

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

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Shelter Island Yacht Club on Friday, September 13, 1957, at 5:00 P.M. Commodore Fales presided. Other Governors present were:

Roderick Stephens, Jr.
John B. McPherson
John E. English
Melvin D. Southworth
Prescott W. N. Gustafson
Leo A. Geyer
Robert L. Hall
Henry B. duPont

Because of the premature start of some of the Class A1 boats that resulted from the fog at Sarah's Ledge, considerable discussion developed as to how the results of Class A1 should be determined. Inasmuch as it is recognized as basically the responsibility of each starter to know whether or not a postponement has occurred, it was moved and VOTED to treat those nine early starters as a special class for this race only, to be known as A1A. They would start on Saturday in the regular fashion and the results for two days would be worked out separately and a prize awarded to the winner. None of the boats in this special category would be eligible for consideration in the awarding of the perpetual trophy for Class A1.

The problem presented by the failure of some participants to contribute adequately to the liquidating fund was discussed and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED that the Race Secretary be authorized to suggest to all participants that a minimum contribution of \$3.00 for each member of a participant's crew for each race series would provide sufficient funds so that the Club can meet the expenses of its races.

The question of the fairness of the Beam Correction Factor in the Off Soundings Club Measurement Rule was discussed at some length, with evidence of substantial difference in opinion on this point. Motion was made, duly seconded and passed that the Commodore appoint a special committee to consider all aspects of the present rule in this connection and present recommendations and modifications, if any, to a later meeting of the Board.

Inasmuch as several participants left not only the Ruins' buoys, but the Ruins themselves to starboard, it was suggested that the instructions for the Spring Race and all races thereafter, so long as this course is used, require that all participants leave the Ruins themselves to port, (all boats must pass to the North of the Ruins).

In connection with the discussion about the racing instructions, the matter of signals for shortened course was raised. It was the feeling of the group present that in the event of shortened course, the instructions should state that a signal flag would be flown from the Committee boat and, of course, disclosed which code flag would be used.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
J.E. ENGLISH
Secretary