

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

Minutes of Annual Meeting

April 5, 1969  
Mystic Seaport  
Mystic, Connecticut

The 1969 Annual Meeting was held in the Aloha Meeting House, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 6 P.M. on April 5, 1969.

Commodore du Pont called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

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

Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, April 6, 1968, be approved as written and distributed.

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:

John Lentini  
Edward F. Sutherland  
Edward S. Moore III  
W. Stuart Powers

Byron H. Spinney  
Ralph E. Case  
Thomas M. Russell, Jr.  
J. Herbert Mosley

The Treasurer Mr. Geyer reported net assets of \$12,233.42 as of April 4, 1969, as compared with \$12,197.86 on April 3, 1968. Upon motion made and seconded it was VOTED the Treasurer's 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 arrangements will be the same as last year, that Crow Shoal Buoy will have been moved slightly, that April 18 is the date of our 1st Notice. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED this report be accepted.

The Race Committee Chairman Mr. Wolfe had no report.

The Membership Committee Chairman Mr. Comstock reported 526 members as of April 5, 1969 compared with 521 members on April 6, 1968.

The Classification Committee Chairman Mr. Bailey had no report.

The Measurement Rule Committee Chairman Mr. Raymond complimented the writers of our Rule and again recommended no changes be made.

The Entertainment Committee Chairman Mr. Barnes reported all costs up on our shore parties, and this fact necessitated the raise from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per Crew Member as suggested donation by race participants.

The Protest Committee Chairman Mr. Raymond reported 2 protests, both settled.

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

The Commodore's report was deferred until dinner, as customarily done in the past.

The Commodore called for the report of the Nominating Committee, Edward E. Dickinson, III, Chairman, who presented the following slate for 1969:

Commodore - John E. English  
Vice Commodore - Henry A. Scheel  
Rear Commodore - Geddes Parsons  
Treasurer - Leo A. Geyer  
Clerk - Phelps Brown  
Secretary - William B. White  
Race Secretary - Donald P. Robinson  
Measurer - William L. Ames  
Historian - Clyde B. Gordon  
For Governors At Large:  
    Paul W. Adams  
    Benjamin B. du Pont  
    Henry B. du Pont  
    Robert L. Hall  
    Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.

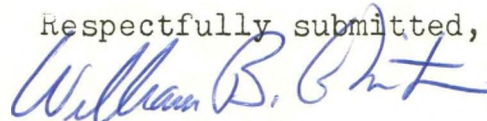
After motion made and seconded, it was VOTED the Secretary cast one ballot for the election of Officers and Governors as presented.

Commodore du Pont thanked retiring Governor Roderick Stephens for his many years of excellent service on behalf of the club as Member, Commodore, and Governor.

New Commodore English led a rising vote of thanks for ex-Commodore du Pont.

There being no further business, upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED the meeting be adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



William B. White  
Secretary

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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The Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate the following for Officers in the Off Soundings Club:

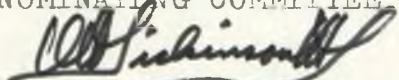
Commodore	John E. English
Vice Commodore	Henry A. Scheel
Rear Commodore	Geddes Parsons
Treasurer	Leo A. Geyer
Clerk	Phelps Brown
Secretary	William B. White
Race Secretary	Donald P. Robinson
Measurer	William L. Ames
Historian	<del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> <i>Clyde B. Gordon</i>

For Governors At Large:

Paul W. Adams  
Benjamin B. duPont  
Henry B. duPont  
Robert L. Hall  
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

  
Edward E. Dickinson, III, Chairman

William B. Dodge

Robert B. English, Jr.

Members at Annual Meeting April 5, 1969

E. L. Raymond  
S. G. Barnes  
H. W. Rathbun, Jr.  
H. A. Scheel  
J. E. English  
W. L. Ames  
D. Z. Bailey  
D. P. Robinson  
D. Cabot  
R. Stephens, Jr.  
S. C. Hope  
P. K. Rogers, Jr.  
C. B. Gordon  
D. L. Miller III  
R. B. Morrison  
F. H. Hallett  
A. B. Boardman II  
G. R. Harrah  
G. B. Farnum  
E. H. Dunn  
P. E. Bergendahl  
A. N. Anderson  
D. C. Davis  
H. W. Owen  
J. E. Buza  
R. B. English, Jr.  
P. H. Comstock  
Dr. F. T. Trommer  
W. B. White

Minutes  
of  
Board of Governors Meeting  
of  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 5, 1969

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Lunson Room of the G. W. Blunt White Library, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut on April 5, 1969 at 4:30 P.M.. Commodore du Pont presided, other Governors present were:

William L. Ames  
Phelps Brown  
John E. English  
Leo A. Geyer  
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.

Donald P. Robinson  
Henry A. Scheel  
Moderick Stephens, Jr.  
William B. White

Present by invitation were:

David Cabot  
Stanley G. Barnes

David Z. Bailey  
Peter H. Comstock

The minutes of the last meeting on January 10, 1969 were VOTED approved as circulated.

The following resignations under "The Motorboat Rule" were noted with regret:

Arthur M. Cottrell, Jr.  
George B. Drake  
Avarad L. Fuller

William T. Okie  
Victor K. Wagner, Jr.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Richard F. Goennel  
Benjamin B. Gambee

H. M. Bauers  
Robert S. Moore

The Chairman of the Race Committee, Mr. Wolfe had no report.

The Chairman of the Membership Committee advised there were 526 members on April 5, 1969 as compared with 521 on April 6, 1968. 9 applicants had been posted to the membership, 10 applicants were awaiting posting. The suggestion was made and approved, that new members be recognized and asked to stand at club functions.

The Classification Chairman Mr. Bailey had no report.

The Measurement Chairman Mr. Raymond, Jr. had no report.

The Entertainment Chairman Mr. Barnes had a very complete report on the shore party problems during our regattas. A list of all considerations had been made up, the increasing costs of the last 3 parties noted, the need to discuss the situation with the Shelter Island Yacht Club agreed upon. The Commodore stated Mr. Barnes might be retiring, thanked him for his excellent service in a most difficult task.

The Protest Chairman Mr. Raymond, Jr. had no report.

The Public Relations Chairman Mr. Cabot said he would work on distributing publicity on the "GOSH!" Regatta, that arrangements regarding the reporting of our other events remained the same.

The Prizes and Awards Chairman Mr. Scheel reported "we've got 'em", explaining the plaques had just arrived in the post office this very afternoon.

The Race Secretary Mr. Robinson reported on his discussions with Commodore Jay Helme of the Shelter Island Yacht Club - that arrangements regarding the entertainment problems had been completed, the only remaining problem our refusal on Club attorney advice to sign the Shelter Island Yacht Club's desired liability assumption. This problem remains in Commodore Helme's hands, unresolved.

The Historian Mr. Smith had no report as such. As suggested at the last meeting, he wrote a letter to the Commodore with suggestions for the next historian to follow. Clyde B. Gordon was mentioned by the Commodore as a possible successor. The Commodore thanked Mr. Smith, though absent, for his excellent work on the Club's behalf.

The Commodore stated the Southworth Memorial Tea and Coffee Service was on display and would be presented to the Seaport during this evening's dinner meeting. He also reported the problem "where are we going" as a Club remains unresolved but well explored for easier and quicker decision when a change must be made.

The "Invitation-to-Race" problem was reported on by Governors Ames and Robinson with words and summary dated 3/31/69. They reported no serious problem for this year, that later invitees could be limited to only those posted for membership, that a change will come with the International Rule which might allow present Class C boats to be combined with A & B, that there remain various alternatives for what will probably be an increasing problem next year. An additional problem arose where a son received an invitation to race, his father also for the following 2 series (all in the same vessel), such that an intra-family violation of our invitation policy might arise. It was ruled that family members be considered as individuals as regards our invitation policy "2series invitations per person with Board approval". A "series" consists of spring and fall races. It was also agreed the policy "the man in whose name the vessel is entered must be aboard during our races" be written in the Race Notice. It was moved, seconded, and VOTED the 23 guests per list be invited.

Commodore du Pont read a letter from T. M. Russell III regarding the death of his father (a member since 1936) and their family's desire to establish a special permanent trophy for Class C-2. His reply recognized the deceased's contributions to our Club, regretted our prize list is complete and present policy precludes the establishment of additional trophies. If ever there were a change, the Governors would be in contact with him.

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The Treasurer Mr. Geyer presented his Annual Report 3 April 1968 - 4 April 1969. He noted the increase in race expenses echoing the Entertainment Chairman Mr. Barnes recommendations. It was moved, seconded, and VOTED this report be accepted and made a part of these minutes.

The Measurer Mr. Ames had no report other than to mention Alabama's Turtle Bay Yacht Club has joined the illustrious group using our rule.

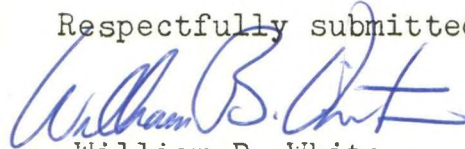
The Race Secretary Mr. Robinson reported that thanks in large part to our friend Chet Patterson the Greenport Gong would probably not be removed as planned. Crow Shoal buoy will be moved slightly. A starting stand off buoy has been procured by Mr. Raymond and will be used this spring. The Number Sheets issued to race participants have run out, new stencils must be ordered. On Mr. Robinson's recommendation, it was agreed new stencils be ordered and, to help defray costs, Mr. Robinson be authorized to offer them at a rental charge to other clubs.

The Clerk Mr. Brown had no report, all being in order, and requested all officers remain after the meeting to sign the incorporation papers.

It was agreed Honorary Member William D. Thomas remain as such with all privileges.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and VOTED the meeting be adjourned at 5:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



William B. White  
Secretary