



## OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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### Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

January 17, 2003  
Captain Daniel Packer Inne

The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Captain Daniel Packer Inne on January 17, 2003. The following members were present; Allen Anderson, W. Frank Bohlen, John F. Brooks, Charles D Chorlton, Robert Geary, David P. Nickerson, H. Wes Maxwell, Neal S. O'Connell, Neal H. O'Connell, Norman Peck, Norman Rabe, Robert Edmands and Peter Canning.

Commodore Maxwell presided.

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by Commodore Wes Maxwell. The minutes of the October 26, 2002 meeting were duly moved and approved as written.

Treasurer Robert Geary presented the Treasurer's report which is made part of these minutes. A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion approved.

The Secretary passed out an update of major decisions voted by the Board of Governors since 1951. It was agreed that a complete package would be provided to the Board of Governors for their review.

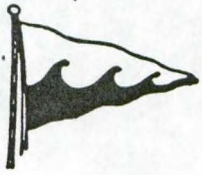
A letter from the Fleet Surgeon was received indicating his inability to serve but would continue until a suitable replacement was found.

The Treasurer reported on the results of the late paying members:

John J. Locher – Dropped  
John S. Lovell – Resigned  
Francis P. Murphy – Paid in Full  
Joseph A. Ristuccia – Dropped  
William Ziegler III – Dropped

There are currently 8 honorary members and 501 in good standing.

A letter was read from Gil Wilcox regarding his resignation because of some disagreement of his treatment by a member. Commodore to call.



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It was pointed out by the Historian Neal O'Connell that non paid members at the time of the closing date of the spring series shall not receive any mailing from the club until their dues are paid (10/25-75 of the major decisions).

Included in the Treasurer's report is the 2003 budget. It was duly moved and seconded to approve the budget as presented and voted.

Vice Commodore John Brooks reported that we will return to the Seaport, Seaman's Inne for this year's annual meeting.

Vice Commodore's decision was based on inquiries at the Seaport of \$36 per person, Lighthouse Inn at \$35, Mystic Marriott \$46-52 and USCG \$50. If we used a facility on the Seaport for a non dinner type meeting it would be about the same as a full dinner.

Another tour of a Seaport facility may be presented by Cris Cox for the membership prior to the annual meeting.

Neal O'Connell Rear Commodore – No Report

Clerk Dave Nickerson reported we are in good standings with the state of Mass.

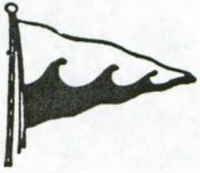
A further discussion of the new yearbook format agreed to at the October meeting suggested that a test run be attempted by the Secretary on his office copy machine excluding the cover.

Norm Rabe reported a new handicaper has been identified by ECSA which should improve ratings response for both ECSA and OS.

Race Committee Chairman Charlton – No Report

Historian Neal O'Connell reported that he had brought the OS records on file at the Mystic Seaport up to date. A copy of his report is made part of these minutes.

Frank Bohlen discussed the advisability of an electronics copy of all archives. They are probably available from various computer discs. If funds become available he suggested be done.



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A further discussion of filming future races indicated the need to document our events at least every 5 years and to electrify the films.

Bob Edmands Membership Committee reported his busy season is approaching he has a few applications in the works but hopes for much more activity.

Carl Fast – Not Present

Edward Dieckerhoff – Not Present

Peter Canning – No Report

Rear Commodore Neal O'Connell is requesting an early return of trophies.

Bill Loweth – All quite on Publicity front

Dr. Woodworth – Not Present

John Lockwood – Shelter Island Chairman – Not Present

Reported through the Commodore that Greenport was still on board. The finishing of the docks at the city facility may be delayed because of state funds.

The subject of winter meetings was brought up by the Commodore.

It was suggested that winter meetings be continued this year at Greenport and Groton. Commodore and Past Commodore to lead.

Block Island Liason Steve Purdy not present but reported through the RC that Block Island is all set.

Frank Bohlen Long Range Planning reported on trophies. All trophies should be and are in use at this time.

We need a combined trophy for C3 and C4. Frank said he had contacted Peter Brinkerhoff and that he is still interested in providing a trophy in memory of Paul Van Dyke.

If the traditional class continues there may be a need there.



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There is a possibility of a trophy for the nonesuch class if they continue to attend.

At this time he didn't see the need to come up with any further trophies at the April meeting

Frank brought up the proposal by Doug Brown in memory of Bill Ames. He had contacted Doug to see what he had in mind. Since Doug had thought it should be for some outstanding service to the club he was reminded of the Southworth trophy which fills that area.

Frank mentioned awards for Seamanship, Rescue or a Commodore's award and others.

The offer by Doug is on the table and will be addressed in the future.

The trophy committee recommended that if no need for a trophy exists that we not accept any offers.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that there are no 2 year for Nonspinner Class 1, 2, or 3.

Past Commodore Frank Bohlen and RC O'Connell will contact Eileen Ames for her reaction to having a Nonspinner Class 1, 2, or 3 trophy named for Bill Ames. If she approves they will contact Doug Brown for agreement to provide trophy.

A motion was duly made and approved to elect PC Allen Anderson, Dick Steinhilber and Bob Edmands as the 2003 nominating committee.

The Commodore brought the subject of Race Committee Secretary to the table as the most important pending action.

The Commodore reviewed names that had been approached so far without success. He suggested a possible 2 person job RCS and Deputy RCS. Commodore called on the board for suggestions.

Bill Loweth reported on the records of Dick Roberts that he had downloaded to his equipment for review.



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He found that all of the necessary information was available to manufacture a template of procedures for future Race Secretary to follow. Bill said the system that the information was documented on was outdated and would need to be transferred with some expense and time to more current equipment. Bill praised Dick Robert's work as magnificent with great detail and thoroughness.

PC Bohlen reiterated the suggestion of two RC Secretary's which could be called RCS 1 and RCS 2.

Bill Loweth agreed this was his recommendation. Various modifications of how a two man office might be managed.

The Commodore sent the RC search project back to the committee for further study.

Motion to approve the event dates for 2004 was duly moved and approved. Copy made part of these minutes.

Dave Nickerson reported on his efforts to have a one design start for the J 35 class. He thought if the board agreed now to offer a separate one design start he would be able to attract 11-14, 35's.

RC O'Connell was contacted by Dr. Howard Grossman of NJ he and a number of his friends are coming to Block Island for race week and were wondering if they could race with OS the prior week. Dr. Grossman said he would sponsor but needed a seconder.

It was agreed that the board will second or approve the selection of boats sponsored by Dr. Grossman.

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman B. Peck  
Secretary