

Minutes  
of the  
Board of Governors  
of the  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB  
APRIL 12, 1997

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at Jacobs Rock, US Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut on April 12, 1997. Commodore Gunther presided. Other Governors present were:

Allen N. Anderson  
W. Frank Bohlen  
CDR John F. Brooks, USCG  
Carl D. Fast  
D. Richard Magovern, DMD  
W. Wes Maxwell

Peter W. McFadden  
Ernest R. Messer, Jr.  
Neal H. O'Connell  
Norman E. Rabe  
Richard H. Roberts

Present by invitation were:

William L. Ames  
Brin R. Ford  
Carlton A. Granbery  
Neal S. O'Connell

Steven M. Purdy  
J. Philip Smyth  
Warren F. Woodworth, MD

Absent were:

Edward C. Dieckerhoff  
J. Christopher Field  
John H. Lockwood

James B. Slimmon, Jr.  
Nicholas Staub II  
Paul C. van Dyke

The meeting was called to order at 1430.

The minutes of the previous January 17, 1997 meeting were VOTED approved.

Vice Commodore Anderson reported that all is ready for the Annual Dinner with 194 signed up.

He reported for the Budget Committee. A phone vote was taken among the Board concerning the Budget Committee's recommendation that boats fees be increased from \$30 to \$35 for the Spring and Fall 1997 series. The VOTE was heavily in favor of increasing this fee.

A final 1997 Budget was distributed. The significant increase in royalties was questioned. It is income from the Club House who sell various products to our members with Off Soundings identification on them. This year a member made a major purchase of jackets that caused much of the increase. At the moment, we are short of estimated dues for the year but dues from new members will carry us over the estimate. It was VOTED to accept the 1997 Budget.

Rear Commodore Bohlen indicated that trophies are under control. Bills from Gifted and Modern Engravers will be close to last year's bills. Occasionally, the need to obtain several years supply of the small enamel burgees used on the trophies will cause a bulge in expense.

The Board stood for a moment of silence as the name of the following member, who we were notified had died, was read:

James R. Sweet, DMD

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

James Revell Carr  
Edwin H. Fisher  
Robert R. Larsen

Edward H. Maxwell  
Robert E. Thorne  
Frank Dodd Winder

The following individuals were VOTED dropped for non payment of dues with the proviso that the Secretary was to use judgment in accepting late payments:

Robert Blanchard  
Burton Cunin  
Timothy English  
Peter Evans  
Matthew Hayes  
Frank Lahey

Kristian M. Lou  
Francis P. Murphy  
Nathaniel Nazareth  
John A. Shuttles  
Arthur W. Stratton  
Robert A. Roth

The Reinstatement of John F. Hall, Jr. was VOTED accepted.

With these changes, membership is at 497.

Treasurer Messer commented that we have \$32,000 in the bank and finances should work out well this year. This is his last year and he thanked the Board and Committee Chairmen for their support over the last 9 years. "It had been a pleasure to serve the Club."

Historian Ames read an article about Off Soundings from the December 1951 issue of Yachting. Three dollar dues, 216 boats in 5 classes, \$1,200 to stage a weekend series, protests frowned upon, and quality as well as quantity were a few of the comments in the article.

The video of the 1996 race series is ready. It was done by Ken Mahler at home. Ken has a rotator cuff operation scheduled. This adds to the question of his participation in the filming of the 1997 Spring series. We do not have a solution to filming, editing and producing our videos in the future. Bill will continue to work on this matter. In the final Spring notice, we may want to ask members to take videos and send the results to us so we can produce something for 1997.

Race Secretary Roberts presented the guest list. The issue of the 12's was discussed and it was agreed that it would be nice if they came but we would provide only one start and would not promote chartering of the boats. Jack Neades and Mark Wolfman were dropped from the list as they are duplicated on the Membership Chairman's list. With

these modifications, it was VOTED to approve the attached guest list submitted by the Race Secretary.

Race Secretary Roberts reported that he has inquired about launches for Block Island and applied for a Coast Guard permit. The new racing rules are out and generally available. Race management seminars are coming up at the Milford and Shennecossett Yacht Clubs.

Clerk Magovern is getting the required signatures today for renewal of our incorporation in the State of Massachusetts. As soon as he obtains these signatures and a \$15 check, the papers will be sent to the State.

Measurer Rabe showed two national publications on ratings, one for IMS boats and a second one for PHRF. They provide good information when establishing ratings.

Race Committee Chairman Maxwell told us that Henry duPont will serve as committee boat for both Spring and Fall. Though he has not checked with Chris Cox or Dan Miller, he expects that they also will be available.

Membership Committee Chairman Brooks reported a good turnout and time at the Mystic luncheon at the Quimbaug House. At the moment, he has 19 candidates ready for posting and several more in the pipeline.

The Membership Committee's attached guest list was accepted.

Measurement Rule Committee Chairman Brooks had nothing to report.

Classification Committee Chairman N. S. O'Connell had nothing to report awaiting Spring series entries.

Protest Committee Chairman Field was absent and there was no report.

Entertainment Committee Chairman Fast indicated that he has talked to our new Entertainment Chairman Ed Dieckerhoff about his duties. He has not contacted anyone at Block Island.

Commodore Gunther commented on a meeting he arranged with Shelter Island with Commodore Art Williams. He, Vice Commodore Anderson, Shelter Island Liaison Lockwood, Entertainment Chairman Fast and Treasurer Messer met with Shelter Island Vice Commodore Jim Hayes and Club Manager Brian Moorhead concerning the Fall Series. Shelter Island expressed the desire to work with us and were respectful of the issues we raised. They would like to see us make greater use of their facilities for such as a barbecue or more dining room traffic. We pointed out that some relaxing of the dress code and placing notification of what is offered in the first race notice rather than the final notice would help as skippers would have adequate planning time. Our financial displays showed that Shelter Island costs more than Block Island while providing less to our members. They are going back to the drawing board. We were clearly better prepared about the financial aspects of the weekend than they.

Shelter Island liaison Committee Chairman Lockwood was absent. Our new Block Island Liaison Committee Chairman Steven Purdy has

considerable experience with the Island having lived their for 6 years. He has been seeking out accommodations for the race committee. He will check that the floats at Block Island Boat Basin will be in.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Ford reported that the Winter luncheons have been successful and recommends that we continue them. It appears that they are a possible source of new members.

Fleet Surgeon Woodworth has discussed his role with several people including Phil Smyth. There is a serious liability to the Club when we offer something and are unable to fully discharge the responsibility offered. Thus we should not have emergency medical kits but encourage our members to have emergency training and medical supplies aboard their own boat. Further, we should not hire an intern. The Fleet Surgeons responsibility should be communicated as being available to help and to advise in the case of an emergency and to line up other doctors to do the same. Our race notices should be changed and it was agreed that Dick Roberts and Warren would get together and modify them.

Long Range Race Planning Committee Chairman Slimmon was absent.

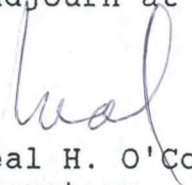
Nominating Committee Chairman McFadden reported that the Committee composed of himself, Edward Dieckerhoff and Robert Edmands has a full slate for 1997.

Rear Commodore Bohlen reported that he had met with Peter Brinckerhoff concerning his offer of a trophy in memory of Salle Evelyn. Peter indicated that his offer remains on the table but in no way will he modify it from the original proposal that it be a trophy specifically in memory of Salle and be awarded only to a female skipper. As we had voted the specifics of the offer down at the last meeting, the matter is concluded.

Vice Commodore Bohlen will provide a specific proposal for handling such as requests for financial aid for Olympic campaigns at our next meeting.

Past Commodore McFadden gave to Vice Commodore Anderson a final report from the Venue Committee and all the supporting data. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

There being no further business it was VOTED to adjourn at 1601.

  
Neal H. O'Connell  
Secretary  
4/26/97

PS: Commodore Anderson has appointed the committee chairmen shown on the attached sheet for the 1997 year.

OFF SOUNDING CLUB  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN  
for  
THE 1997 YEAR

Membership	CDR John F. Brooks, USCG
Protest	J. Philip Smyth
Entertainment	Edward C. Dieckerhoff
Classification	Neal S. O'Connell
Measurement Rule	CDR John F. Brooks, USCG
Prizes & Awards	H. Wes Maxwell
Public Relations	Brin R. Ford
Fleet Surgeon	Warren F. Woodworth, MD
Shelter Island Liaison	John H. Lockwood
Block Island Liaison	Steven M. Purdy
Long Range Race Planning	William G. Gunther
Deputy Race Secretary	Neal S. O'Connell
ECSA Representative	Richard H. Roberts
USSA/ORC Representative	Richard H. Roberts

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4/27/97