

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 8, 1961

HOTEL SHERATON-KIMBALL, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

The Commodore called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

After proof of notice and roll call, copy of which is attached, the Commodore announced a quorum was present, and that the first order of business was a moment of silence in memory of those who have sailed their last voyage since the last annual meeting.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the last annual meeting which were approved by unanimous vote.

The Treasurer presented his report and indicated that the Club's cash position was substantially better than was the case a year ago, the balance on hand as of April 1, 1961 standing at \$6,249.02 compared to \$5,299.20 as of April 1, 1960. The report was accepted with thanks.

Mr. McPherson, Race Secretary, made a very brief report, the principal feature of which was his resignation, and the members unanimously voted to record their sincerest thanks for the four years of devoted service to the Club as Race Secretary.

Mr. Comstock for the Membership Committee reported that the membership stood at 372 as of April 8, 1961, that during the year there had been 8 resignations, 3 members lost by death, 23 new members admitted and one reinstated. The report was unanimously accepted.

Other brief reports were made by the Measurer, the Race Committee Chairman, the Protest Committee Chairman, the Entertainment Committee Chairman, the Classification Committee Chairman and the Measurement Rule Committee Chairman, which reports were accepted as a group with thanks.

Commodore Daggett then presented his own report and he indicated that he felt good racing had been enjoyed during the past year, and that as a result of the modifications in interpretation of our Rule, the Measurement Rule Committee had made changes more clearly defining the requirements and that the most recent change adopted by the Governors with respect to fore-triangle measurement was an advance in the art and made the Off Soundings Club a leader in the field of rule development in this particular area.

The Commodore then thanked all of the Committee Chairmen, their members and all the other volunteers of the Club for their help during his terms of office.

The Secretary then presented for action by the membership amendments to Article VI and X, Sections 1, as follows:

Article VI

Section 1 - There shall be a Board of Governors which shall meet at least twice a year and shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Clerk, Secretary, Race Secretary, Treasurer, Measurer, and five other members. The Commodore will be Chairman of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE X

Section 1 - Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Clerk, Secretary, Race Secretary, Treasurer, Measurer, Historian, and five members of the Board of Governors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Club, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

Upon motion made and seconded, the changes were adopted.

The proposed courses and terminal points for the spring races were then announced, the first day's racing to terminate at Montauk and the second day's racing to terminate at Three Mile Harbor.

Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then presented a report embodying the following:

OFFICERS

Commodore	Henry B. duPont
Vice Commodore	Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
Rear Commodore	Paul W. Adams
Secretary	John E. English
Treasurer	Leo A. Geyer
Clerk	Melvin D. Southworth
Race Secretary	Rodney G. Paige
Historian	Douglas L. Swan
Measurer	William L. Ames

GOVERNORS

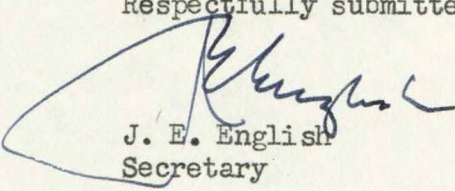
Frederick K. Daggett  
Robert B. English, Jr.  
Robert L. Hall  
Roderick Stephens, Jr.  
G. W. Blunt White

After motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED that the Secretary cast one ballot unanimously electing the officers and Governors as presented.

Commodore Daggett then turned the gavel over to Commodore duPont, who assumed the chair.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned so that those present might join the Annual Shore Party.

Respectfully submitted,



J. E. English  
Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT AT ANNUAL MEETING, HOTEL SHERATON-KIMBALL, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

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Robert L. Hall  
Peter H. Comstock  
Raymond F. Gay, Jr.  
Edgar L. Raymond  
Paul W. Adams  
Henry A. Scheel  
John K. Murphy  
David L. Daggett  
Rodney G. Paige  
Donald P. Robinson  
Frank M. Leuthner  
Douglas L. Swan  
George R. Harrah  
Pehr Sparre  
Phelps Brown  
Daniel S. Morrell  
Robert B. English, Jr.  
K. Aage Nielsen  
E. E. Dickinson III  
J. Albert Hitz  
John B. McPherson  
Herbert W. Owen  
Melvin D. Southworth  
William L. Ames  
W. B. White  
John R. Fales  
Leo A. Geyer  
Henry B. duPont  
J. E. English  
Frederick K. Daggett  
Paul K. Rogers  
George K. Briggs  
Benjamin B. duPont

M I N U T E S  
OF  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING  
OF  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 8, 1961

A meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Hotel Sheraton-Kimball, Springfield, Massachusetts, Saturday, April 8, 1961, at 4:00 P.M. Commodore Daggett presided and other Governors present were:

Henry B. duPont  
Robert B. English, Jr.  
John E. English  
John R. Fales

Leo A. Geyer  
Robert L. Hall  
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.  
John B. McPherson  
Melvin D. Southworth

Also present by invitation were Messrs. Thomas, Paige, Ames, Scheel, Adams, Comstock and Hitz.

The Secretary read letters of resignation from the following members and it was VOTED to accept their resignations with regret.

Ralph B. Britton  
Henry T. Meneely

In addition the following were dropped from the membership rolls for non-payment of dues:

James B. Brickell  
Raymond G. Camp  
Hartzell Spence

The Treasurer then presented his report which showed the Club's cash position as of this date approximately \$1,000 ahead of the same period a year ago. The Governors VOTED to accept the report with thanks.

Mr. McPherson's report as Race Secretary was extremely brief and is quoted herewith in full: "I quit."

Mr. Ames, Measurer, outlined the courses which are laid out to provide for the first day's rendezvous at Montauk and the second day at Three Mile Harbor. The former had been inspected by Messrs. Daggett, duPont and McPherson just before the meeting and the Commodore believes will prove most satisfactory. He also urged that emphasis again be placed on a request that only participants sail the course and non-participants, even though members of the Club, keep well clear of those boats racing.

Because of certain problems of classification which the Measurer must face, it was VOTED that the Measurer refer to the Measurement Rule Committee any vessels of such unusual design or measurement characteristics as to present rating problems for proper rating by that Committee.

Mr. Thomas reporting for the Race Committee urged that the Commodore take action requiring racing numbers on spinnakers in the same manner as

presently required by the N.A.Y.R.U. Rules. After discussion it was VOTED that effective with the 1962 racing season, racing numbers must appear on both sides of a vessel's spinnaker.

It was also VOTED that only officially announced entries may cross the starting line for any race and complete the course with the fleet. Members and others as spectators shall keep well clear of the course.

In addition the Governors unanimously passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Thomas as Race Committee Chairman and the other members of his Committee for the excellent job they performed for the members during the 1960 season.

Mr. Comstock reported the total membership, reflecting the resignations acted upon at this meeting, stands at 372. (Copy of the report is made a part of these Minutes.)

Mr. Hall for the Protest Committee reported no cases pending.

The Classification Committee Chairman then presented his report and considerable discussion ensued about the division of Class C and it was VOTED that the Measurer and Classification Committee should endeavor to re-arrange Class C into two divisions as practical by types of vessel rather than by measurement rating along the lines as developed at the January Governors' meeting.

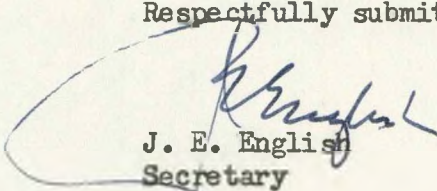
Mr. Scheel reporting for the Measurement Rule Committee reported on the changes in rule. In computing rating, the actual area of the largest genoa used is employed, and the rated area of the mainsail used in the computation has been reduced from 100% to 90%.

The Governors then VOTED to accept with thanks all of the foregoing Committee reports as a group.

Commodore Daggett then thanked all of the Governors and Committee Chairmen for their help during the past two years of his stewardship and in turn the Governors unanimously passed a vote of thanks to the Commodore for the leadership which he furnished the club.

The meeting thereupon adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



J. E. English  
Secretary