

Minutes  
of the  
Board of Governors Meeting  
of the  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB  
April 4, 1987

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in Room 216 at the Sheraton Norwich in Norwich, Connecticut at 1600 on April 4, 1987. Commodore Roberts presided. Other Governors present were:

Allen N. Anderson	Norman E. Rabe
Louis J. Bevilacqua	Howard A. Schechterle
Donald C. Davis	James B. Slimmon, Jr.
E. Carleton Granbery, Jr.	Walter D. Strang, Jr.
F. B. George Hohenstein	Paul C. vanDyke
Neal H. O'Connell	Richard W. Woolworth
Eliot H. Porter, 2nd	

Present by invitation were:

William L. Ames	Edward S. Purcell, Jr.
Chester B. Humphrey, MD	Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
Lawrence R. Jacobsen	Donald P. Robinson
William A. Loweth	

The meeting was called to order at 1607.

The minutes of the previous meeting on January 16, 1987 were VOTED approved as circulated.

Vice Commodore Slimmon commented that all was ready for the annual dinner tonight. The event was well received with attendance expected to be about 300. A reservation for next year has been made with the Sheraton Norwich for April 9, 1988 (a non Easter weekend). A \$200 deposit will be required by April 30, 1987 to hold this reservation.

Rear Commodore Hohenstein reported that all trophies have been returned, polished, and engraved for tonight's awards. Appraisals have been made and copies furnished to the Secretary and Treasurer. The Gowrie Agency is providing insurance and the Rear Commodore has written to the former insurance agency notifying them of cancellation.

The Board stood for a moment of silence as the Secretary read the names of the following members who we were notified had passed away since the last Board meeting:

George S. Cluett  
C. Melvin Haines

Samuel B. Jennings, Jr.  
Preston L. Stuphen, Jr.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Donald S. Farrington  
L. Emmett Holt, 3rd  
Dr. Benjamin B. Witcomb

The following member was reinstated:

Waldo C. W. Johnston

With these changes membership was 592 exclusive of the new members posted March 15, 1987.

Treasurer Strong commented on his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Including expenses for the Fiftieth Anniversary our assets are about \$5,000 less than last year at this time. (After the meeting it was determined that Empress did not bill and was not paid for the Fall 1986 Series. Therefore, our assets are over \$7000 less than last year at this time.) The need for a dues increase and possibility of appointing a Financial Committee were discussed at length. The consensus was that the Flag Officers should do the long range financial planning. Consideration of a dues increase will be discussed at the November, 1987 Board meeting. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Historian Ames reported that the 1933 through 1986 minutes and related data have been placed in the archives of the Mystic Seaport. 1987 constitutes our fiftieth race series as races began in 1935 and the years 1942 through 1944 were skipped. The Secretary was instructed to send copies of the materials presented by Historian Ames to the Board and invited guests. It consists of minutes of early Annual meetings and race material.

Race Secretary Anderson presented the guest list. The guest list (23) was approved with the exception of #18, Irving Rich, who has previously raced as a guest in 1976 and 1983; and #5, John Farmello, whose application lacked information regarding membership in a yacht club recognized by the Off Soundings Club. If Mr. Farmello is a member of a recognized yacht club, his guest application will be accepted. Guest requests, at 23, were 22% higher than 1986 and membership invitees, at 18, were 66% over 1986.

The special regulations of the Offshore Racing Council were reviewed and did not require any changes to our category and equipment list. Contact has been made with the new owner of

Champlin's Marina and the Race Secretary and Entertainment Chairmen will meet with him in mid May to make arrangements for the Fall Series. The Race Secretary further noted that the first notice for the Spring Series will be mailed April 10.

Clerk Schechterle noted that he was in the process of collecting the appropriate signatures for our corporate registration.

Measurer Rabe commented that there had been no unusual events since the last meeting. It was noted that USYRU has outlawed riblets.

Race Committee Chairman vanDyke has Empress signed up for both the Spring and Fall Series. The patrol and stake boat are set and it looks like we have a full race committee for the Spring Series. It was VOTED that the Flag Officers would be responsible for approving what special momento will be given to Bill Norton in recognition of his participation in our activities.

Commodore Roberts read Membership Chairman Bohem's report. The Committee is generally satisfied with the quality of applications. In addition to the March 15, 1987 posting of six new members, twelve additional applications are under review. All completed applications received prior to March 25, 1987 were recommended for Guest invitations.

Classification Committee Chairman Davis reported that all is serene.

Protest Committee Chairman Raymond reported that there had been no protests since the last meeting.

Entertainment Committee Chairman Loweth has sent a refreshments list for Block Island and will be sending a list for Shelter Island within a week. He is endeavoring to set up a cash clam bar this spring at no expense to Off Soundings. Glasses will have imprinting to recognize our Fiftieth Race Series.

Shelter Island liaison Co-chairman Lou Bevilaqua indicated that our meals will be catered. No other meals will be available at the Club. A third large launch is being sought and if one cannot be located, two small launches will be obtained. Refurbishing the north pier is under study but will not be completed this year. There will be room for Empress, committee boats, and the Commodore's boat at the southern end of the pier. Mooring arrangements remain the same as last year on a charge per entrant basis.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Purcell indicated he will give a release to the press on the Annual Meeting including information to the Hartford press.

Fleet Surgeon Humphrey reported that a \$1,000 contribution to Block Island Health Services, Inc. has been sent as VOTED at the January 16, 1987 meeting. The Board agreed that guests could be used as on-call physicians.

Carleton Granbery gave final prices on Fiftieth Anniversary plaques including a blue burgee. Making the burgee blue requires a silk screen process which will not be as durable as the black and increases the cost by \$.50 to \$4.60 each. The result is that we will exceed the budget for plaques if the burgee is done in blue. It was VOTED to do the burgee in blue and the necessary funds be expended to purchase enough plaques to cover the June membership, families of donors of perpetual trophies, founders of the Club and the Race Committee.

Commodore Roberts reported that USYRU requested nominations for an outstanding sailing sportsman by March 1, 1987. A committee was formed and Ed Raymond's name was submitted. It is expected this request will be made annually.

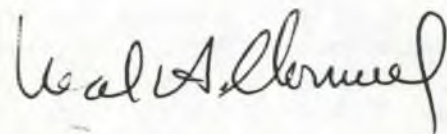
Historian Ames reported that the final collection for video equipment was \$15,219.50 from about 30% of the membership.

Commodore Roberts reported that Nicholas Staub II has accepted the assignment of handling Block Island Liaison. He is to be more involved with Town and Harbor Liaison than party and mooring activities.

Treasurer Strang reported that he had depleted the supply of cloth patches and, as they have sold very slowly, he does not intend to reorder them. He also does not intend to reorder license plate holders as Connecticut is planning to go back to front and rear plates shortly.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee Porter indicated that, acting for the Committee which included Leslie Bowman and William Fortman, he was prepared to present the slate for next year at the Annual Meeting. Larry Jacobsen, candidate for Race Committee Chairman, was presented to the Board.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 1734.



Neal H. O'Connell  
Secretary