

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY
P. O. Box 109
West Springfield, Mass.

April 1, 1954

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership - April 10, 1953 - 286

New members - 33

Deceased - 3 - George Bailhe
Charles J. Koch
Robert Townsend

Dropped - 1 - Charles Cuno - bought motor sailer

Resignations - 7 - J. E. Allen
A. Clarke Bedford
Charles V. Ferguson
Arthur S. Johnson
T. M. Russell, Jr.
Harris G. Snow
H. Martyn Baker

Membership - April 2, 1954 - 309

MINUTES OF ANNUAL CLUB MEETING HELD AT
HOTEL KIMBALL - SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
April 2, 1954

Meeting called to order by the Commodore at 6:01 P.M.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting be approved.

RESOLVED, that the report of the Commodore be approved with thanks and congratulations.

RESOLVED, that the report of the Treasurer be accepted with thanks.

RESOLVED, that the report of the Chairman of the Membership Committee be approved.

RESOLVED, that action taken by the Officers and Board of Governors during the past year be ratified.

RESOLVED, that the Secretary be empowered to cast one vote for the election of the following slate of Officers and Board of Governors, as submitted by G. W. Blunt White, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

OFFICERS

Commodore	Paul K. Rogers, Jr.
Vice Commodore	Roderick Stephens, Jr.
Rear Commodore	John R. Fales
Treasurer	J. Franklin Norcross
Measurer	Leo A. Geyer
Historian	Douglas L. Swan
Clerk	Melvin D. Southworth
Secretary	J. Wm. Jones, Jr.

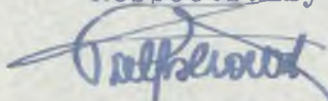
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Henry B. duPont
John R. Fales
Robert L. Hall
J. Wm. Jones, Jr.
J. Franklin Norcross
Paul K. Rogers, Jr.
Melvin D. Southworth
Roderick Stephens, Jr.
G. W. Blunt White

The Commodore then stated Phelps Brown would serve as Race Secretary and would be invited to attend meetings of the Board of Governors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Phelps Brown
Secretary

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
OF THE OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following recommendations for Officers and Board of Governors for the ensuing year:

Commodore	Paul K. Rogers, Jr.
Vice Commodore	Roderick Stephens, Jr.
Rear Commodore	John R. Fales
Secretary	J. William Jones, Jr.
Treasurer	J. Franklin Norcross
Clerk <i>Mrs. Southworth</i>	E. Standish Bradford <i>Frederick B. Benton</i>
Historian	Douglas L. Swan
Measurer	Leo A. Geyer

Board of Governors

Henry B. Du Pont
~~E. Standish Bradford~~
John R. Fales
Robert L. Hall
J. William Jones, Jr.
J. Franklin Norcross
Paul K. Rogers, Jr.
Melvin D. Southworth
Roderick Stephens, Jr.
G. W. Blunt White

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Blunt White
G. W. Blunt White, Chairman
Melvin D. Southworth
E. Standish Bradford

April 2, 1954

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD AT
HOTEL KIMBALL - SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 2, 1954

Present:

Commodore Paul K. Rogers, Jr.
Vice Commodore Roderick Stephens, Jr.
Rear Commodore John R. Fales
J. Franklin Norcross
Melvin D. Southworth
E. Standish Bradford
Robert L. Hall
G. W. Blunt White
Phelps Brown
J. Wm. Jones, Jr.

Meeting called to order by the Commodore at 5:15 P.M.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as corrected.

RESOLVED, that the resignation of Mr. Benjamin V. Harrison, Jr., be accepted with great regret since he has acquired a motor boat.

RESOLVED, to accept the recommendation of Rear Commodore Roderick Stephens, Jr., for determining what is a motor sailer in the following manner:

Take the ratio between the square root of the sail area as it would appear under the Off Soundings, ^{Rule} and the load waterline length. If this ratio is less than .8, the boat would tend to be under-rigged, slow under sail and hence should be classed as a motor sailer. Between .8 and .9, if the boat has a center board or reasonable keel area, she could be considered a sail boat. If the ratio is over .9, it can be presumed the boat sails moderately well and may legitimately be classed as a sail boat even without a centerboard and with somewhat less than normal draft. Other factors which should be considered include lack of adequate lateral plane unless supplemented by a centerboard, having an oversize deckhouse, and perhaps lacking provision for outside steering. Even though the sail area ratio might be satisfactory, these factors might properly classify a vessel as a motor sailer.

RESOLVED, that the Commodore be authorized to write Frank Bissell advising him of the Board's decision that his vessel is considered a motor sailer and that he is, therefore, ineligible for membership.

RESOLVED, to recommend to the membership that Article VIII of the Constitution be amended so that the first sentence in Section 2 will read as follows:

The Membership Committee shall consist of four members, the Chairman of which will be the only member whose name will be made public and he will have no vote, instead of "The Membership Committee shall consist of three members, the chairman of which will be the only member of the committee whose name will be made public."

RESOLVED, to recommend at the next Annual Meeting that Article V of the Consitution be changed, the duties to be rewritten and the office of Race Secretary to be added, the Race Secretary to be a member of the Board of Governors.

RESOLVED, to accept with sincere appreciation the offer of a perpetual trophy in memory of Charles J. Koch, and to notify the Royal Naval Sailing Association that in the future of the two perpetual trophies will be announced at the Annual Shore Party.

RESOLVED, to change the rig allowance for marconi yawls from 93% to 97%.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Phelps Brown
Secretary