail boat and further reported he had advised Mr. Knowles that upon payment of dues his membership would be deemed to be continuous and that he would remain a member in good standing.

The Secretary then commented upon the valued assistance his own secretary had rendered to the Club over the years in the carrying out of the Secretary's duties, and suggested that an honorarium would be appreciated and the Governors unanimously agreed and directed the Treasurer to send one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to Miss Dorothy L. Habersang as an expression of the Governors' appreciation for her help.

The Treasurer reported that the Club was in almost embarrassingly good financial condition, there having been an increase in assets on hand of approximately \$2100 during the year ended March 31, 1966. The report was accepted with great thanks.

Reporting for Mr. Comstock, Chairman of the Membership Committee, Governor Daggett indicated that the membership presently stood at 464, the highest membership in the Club's history, which figure reflects the action taken at this meeting.

The Race Secretary then reported all in readiness and at his request, the Governors reaffirmed the previously established overall length limit of 62 ft. for participants in our races. Recognizing that there might be a number of Bermuda contestants participating in our races as a result of our invitation whose boats are in excess of this limit, it was the concensus of the Governors that a special class of Bermuda and Trans-Atlantic race entries of boats exceeding this limit should be established, should two or more contestants present themselves. Mr. Christy also indicated that

the best arrangements for launches appeared to be the chartering of two launches to be operated under the direction of Mr. Bud Phillips of Sakonnet and the Governors authorized the chartering of these launches at a cost of \$500.

Mr. Wolfe reporting for the Race Committee indicated all in readiness for the coming season and moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Henry B. duPont, not only for the use of Nor'easter as committee boat in years gone by, but especially for his generosity in offering the use of Nor'easter as committee boat again this spring, to which thought the Governors enthusiastically responded.

Mr. Scheel reported for the Measurement Rule Committee that this committee believed the Rule to be in good order and added the appropriate wording would be included in the new measurement certificate that would eliminate "second spinnakers".

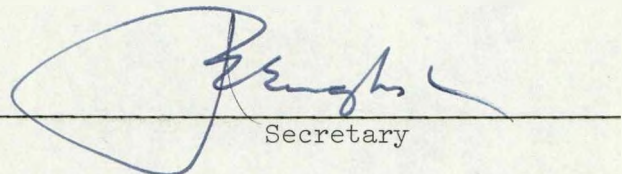
Speaking for the Classification Committee, Measurer Ames outlined the request from an owner of an 8-meter sloop that his vessel be reclassified into A-1 or 2 because of the vessel's cruising characteristic. The Governors VOTED to reaffirm the present policy that 8-meters continue to be placed in Class C.

There then followed considerable discussion of the criteria for the awarding of the G.W.Blunt White trophy which Vice Commodore Miller has so generously offered the Club, and the concensus of the Governors developed that this trophy might best be awarded to that member whose vessel racing the Class A-1 and A-2 had the best combined results for two years' racing spring and fall, and left with the special committee the Commodore had appointed the development of a precise deed of gift. The Governors then VOTED formally to accept Vice Commodore Miller's generous gift of this perpetual trophy.

The special committee on trophies also reported that it had considered Mrs. Swan's offer of a perpetual trophy in memory of the Club's late Historian, Douglas L. Swan, and that it was the Committee's view that this offer should tactfully be discouraged by the Commodore, particularly in view of the fact that we now had a perpetual trophy for each class that we race.

Commodore Adams then told the Governors that Vice Commodore Miller had submitted a letter of resignation as Vice Commodore, which resignation was necessitated by his inability in his view to devote the necessary time as more and more of his time would be spent in Florida. This resignation was accepted with understanding, appreciation of his help to date, and extreme regret.

The meeting thereupon adjourned.


Secretary