

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUBMinutes of Annual Meeting

April 6, 1968
Mystic Seaport
Mystic, Connecticut

The 1968 Annual Meeting was held in the Aloha Meeting House, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 6 P. M., April 6, 1968.

Commodore du Pont called the meeting to order at 6:04 P. M.

After roll call, per copy attached, the Commodore announced a quorum present.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and that they be approved as written.

The Commodore asked all members to stand and observe a moment of silence in memory of our members who have died since our last annual meeting:

Melvin D. Southworth
John A. Knowles, Jr.

Walter Millis
Alfred F. Loomis

The Treasurer Mr. Geyer reported net assets of \$12,197.85 as of 3 April, 1968, as compared with \$11,262.90 on 30 March, 1967. Upon motion made and seconded it was voted the Treasurers report be accepted with thanks.

The Historian Mr. Smith had no report.

The Measurer Mr. Ames had no report.

The Race Secretary Mr. Robinson reported: our spring rendez-vous will be in the same locations as last year; first notice will be sent April 19 in a reorganized form to make it more comprehensive and useful. The Commodore urged all members who request "invitations to join our races" do so only on behalf of those people they would like to see become members of the Off Soundings Club.

The Race Committee chairman Mr. Wolfe had no report.

The Membership Committee chairman Mr. Comstock reported 493 members as of April 6, 1968 compared to 494 members on April 1, 1967.

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The Classification Committee chairman Mr. Bailey had no report.

The Measurement Rule Committee chairman Mr. Raymond had no report.

The Entertainment Committee chairman Mr. Barnes reported all in readiness for this year's events.

The Protest Committee chairman Mr. Raymond reported no protests.

The Public Relations Committee chairman Mr. Cabot had no report.

All reports having been accepted, Commodore du Pont thanked all Officers, Committee Chairmen, members, and the Mystic Seaport staff for their continuing help and cooperation.

The Commodore called for the report of the Nominating Committee, Robert B. English, Chairman, who presented the following slate for 1968:

Commodore- Benjamin B. du Pont
Vice Commodore - John E. English
Rear Commodore - Henry A. Scheel
Treasurer - Leo A. Geyer
Clerk - Phelps Brown
Secretary - William B. White
Race Secretary - Donald P. Robinson
Historian - Hinsdale Smith
Measurer - William L. Ames
Board of Governors -
Paul W. Adams
Henry B. du Pont
Robert L. Hall
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
Roderick Stephens, Jr.

After motion duly made and seconded, it was voted the Secretary cast one ballot for the election of officers and Governors as presented.

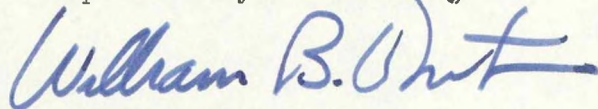
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It was announced there would be a new course for 2nd day racing in Gardiners Bay for Classes A1, A2, B1, and C1: A new Off Soundings mark would be placed .8 mile Southwest of the Ruins buoy to be used in place of Constellation Rock. The Commodore expressed hope this mark would not be a life preserver.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded, and voted the meeting be adjourned at 6:08 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



William B. White
Secretary

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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Off Soundings Club

1968

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate for
1968:

Commodore	Benjamin B. duPont
Vice Commodore	John E. English
Rear Commodore	Henry A. Scheel
Treasurer	Leo A. Geyer
Clerk	Phelps Brown
Secretary	William B. White
Race Secretary	Donald P. Robinson
Historian	Hinsdale Smith, Jr.
Measurer	William L. Ames
Board of Governors:	Paul W. Adams
	Henry B. duPont
	Robert L. Hall
	Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
	Roderick Stephens, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. English, Jr.

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Members at Annual Meeting April 6, 1968

Stanley G. Barnes
Samuel B. Jennings, Jr.
Herbert W. Rathbun, Jr.
David Cabot
Donald P. Robinson
E. E. Dickenson, III
William G. Luke, Jr.
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
A. E. Fraser
William K. Daniells
George B. Farnum
Ned Street
William L. Ames
Benjamin B. du Pont
Henry A. Scheel
Phelps Brown
Peter H. Comstock
Robert L. Hall
Leo A. Geyer
Robert B. English, Jr.
William B. White

PAUL ADAMS
HENRY B. du PONT
J. E. ENGLISH

Minutes
of
Board of Governors Meeting
of
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
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A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Munson Room of the G. W. Blunt White Library, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut on April 6, 1968 at 4:30 P. M. Commodore du Pont presided, other Governors present were:

Paul W. Adams
William L. Ames
Phelps Brown
Benjamin B. du Pont
Henry B. du Pont
John E. English

Leo A. Geyer
Robert L. Hall
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
Donald P. Robinson
Henry A. Scheel
William B. White

Absent was:

Roderick Stephens, Jr.

Present by invitation were:

Stanley G. Barnes
David Cabot
Gilbert L. Wolfe

Peter H. Comstock
Hinsdale Smith, Jr.

The Minutes of the last meeting on January 19, 1968 were voted approved as circulated.

The deaths over the past year of the following four members were noted with sorrow and regret:

Melvin D. Southworth
John A. Knowles, Jr.

Walter Millis
Alfred F. Loomis

The resignations of Bruce D. Sweet and George H. Rippere were accepted with regret, effective immediately. The resignation of Anthony Anable was also accepted with regret, effective as requested as of December 31, 1968.

The Secretary reported the resignation of Montgomery H. Robbins, automatic under the Motorboat Rule, as of November 2, 1967 per his

letter of October 24, 1967. Through oversight, this was not reported at our January 19, 1968 meeting.

Roger H. Neidlinger and William D. Lyon, Jr., having resigned under the Motorboat Rule some time ago, were re-instated per their application being no longer in violation of this rule.

The Treasurer Mr. Geyer presented his report for the year March 30, 1967 to April 3, 1968 which was accepted and made a part of these minutes. A contribution to Mystic Seaport in the amount of \$1500.00 was made, plus a donation of \$416.00 for Dyer Dhow, all in accordance with the vote made in the January 19, 1968 meeting. No budget has been prepared for the fiscal year ending March, 1969.

The Historian Mr. Smith reported viewing 5 of 14 reels of early pictures, that their quality was very poor and about 9/10 should be edited out.

The Measurer Mr. Ames reported new 1968 measurement certificates have been printed, including the new tankage regulation approved during the June 8, 1967 meeting of the Board. There are no other rule changes.

In the past a 1.5 factor has been applied to the seconds per mile NAYRU tables. Mr. Ames suggested we continue this for our "1st day" races, that it be modified to 1.25 for "2nd day" since this would be fairer to the larger boats in the new triangular race course. This change was approved.

The Race Secretary Mr. Robinson reported all in readiness in 3 Mile Harbor - \$750.00 worth of launch service is engaged, Mrs. Palmer will collect the garbage. Shelter Island Yacht Club expends \$200.00 extra for launch service, we may be asked to contribute \$100.00 towards this, it was moved we contribute \$100.00 if so requested.

The 1st notice to our races has been rewritten, it was voted the wording "acceptance of invitations for guest vessels may be limited or denied, if their participation is not in the best interests of the Off Soundings Club" be included and this notice be promulgated in substantially the same form as annexed to these minutes.

The Commodore commended Mr. Robinson on this very excellent piece of work. Spring Race notice dates are:

April 19	First Notice sent out.
May 23	Closing Date
June 7	Final Notice sent out.

The Clerk Mr. Brown reported it essential all Governors sign our Massachusetts Incorporation Papers for the current year; this was done.

The Race Committee Chairman Mr. Wolfe had no report.

The Membership Committee Chairman Mr. Comstock reported 494 members on April 1, 1967, 493 members on April 6, 1968 after consideration of four resignations, two reinstatements, and four deaths. Eight new applications have been approved, two are to be posted, five are in the hands of the Committee.

There was no report from the Classification Committee Chairman Mr. Bailey.

The Measurement Rule Committee chairman Mr. Raymond recommended no changes.

The Protest Committee Chairman Mr. Raymond reported no protests. Mr. Henry du Pont enquired what had happened to his protest, now on appeal to the NAYRU for some time. In spite of several communications to Mr. Anderson of NAYRU, Mr. Raymond has been unable to receive any satisfactory reply. Mr. du Pont suggested increasing pressure for action be applied.

At this point the proposed "New Race Course" for 2nd Day in Gardiners Bay was discussed. The recommendation was made by a Special Committee consisting of Mr. Ames, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Raymond, Chairman. After considerable discussion this race course, per copy attached to these minutes, was accepted. The Race Committee Chairman Mr. Wolfe was particularly concerned the whole procedure of this "Special Off Soundings Club Mark" be very carefully spelled out - what it looks like, who sets it, who watches it, that a spare be on hand, etc. That this be done properly to the satisfaction of all is the responsibility of the Special Committee.

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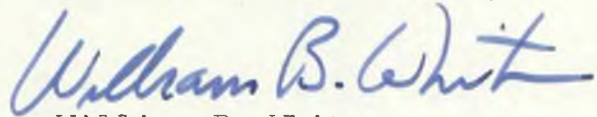
The Public Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Cabot, in the interest of speeding this meeting, made no report.

The Entertainment Committee Chairman Mr. Barnes reported cost of rendez-vous averages \$1.25 per participant per party, and that Ben Harrison has been of very important help in transporting materials from port to port.

Commodore du Pont reported a special committee made up of past Commodores, with Ted Dagget as Chairman, would have a report concerning a Memorial for Mel Southworth after their discussion with Waldo Johnston, Director Mystic Seaport.

There being no further business, the meeting was voted adjourned at 5:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



William B. White
Secretary