

## OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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### Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

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April 1, 2006  
Captain Daniel Packer Inne  
Mystic, CT

The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Daniel Packer Inne on April 1, 2006. Commodore Neal O'Connell presided.

The following members were present: Commodore Neal S. O'Connell, Vice Commodore Robert Geary, Rear Commodore William Loweth, Secretary Norm Peck, Treasurer Ron Breault, Race Committee Chairman Charles Chorlton, Measurer Paul Jennings, Historian John Washborn, Jr., Past Commodore H. Wes Maxwell, Entertainment Committee Sarah Porter, Protest Committee Walter Pratt, Long Range Planning PC W. Frank Bohlen, Membership Committee Robert Edmands and Guest Secretary Elect Dave Dickerson.

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm by Commodore O'Connell. The minutes of the January 20, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

Vice Commodore Geary reported the annual meeting dinner tonight has 121 reservations with 6 Race Committee Members in attendance.

The difference in the contract amount with the Seaman's and the receipts is minus \$132.31. He reported that the email follow up reminder saved the day for the attendance.

Rear Commodore reported the 16 Trophies are ready along with the prize plaques.

Secretary had no report.

Mr. Geary asked about the major decision file. Is it up to date? The Secretary reported that it was.

Commodore asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Philip Green. He also included Mr. Paul Lebeau a long time member.

Treasurer Ron Breault passed out his report which is made part of these minutes. As of March 1<sup>st</sup> we had 489 members , 6 honorary and 6 resignations.

The Treasurer was asked to review and comment on email conversation which is also part of his report. A great deal of suggestions to improve our electronic communication were passed on to Ron. He is not ready to make a final recommendation on the use of email communication.



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The Rear Commodore suggested oswebmaster.org be used by the Treasurer and others to communicate quickly with members. It was agreed to try this. The Treasurer reviewed income and expenditures in report. Motion duly made to approve Treasurer's report as submitted.

Race Secretary report was mailed and made part of these minutes.

Race Committee Chairman reviewed a notice from USC Guard requesting notice of race be sent to them. They asked what we were doing in regards to safety. Our required and suggested safety equipment will be included in N O R and supplied to USCG.

Race Committee Chairman pointed out that our insurance coverage may hinge on the requirement of USSA approved Race Officer. Secretary advised he didn't think so. Secretary and Treasurer to review Chubb Insurance policy.

Clerk not present.

It was announced that the new Clerk will be Brian Gibbs, a resident of Massachusetts.

The Commodore has not pursued the change of our corporate address to Rhode Island or Connecticut because of the cost. It was suggested we talk again to Phil Smyth. Frank Bohlen will talk to Smyth.

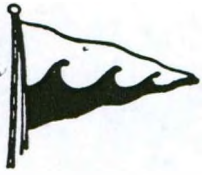
Measurer suggested the PDF needs updating and also the list of measurers. A canting keel boat's owner asked if he could race with a provisional or demonstrative rating without being included in the results. It was agreed to give it a try as a test.

Race Committee Chairman Chorlton reported everything in order for Spring racing.

Commodore reports Southern Yacht Club sent letter thanking him for an OS Burgee. Pins for 12 reaching 30 years of membership are to be given including Dick McGovern who resigned. It was agreed to give him a pin for his years as Clerk.

Membership reports 7 new members may be some more. Suggestion we look at the by laws regarding power boat owners and encourage them to rendezvous with the fleet. A look at the bylaws for a possible new class of membership was suggested.

John Brooks and Sarah Porter were appointed to review bylaws for additions and corrections.



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Protest Committee Chairman Walter Pratt had no report.

Entertainment Committee Sarah Porter reports Townsends will be the location again this Fall.

Block Island rendezvous appears to be moving to Narragansett. The mark up of 40% should improve our party cost by \$2000.

Motion duly made to move the Spring party to the Narragansett at Block Island approved.

Greenport representative was not present.

Block Island Representative Steve has obtained housing for Race Committee.

The Commodore reported fees at Greenport Public Dock will be charged this year the same as all marinas.

Public Relations Bill Loweth has a prospect for the public relations job.

Long Range Planning PC Bohlen no report.

Past Commodore Maxwell reported will have a replacement for the Secretary who has asked to be replaced and also for the Clerk. The new Secretary will be Dave Dickerson and Clerk Brian Gibbs.

Race Secretary Chorlton is working on a new Scorer and also recommends a new scoring computer program. It may cost some money but it is a most important duty.

Old Business - a new Clerk has been found. Mr. Brinkerhoff requests for a letter to the Fishers Island Country Club advising them that his being suspended and reinstated by Off Soundings was a mistake.

PC Bohlen suggested letter be written stating that he is a member in good standing and has since his reinstatement been an active member. He has also donated trophy, participated in racing and provided advice from time to time.

Motion was duly made and seconded to send a letter to Fishers Island along the lines suggested by PC Bohlen. Secretary to send. Motion approved.



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New Business – RC Loweth will be looking into providing entertainment at the annual meeting such as filming our events. It's time.

There being no further formal business, motion duly made and approved to adjourn at 17:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman B. Peck  
Secretary