



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

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January 20, 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 January 20, 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, Membership Committee Robert Edmands, Past Commodore H. Wes Maxwell, Entertainment Committee Sarah Porter, Protest Committee Walter Pratt, Clerk Dave Nickerson, Race Secretary Steve Purdy.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Commodore O'Connell. The minutes of the December 2, 2005 meeting were duly moved and approved.

Ron Breault submitted the Treasurer's report for December 2005. A Copy is made part of these minutes.

The Treasurer reported as of 12/31/05 we had 496 members including 6 honorary, 22 new, 10 resignations and 6 deceased. He reported Russ Brown resigned in December and read a nice letter from Russ. Motion duly moved to approve the Treasurer's report.

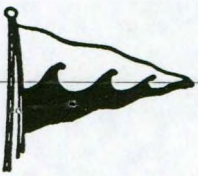
A brief discussion about honorary membership was held. A suggestion that our mailing be continued to those members with many years service after they resign.

Membership Committee Chairman Edmands reported 5 applications in pipeline. All applications are in order but have not been through his committee. He will have his committee act on the applications and then email the details to the board for approval before being mailed to members.

The membership committee plans to go after the sponsor of 22 guest racing participants that their eligibility has expired. The Race Secretary passed out the guest list for review.

Vice Commodore Geary reports from Seaport annual event indicates we will have beef for \$43 and fish for \$39 including salad, coffee, desert, tax, tip plus service fee of \$75 for cash bar.

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Charles Chorlton will provide a list of Race Committee volunteers to be invited. First notice of annual meeting to go out with Commodore February letter.

Rear Commodore has ordered the plaques for the series results and collecting the perpetual trophies. He brought to the board the fact that the Pepys Trophy was to be retired. He suggested it be used as a two year performance award for Non Spinnaker 1, 2 and 3 classes. A motion was duly made and adopted to assign the Samuel Pepys Trophy for that purpose.

The Rear Commodore asked that the \$1900 per race trophy budget be increased by \$200. No objection.

Secretary reported that three members had died since our last meeting; Don Robinson, W. Rich Jr. and Howard Knox. A moment of silence was called by the Commodore.

Historian John Washburn passed out a report of the Committee to review the 75th anniversary book edited by Bruce Lockwood. A copy of the report is made part of these minutes.

During a lengthy discussion it was generally felt that it was a valuable document and should not be lost. It was felt by some that even though the committee's report was negative the project could be opened at a future time if the contents could be changed.

A motion duly made and seconded to approve the committee's report. The motion was adopted by the majority of governors present. It was agreed that Past Commodore Maxwell would talk to John Lockwood to seek any advice that could help the book matter.

The Secretary to send committee report and letter to Bruce Lockwood following any advice from Maxwell.

Race Secretary to confirm that launch services will be running at Block Island for the fleet but Off Soundings will not be funding them this spring.

Clerk had not arrived to meeting for report on the loss of a Massachusetts member to represent us.



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A discussion regarding moving the corporate address of Off Soundings to Rhode Island by the Commodore. Many suggestions were brought out. Cost of moving to Rhode Island could be possibly \$5000. A law firm representing us in Mass or Rhode Island is a possible solution.

Commodore will continue to search for a Massachusetts resident Clerk until other options are investigated.

Measurer Paul Jennings had no report.

Entertainment Chairman Sarah Porter talked about the cost of doing business in Block Island including the high cost of a tent at the Oar. It was suggested we approach the Narragansett. They have a porch that the results could be given from. Sarah will investigate and report or do the best she can. Sarah recommends Townsens again for the fall event at Greenport.

Due to the large amount of docks available, no launch services will be provided by OS.

Public Relations, Rear Commodore Loweth working on new person to fill position. A discussion of using email for more of our communication with the members.

A long discussion regarding the many electronic events that must be covered. The Treasurer volunteered to study the project and report.

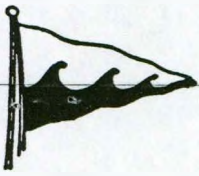
Long Range had no report.

Race Secretary Purdy suggested that we think of a small initiation fee the first year of membership.

The Commodore stated that O'Connell and Dickerson sons attended a regatta. The HYC requested a burgee for OS Club. It was agreed to reimburse Commodore O'Connell \$42 for burgee.

Mr. Brinkerhoff has requested a letter to the Fisher's Island Country Club from us explaining that the suspension he was given was a mistake. Mr. Brinkerhoff served his suspension was reinstated and is a member in good standing. No conclusive decision was given.

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Past Commodore Maxell reported that Ed Dieckerhoff is a member of the nominating committee. It was his intention to talk with all Officers and Board Members before March.

There being no further formal business, motion duly made and approved to adjourn at 3:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman B. Peck".

Norman B. Peck
Secretary