

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB**  
**October 21, 2000**

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Munson Room at the Mystic Seaport on October 21, 2000. Commodore Bohlen presided, and other Governors present were:

J. Philip Smyth	H. Wes Maxwell
Richard H. Roberts	John H. Lockwood
D. Richard Magovern, DMD	William Gunther
Allen N. Anderson	Charles D. Chorlton
Robert B. Geary	John F. Brooks
Peter McFadden	Norman E. Rabe

Present by invitation were:

Carl D. Fast	William A. Loweth
Neal S. O'Connell	Stephen M. Purdy
William L. Ames	

Absent were:

Edward C. Dieckerhoff	Warren F. Woodworth, M.D.
Robert Edmands	

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held April 8, 2000 were approved upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Vice Commodore Wes Maxwell reported that the Annual Dinner would be at the Seaman's Inne this year. He explained that we left the Inne after many years because it became too small, but that our anticipated attendance was now at an appropriate level for the Inne.

Wes Maxwell continued with some comments on the budget for the next year. He pointed out that almost all categories of the budget were break-even. A discussion ensued concerning whether we should raise dues or race participation fees. Commodore Bohlen observed that we try and keep our reserve between 15K and 18K and that it is presently at 16.8K.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried it was voted to raise the entry fee by \$5.00 per boat and the party fee by \$1.00 per head.

Rear Commodore John Brooks reported that the cost of the prizes were just a little over budget.

The undersigned reported on the following resignations and members who were removed from membership for nonpayment of dues and asked for a moment of silence for John Serrie who died during the summer.

(1) Resignations:

H. Kirk Watson, M.D.;  
Richard A. Joslyn;  
John J. Abberley;  
John N. Field;  
Dwight Horne;  
Steven Sammis; and  
Skip Raymond.

- (2) Nonpayment of dues:  
James L. Carpenter;  
Richard R. Desmond;  
Timothy English;  
Stuart T. Hotchkiss;  
Horace A. Kingsbury;  
Sean Leary;  
Robert G. Norton;  
John R. Saxe, Jr.; and  
Howard M. Smith IV.

Treasurer Robert Geary presented the Treasurer's report (a copy of which is attached hereto). He noted that the fall expenses were an estimate. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the report was accepted as presented.

Historian Bill Ames commented on the superlative movie we had last year but noted that the movies taken by members this year were very "jiggley"; hence there will not be a race video this year. He stated that we needed to look at the video issue from both an archival and entertainment standpoint.

Race Secretary Dick Roberts distributed a copy of his report (a copy of which is attached hereto). He went over each of the 11 points. John Lockwood noted that there needed to be a change in the Cruising Canvas classes with respect to the former "C" boats. In addition, Dick Roberts reviewed the guest participation report. A discussion ensued concerning multi-hull participation. It was decided that we should extend another invitation to the multi-hulls next year.

A letter from John Graeb was distributed.

It was noted that U.S. Sailing may allow advertising in our type of races.

Commodore Bohlen stated that he had received some comments on class distribution. He appointed Norman Rabe, Dick Roberts, Neal S. O'Connell and Peter McFadden as an ad hoc committee to study this issue and make a report especially on the distribution of the cruising canvas class.

Clerk, Dick Magovern had nothing to report.

Measurer Norman Rabe stated that he had handled a couple of Handicap appeals.

Race Committee Chairman Chuck Chorlton stated that for the spring Steve Purdy had donated his trawler, and he also commended the help of Bill Loweth.

It was pointed out that Shelter Island had sent to us a list of a few people who did not pay their mooring fees. It was observed that we always work with them. A discussion of Shelter Island protocol ensued.

Finally, a general round of thanks was given to Chuck for doing a great job.

Commodore Bohlen stated that our membership committee needs to be proactive in attracting new members.

Chairman of the Classification Committee Neal O'Connel noted that his group will be busy.

Protest Committee Chairman Carl Fast stated that there were 2 starting line protests that had attracted a lot of attention, especially a "barging" protest that was not upheld.

Commodore Bohlen observed that he did not want to get into the particulars but worried about the perception that the new rules allowed more aggressive tactics. He went on to say that in our type of racing, avoiding collisions is a primary concern. Finally, he stated the membership must understand that we take protests very seriously.

Commodore Bohlen underscored that the entertainment in both the spring and fall went very smoothly.

Shelter Island Liaison John Lockwood said that our relationship is as good as it has been in years.

Block Island Liaison Steve Purdy stated that everything was fine.

Public Relations Chairman Bill Loweth stated that he had 222 e-mail addresses. He reported on newspaper coverage and asked for and received approval for \$350 to maintain our web page.

Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee Andy Anderson presented his report comparing the size of the membership to the number of race entries. A copy of his report is attached hereto. Commodore Bohlen commented that participation still needs stirring, and that we must look at venues and how that affects participation.

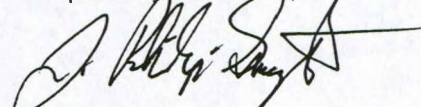
Under Old Business: The Commodore stated that we will try and get the dues notices out by January 1.

Under New Business: William Gunther was nominated as Chair of the Nominating Committee, and he stated that he had asked Robert Edmands and Andy Anderson to serve with him on the Nominating Committee. Upon motion duly made and seconded Messrs. Gunther, Edmands and Anderson were approved as the Nominating Committee.

Commodore Bohlen stated that we will activate the Audit Committee this year. He appointed Wes Maxwell as the Chair of a committee consisting of Messrs. Maxwell, Geary and Anderson.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:11 A.M. upon motion duly made, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Philip Smyth  
Secretary, OSC

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Enclosures