



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

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April 5, 2003
Aboard the Ship Valiant

The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held aboard the Ship Valiant on April 5, 2003. The following members were present:

John F. Brooks	Neal S. O'Connell
David Nickerson	Norman Peck
Robert Geary	Steve Purdy
Charles Chorlton	Norman Rabe
Neal H. O'Connell	Allen Anderson
W. Frank Bohlen	Edward Dieckerhoff
John Lockwood	Robert Edmands
Peter Canning	

Commodore Maxwell presided.

The meeting was called to order at 14:20 p.m. by Commodore Wes Maxwell. The minutes of the January 17, 2003 meeting were duly approved as written.

Vice Commodore John Brooks reported on the annual dinner; attendance of 101 is expected. Annual Meeting will be held upstairs at the Seaman's Inne.

Rear Commodore Neal S. O'Connell reported that all trophies are on hand engraved and ready to present including the Paul Van Dyke trophy. A formal report is attached and made part of these minutes. In this report a background of the Van Dyke award was presented and agreed to by the members.

Secretary offered no report.

At this point the Commodore called for a moment of silence for deceased members; Phelps Brown, Dudley Butler, Robert Freich, Aaron Hobart and Richard Roberts.



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Treasurer's report by R. Geary was submitted to the board. A copy of the report is made part of these minutes. The projection of members' dues is running behind budget caused by an unusual loss of members and below average new applications. He encouraged the members to find new prospective members.

It was pointed out that 90 days has passed for dues payment and that few non paying were in default. We are reminded that if a race entry is received by a no pay it will be rejected.

The Treasurer circulated a board member address and email list for updating.

Historian submitted a report that is made part of these minutes.

The Commodore reported a communication from Bruce Lockwood who has undertaken a project of writing the history of Off Soundings. Bruce has found it difficult to develop information from members prior to 1958; their memories seem to be slipping and written material lost. Keep Bruce informed of any cache of old records or history.

Race Secretary Steve Purdy presented a new notice of Race and Race Circular for the members approval. The contents are not changed but presented in a smaller more easier handheld booklet. The RS website will contain information and instructions for members ability to answer questions on a turn around basis.

Steve proposed four new guest list invitations for approval; Nick Amendola, Rick Scavatto, Brad Porter and Peter/Clare Northrup. Motion duly made and approved.

Past Commodore Bohlen entered a discussion regarding our design class invitation and pointed out that even though the class was invited through a class representative they should still be subject to the two year rule and be required to become a member.

It seemed the consensus was to attempt and sign as many members and address the two year requirement for one design membership at a later time. The variation of the two year rule should be revisited soon after the Spring Race.

Bob Nickerson reported on the J35 class one design effort. There seems to be 8-10 possibles. The Commodore felt 8 for a start up could be acceptable.



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Past Commodore Frank Bohlen brought up the possible participation of the Narragansett Bay Group. It would be a natural for the Block Island series. RS Steve Purdy said he had contacted the Narragansett Bay Off Shore Chairman. The Off Shore Chairman never returned his call. Norm Rabe thought a race starting in the Narragansett Bay Area would dilute some of the other classes.

It was suggested that a Narragansett Bay start for their fleet early on Friday to Block Island and then integrate them into our fleet on Saturday might be possible. Rabe suggested contacting the individual boat owner through the PHRF certificate.

There is a lot of OS members in NBSA and a vast number of boats that could be attracted to the OS event stated PC Bohlen.

RS Purdy agreed it was something to work on over the next couple of years.

Measurer Norm Rabe reported that the new chief measurer for ECSA would make his life easier.

RC Chairman Chorlton reported everything seemed in place for Spring Race Committee.

Membership Chairman Bob Edmands reported 11 members in the new member pipe line. He hopes prospects will increase, 11 is not the lowest nor the highest.

Classification Peter Canning – no report.

Entertainment Ed Dieckerhoff was coordinating with the tent people at Block Island looking towards a smaller tent covering the bar and trophies. It is noted by a number of governors that the new Entertainment Chairperson Sarah Porter will be the first female committee chairman (Applause).

Greenport Chairman John Lockwood reported the mood is good in Greenport for our return. The new waterfront may not be finished for 2003.

Block Island liason Steve Purdy has housing and launch servers under control.

Fleet Surgeon not present.



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PC Frank Bohlen long range planning reported we are currently using all trophies. He advised if any additional trophies are over the horizon, please notify the Race Committee. There were some ideas presented for thought.

Nominating Allen Anderson will present a slate at the annual meeting.

John Brooks Chairman of Audit Committee reported fiscal records were reviewed, the report is made part of these minutes. Treasurer Bob Geary was complimented on the high quality of his records.

The Commodore reported that a photo collection was being offered to the Seaport by Norman Fortier. It contains a large number of OS views.

The Seaport is considering buying it. The Commodore was asking for volunteers to review for the value and possible money to help with the purchase. The Treasurer suggested the club could use their annual donation directed towards this.

A discussion of the Norcross Fund and it's use towards various projects.

There being no further business, it was duly moved and approved to adjourn at 15:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Secretary

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TO: Off Soundings Board of Governors
FROM: Neal H. O'Connell, Historian
SUBJECT: Off Soundings Archives at the G.W. Blunt White Library

The Mystic Seaport G. W. Blunt White Library has placed the catalogue of our Off Soundings archives on their web site. This information is available for your inspection. There are numerous ways to navigate the site. One relatively direct way is as follows:

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Click on the [search icon](#) on the Seaport web page

Search using the FIND THIS FIELD [Off Soundings](#)
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Click on [search](#)

Click on [#3](#) which is titled Off Soundings Club Records

Click on [linked resources](#)

Click on [collection register](#) that is in red.

This gets you to a table of contents followed by several items of information about the Club and it's records. You can now click on any item and get directly to the information. For instance, click [index](#) and you get the collection catalogue number and information that will allow you to ask the individual at the library desk to get you a specific box or folder that contains the specific information that is of interest.

There are several other ways of searching the web site that allow you to obtain location information for such as videos and other documents that relate to Off Soundings.

