

With respect to the Norcross Fund, Andy Anderson suggested putting in a the Newsletter that this fund could be added to by others.

Treasurer Geary pointed out that the Management of the Fidelity Account was still in the names of Neal O'Connell and Ernie Messer.

Finally Treasurer Geary stated that he would put together a budget if people would give him feedback on the line items that they are responsible for.

Historian William Ames announced that we made history. He noted that the film in the Fall was supposed to include interviews with many old timers, but that Floyd wiped out that plan. He also noted that there wasn't any film in the Spring; therefore, the annual dinner film will be a history of Off Soundings on video. Mr. Ames also commented that Ken Mahler won't be doing the film in the Spring, and that professionals aren't practical because they would cost about \$14,000 per series.

Race Secretary Roberts reviewed each item in his report. A copy of which is attached hereto. He also reviewed the '99 guest participation. Commodore Bohlen questioned whether our guest policy was effective. Mr. Roberts stated that although he sent out the guest list to Board members, he never gets comments. He questioned whether that step could be eliminated. Bill Ames stated that sometimes guests are turned down. Commodore Bohlen stated that he would take the issue under advisement, and a discussion ensued. Commodore Bohlen then suggested that we distribute guest applications at the Board Meeting in April and then distribute new applications by e-mail.

The undersigned was asked to collect e-mail addresses for all Board members.

In response to a comment from the Race Secretary, Measurer Norm Rabe pointed out that there is not a problem with awarding the Madrigal Trophy to classes C-4 and C-5, because of the way the classes are scored.

Race Secretary Roberts continued stating that we posted the fall series cancellation on the Mudhead web site and that this was a great help in addition to the telephone tree. Finally, Mr. Roberts distributed the Brinckerhoff and Carucci letters attached hereto.

Measurer Norm Rabe stated that he had forwarded his PHRF handicapping analyses for 1999 to ECSA.

Race Committee Chairman Charles Chorlton reported that Noreaster might not be available for the Spring series. If it isn't, Steve Purdy has offered his trawler, and he also reported we are in good shape for other boats and equipment. Mr. Chorlton noted that he planned to provide his own computer hardware, software and printer.

Commodore Bohlen questioned if the club bought its own computer hardware, whether it could be shared with other clubs. Mr. Chorlton responded that the Mudheads would share their equipment with us. Finally, Mr. Chorlton stated that he has plenty of people for Race Committee and that his budget is sufficient.

Membership Chairman Bob Edmands stated that six new members were accepted in June and that he had 5 completed applications.

Commodore Bohlen asked that we continue the mid-winter luncheons. With respect to membership initiatives, Commodore Bohlen mused that he was surprised at the number of people who race year after year who are not members.

Mr. Edmands asked if guests routinely ended up as applicants for membership.

Bill Gunther noted that Paul van Dyke had pulled together membership criteria and asked that the criteria be given to Bob.

Entertainment Chair Edward Dieckerhoff reported that everything for the party for the Fall Series had been returned. He also stated that the tent would be used again in the Spring with an improved sound system.

Commodore Bohlen reported for John Lockwood that communication with Shelter Island Yacht Club during Floyd was good and that both the Commodore and Vice Commodore of Shelter Island Yacht Club were supporters of Off Soundings.

Steve Purdy stated that there were not any issues with the Block Island venue. He noted that he would have a house for the Spring Series by January.

Commodore Bohlen stated for Bill Loweth that Public Relations had done a great job in the Spring.

Andy Anderson Chairman of the Long Term Planning Committee distributed a graph depicting participation trends and projections from 1980 - 2009. The Commodore had asked Andy for input on this problem. A discussion ensued concerning changes in family unit activities, older membership, type of boats, etc. Other issues raised were general down turns in racing, one design racing, cost of racing, inclusion of multihulls and general need to make Off Soundings a premier event.

Commodore Bohlen urged everyone to give Andy their thoughts on ways to bolster participation.

Under Old Business, Commodore Bohlen noted that dues would be discussed at the January meeting.

Dick Roberts suggested that we return to the members the entertainment fees for the Fall Series, but not the entrance fees. It was also suggested that we just offer the money back or that we establish a member credit. It was duly moved, seconded and approved to return the entertainment fees to the members for the Fall Series. Mr. Geary stated that the amount would be about \$4,780.

Commodore Bohlen stated that a Nominating Committee was needed for 2000. He suggested that Mr. Gunther was to Chair the Nominating Committee and asked that Mr. Gunther report at the January meeting on members for Board approval.

Commodore Bohlen commented on the history of the Audit Committee and suggested that one was not needed this year. A discussion ensued.

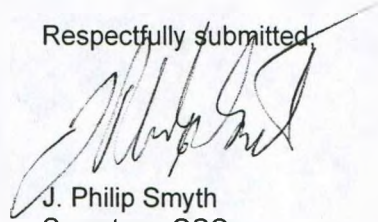
Commodore Bohlen asked Dick Roberts to comment on the Minimum Equipment Standards. Robert Geary distributed proposed new equipment standards. A discussion ensued including a discussion of such grandfathering as was necessary. It was noted that the material distributed was almost a complete rewrite of the "Blue Sheet". Commodore Bohlen noted that he wanted to improve safety but he cautioned about changing rules. He asked that Mr. Geary chair a committee of Messrs. Gunther, Rabe and Roberts to develop a recommendation for Minimum Equipment Standards for Off Soundings.

Commodore Bohlen announced that improved communication was needed for Off Soundings. He stated that he wanted to establish a web site and outlined what was needed and its cost. He asked Mr. Loweth to chair a committee to establish an appropriate web site.

Finally, Commodore Bohlen noted that the NYYC was considering taking the Mystic Station to Newport. He suggested that people might want to let appropriate NYYC members know that the station was used in Mystic.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:30 A.M. upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Philip Smyth", is written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

J. Philip Smyth
Secretary, OSC

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October 23, 1999

DATES FOR OFF SOUNDINGS EVENTS

Approved
1/21/2000
Board
Meeting

	<u>APPROVED 2000</u>	<u>PROPOSED 2001</u>
"Early-decision" Guest Invitation Cut-off *	April 6	April 5
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	April 8	April 7
SPRING RACE SERIES		
First Notice	April 21	April 20
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off **	May 4	May 3
Closing Date	May 18	May 17
Final Notice	June 2	June 1
Race Dates	June 9-10	June 8-9
Results of Spring Race Series	July 7	July 6
FALL RACE SERIES		
First Notice	July 7	July 6
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off **	August 10	August 9
Closing Date	August 24	August 23
Final Notice	September 8	September 7
Race Dates	September 15-16	September 14-15
Final Results	October 13	October 12
BOARD MEETINGS		
January	January 21	January 19
April	April 8	April 7
October	October 28	October 27
REFERENCE DATES		
Easter	April 23	April 15
Bermuda Race (3rd? Fri in June)	June 16	June 15?? (M/B)
Labor Day	September 4	September 3
Dyer Dhow Derby	October ___‡	October ___‡
US SAILING Meeting	October 11-15	October 17-21

NOTES

* Thursday prior to the Annual Meeting

** 14 days prior to the Closing Date

‡ Seaport is considering scheduling so as to avoid US SAILING meeting

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
OCTOBER 23, 1999**

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Library of the Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, Connecticut on October 23, 1999. Commodore Bohlen presided. Other Governors present were:

J. Philip Smyth	Norman E. Rabe
Robert B. Geary	Richard H. Roberts
Edward C. Dieckerhoff	Allen N. Anderson
Charles D. Chorlton	William G. Gunther

Present by invitation were:

Steven M. Purdy
William L. Ames
Neal S. O'Connell
Robert Edmands

Absent were:

John F. Brooks	Peter W. McFadden
John H. Lockwood	Carl D. Fast
D. Richard Magovern, DMD	William A. Loweth
H. Wes Maxwell	Warren F. Woodworth, M.D.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held April 17, 1999 were approved as circulated upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Commodore Bohlen reported for Vice Commodore Maxwell that the plans for the annual dinner are underway.

Commodore Bohlen also reported for Rear Commodore Brooks that he has almost all of the trophies back from Shelter Island. It was noted that engraving costs should be down next year.

The undersigned reported that James Briggs died since the last Board meeting. He also reported that there are currently 512 members.

Treasurer R.B. Geary reviewed the financial results against the actual budgeted revenues and expenses. A copy of this report is attached hereto. He also distributed an account summary that estimated us in the black for the year at \$6,232.38. Treasurer Geary's report was approved upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Commodore Bohlen noted that he had received \$2,000 for the Norcrost Fund that was established at the last meeting.

Commodore Bohlen pointed out that Shelter Island had charged us as a separate line item for security (\$100) and launch service (\$400). Andy Anderson pointed out that these costs were supposed to be in our fee to Shelter. He continued that we used to pay for each service separately, but when we gave Shelter Island the mooring fees that ended the "a la carte" approach. Treasurer Geary responded that in '98 we had separate charges for the manager and launch.

Proposed 2000 OSC Budget

<u>Income</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>99/00 Diff.</u>
Annual Dinner	\$5,300	\$5,000	\$5,000	0
Dues	\$21,700	\$22,000	\$21,700	-300
Interest	\$470	\$450	\$200	-250
Race Entry Fall	\$4,900	\$4,900	\$4,600	-300
Race Entry Spring	\$4,900	\$4,900	\$4,900	0
Race Party Fall	\$5,150	\$5,100	\$4,700	-400
Race Party Spring	\$5,150	\$5,100	\$5,300	200
Royalties	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,000	-1000
Total Income	\$47,570	\$49,450	\$47,400	-2050

<u>Expense</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>99/00 Diff.</u>
Annual Dinner	\$5,300	\$5,000	\$5,000	0
Annual Video		\$800	\$1,000	200
Club Management	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$6,500	1000
Contributions	\$1,700	\$2,000	\$2,000	0
Entertainment Fal	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$4,800	-200
Entertainment Spr	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$6,300	1800
Insurance	\$3,800	\$4,000	\$4,000	0
Race Committee Fal	\$2,500	\$2,200	\$2,200	0
Race Committee Spr	\$2,500	\$2,200	\$3,000	800
Race Management	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$500	-1000
Race Management Fa	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$3,500	-500
Race Management Sp	\$7,100	\$7,000	\$3,500	-3500
Trophies Fall	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	0
Trophies Perpetual	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	0
Trophies Spring	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$500	-1000
Other	(\$2,830)	\$750	\$1,100	350
Total Expenses	\$47,570	\$49,450	\$47,400	-2050

NOTE:

Adjustments for 2000 include:

- Annual Video for 2000.
- Estimated Royalty income for 2000 reflects 1999 sales.
- Adjustments to reflect 1999 actuals.