

MINUTES
of the
BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING
of the
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
October 21, 1978

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Morgan Suite at the Seamen's Inne, Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, Connecticut at 1000 on October 21, 1978. Commodore Robinson presided. Other Governors present were:

William L. Ames	Richard H. Roberts
Dudley W. Butler	Thomas S. Wadlow, Jr.
Donald C. Davis	William B. White
Eliot H. Porter, 2nd.	Richard W. Woolworth

Present by invitation were:

David Dunn
A. Duncan Mac Dougall
Paul C. van Dyke

The meeting was called to order at 1022.

The minutes of the previous meeting on April 1, 1978 were VOTED approved as circulated.

The Secretary reported the death of member W. B. Lockwood and non-member Charles S. Lowry, who had provided patrol boat service for the club for many years. The Board stood for a moment of silence in their memory.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Stuart C. Dorman
Donald S. Shepard

L. Emmett Holt, 3rd. was VOTED reinstated to membership.

The following members, who are delinquent in paying their dues, were VOTED dropped from membership:

Valentine H. Everson, III	John R. Metz
Richard H. Hobert	Charles Robbins
Robert G. Hughes	John Spaer, Jr.

The Treasurer was not present, but reported through the Secretary that our finances are in about the same condition as they were last year at this time. He does not believe that it is necessary to increase dues or fees at this time.

The Secretary reported for the Historian that he would have a thirty minute movie ready for the Annual Dinner. The Historian also felt that it was not necessary to replace "Addlepate" for the photographer to get his pictures. He could cover the races from other points. He mentioned the possibility of giving up movies and finding some other way to document the races. Commodore Robinson expressed doubts about breaking the continuity of our motion picture history. Mr. Converse will report further at the January meeting.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Wadlow, moved, and it was VOTED, to go to Shelter Island in the spring and to Block Island in the fall next year.

The following dates were VOTED for 1979 events:

Board of Governors Meeting	January 12
Guest Invitation cut-off	March 28
Annual Meeting & Shore Party	April 7
First Notice - Spring Series	April 20
Closing Date - " "	May 24
Final Notice - " "	June 8
Race Dates - " "	June 15-16
Results Spring Series & First Notice - Fall Series	July 20
Closing Date - " "	August 23
Final Notice - " "	September 7
Race Dates - " "	September 14-15
Final Results for 1979	October 12

The Secretary reported that the Clerk had found, and sent to him, the Internal Revenue Employer Identification Number which is 23 7440166. The Clerk had also sent down the Corporate Papers and he asked the Board to come up after the meeting and sign them.

The Measurer, Mr. Roberts, said that the use of PHRF seems to be going well. His question whether to use PHRF in the "A" & "B" classes, was greeted with some doubt. Commodore Robinson asked Mr. Roberts and Mr. Rabe to get some comparison figures showing how these boats would rate under the two rules so the Board could look at them in January.

Membership Chairman Butler reported that his committee has been busy and the system is still working. He presented a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He sees no reason to change the limit at this time.

The Measurement Rule Committee Chairman was not present, but it was rumored that he was happy.

The Classification Committee reported that they had no requests for reclassification in 1978.

Commodore Robinson reported that Mr. Harrison was resigning the Race Committee and David Dunn is taking over as Chairman. Mr. Dunn said that everything was under control and he planned no changes in procedures. It was moved and VOTED to hire "Empress" as committee boat for the spring and fall series.

The Chairmen of the Entertainment Committee were not present, but a copy of their report is attached to these minutes.

Dr. Mac Dougall announced that he was going to retire as Fleet Surgeon. Commodore Robinson thanked him for setting up the emergency medical program and said that he had been a great help to the club.

Prize and Awards Committee Chairman, Rear Commodore Porter, read his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Mr. van Dyke said that his Public Relations Committee received inquiries from many newspapers and he thanked the Race Committee for all their help in providing results.

Under Old Business, it was reported that Vice Commodore Davis' Special Committee had met just before this meeting, and would meet again on November 20th.

Under New Business, it was VOTED to appoint the following Nominating Committee:

William B. White, Chairman
William L. Ames
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.

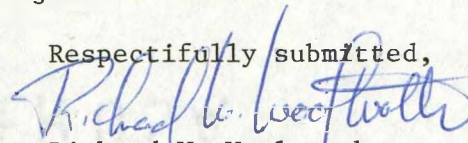
Commodore Robinson appointed Mr. Roberts to be the Off Soundings Club's representative to the National Offshore Council of USYRU.

There followed a lengthy discussion of the problems in the Cruising Class. It was noted that Mr. Raymond's prediction, that it would become the largest class, has come true. Although the largeness of the class is somewhat of a problem, the general feeling was that it has attracted some "foxes in the hen house". Various suggestions were made to improve the situation. Mr. Ames suggested that a skipper should have to earn his way into the class. This would be accomplished by setting criteria such as length of membership, number of races sailed in the racing classes, length of boat and age of the skipper. Mr. White suggested adding an arbitrary penalty to the PHRF of the "foxes". It was noted that some boats that sail in our Cruising Class, also sail in the ECYRA Offshore Circuit.

Commodore Robinson asked Mr. Wadlow to come up with a list boats in our Cruising Class that also sail in the ECYRA-OSC. He asked Mr. Roberts and Mr. Rabe to come up with figures showing how the "foxes" are effecting Cruising Class and Mr. Ames to work up a list of criteria on how a person should earn his way into the class. These reports should be ready for the January meeting.

There being no further business, it was VOTED to adjourn at 1331.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard W. Woolworth
Secretary



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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

October 21, 1978

New Members - 5

June 29, 1978 - Joseph R. Fontanella
Richard A. Joslyn, Jr.
Helmut Spitzenberger

August 14, 1978 - Bruce Biddle

September 29, 1978 - Harold E. Rhame, Jr.

Ready for Posting - 0

With Committee - 0

Tentative Member Count - 630

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEES REPORT - FALL 1978

At the Spring weekend of June 9-10 at Shelter Island we had the help of the crews from Impulse, Big Bird, and Willet and the total expense of the party was \$1956.60. Due to the warm weather we were short of rum and we possibly could reduce the number of portable heads from four to three for a savings of \$53.50.

At the Fall weekend at Block Island we had the help of the crews from Lady Bug and Willet and the total expense of the party was \$1850.68. We did run short of pretzels and our original bill from the Narragansett Inn included expenses for freight and taxes which were later eliminated. It may be advisable to check "retail" prices on Block Island, although liquor is not "fair traded" in Rhode Island like Connecticut.

In summation the total expense was \$3807.28 compared with \$3352.97 in 1977. Practically all the increase in expense occurred at Block Island, although it was necessary to extend the length of the party due to the larger number of protests being heard following the race on Friday.

Your suggestions for improvement are welcome.

Dick Washburn
Jack Washburn

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21 October 1978

Prizes & Awards Committee Report

Commodore Robinson,
Members of the Board of Governors,
of the Off Soundings Club:

All prizes for the Spring and Fall Series in 1978 were solid brass as a change from the past year's polished pewter. The items included Wine Coolers, Revere Bowls, Trays, Plates, Planters, Vases and Hand Bells. All prizes were engraved, and a letter enclosed with each offered the winners free engraving of their yacht names by Mystic Seaport Stores, Courtesy of the Off Soundings Club.

All prizes were purchased at Seaport Stores at a special Off Soundings 20% discount.

The cost of the 36 Trophies for the nine classes in the Spring including basic engraving was \$838.93 and cost for the same number, but different items, in the Fall was \$879.11 - making a total for both series of \$1,718.04. This compares with total costs of \$1,544.93 last year and reflects a slight increase in engraving charges. The bills have been O.K'd and sent to the Treasurer for payment. We will receive small additional bills as normal for yacht name engraving as it is done.

The 72 Trophies went to 66 different winners; 61 members and 5 guest skippers. All skippers have received their trophies, but a later judgement and a disqualification on a measurement variation in class C-4 for the Spring Series required that those trophies be returned - brass name plates with the correct yacht name be affixed and they be re-distributed to the proper winners. This procedure is under way.

A flash light and an umbrella were provided for the race announcements and considered helpful.

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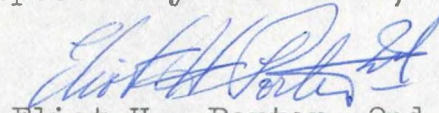
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Perpetual Trophies will be returned and re-engraved this winter and Keeper Plaques provided for the first three places in each class.

Attached is a list of the 1978 Spring and Fall Series winners, and a list of the items and retail prices of the trophies without engraving charges.

Constructive comments or suggestions for future race trophies are always appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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Itemized List of 1978 Off Soundings Race Series Prizes,
and individual retail prices at Mystic Seaport
Stores (before cost of engraving). All items
in Solid Brass:

SPRING SERIES: (All Classes)

FIRST	Fluted Wine Cooler	\$45.00
SECOND	Revere Bowl	24.00
THIRD	Bread Tray	15.50
FOURTH	Small Plate	4.95

FALL SERIES: (All Classes)

FIRST	Large Planter	\$37.00
SECOND	Vase	31.00
THIRD	Plate	14.00
FOURTH	Hand Bell	8.50

All items were purchased at 20% discount,
from these prices.

WINNERS - OFF SOUNDINGS, 1978

SPRING SERIES

CLASS A-1:

1st	Vamoose	Donald Wilson
2nd	Limbo	Emmett Holt
3rd	Katrinka	Frank Winder
4th	Passport	R.E. Thorne

CLASS C-2:

1st	Firebrand	Dennis Posey
2nd	Spirit	Norm Peck
3rd	Leprechaun	Paul LeBeau
4th	Osprey	George Martin

CLASS A-2:

1st	Dolphin	John Lockwood
2nd	Tumbler	K.B. Tate
3rd	Volunteer	Don Robinson
4th	Katrina	Nick Newman

CLASS C-3:

1st	Mystique	Chris Noyes
2nd	Magic Dragon	Fred Prella
3rd	Celebration	John Baird
4th	Kachina	Burt Tremaine

CLASS B-1:

1st	Chantyman	Ed Raymond
2nd	Minandet	John Lovell
3rd	Mar-Lee-Go	Dan Miller
4th	Mandalay	John Saxe

CLASS C-4:

1st	Pamalu	John Pequignot
2nd	Sagacious	R.B. Geary
3rd	Incisive	Ron Noe
4th	Gray Beggar	W.H. Burden

CLASS B-2:

1st	Maraina II	W.D. Webster
2nd	Bugler's Holiday	Ed Birch
3rd	Black Dolphin	W.D. Strang
4th	Maybe	Robert Langer

CRUISING:

1st	Avante IV	Frank Carfaro
2nd	Cyane	Joe Buza
3rd	Wetquest	Ed Wetmore
4th	Windquest	Justin Wasley

CLASS C-1:

1st	Snow White	Bill White
2nd	Schemer	Dennis Walker
3rd	Scamper	J.K. Baker
4th	Peregrine	Norm Gahm

WINNERS - OFF SOUNDINGS, 1978

FALL SERIES

CLASS A-1:

1st	Volta	A.B. VanLiew
2nd	Scorpion	Jack Sutphen
3rd	Borne Free	Joseph H. Rhodes, Jr.
4th	Passport	R.E. Thorne

CLASS C-2:

1st	Elena	Link Mossop
2nd	Osprey	Geo. Martin
3rd	XXX	Rodney Johnstone
4th	Seaduced Too	Bert Anderson

CLASS A-2:

1st	Katrina	J.Nicholas Newman
2nd	Xaipe	Thomas S. Wadlow
3rd	Arabesque	Jonathan L. Lathrop
4th	Blue Flowers	Samuel Hird

CLASS C-3:

1st	Ack-Va-Vit	Bert Olsson
2nd	Lobo	Peter Wolfskehl
3rd	Pieces of Eight	Bill Canning
4th	Panache	James Sweet

CLASS B-1:

1st	Mar-Lee-Go	Dan Miller
2nd	Sunshine	A. Bryson Dawson
3rd	Onrust	Lucian E. Baldwin
4th	Dundee	Neil H. O'Connell

CLASS C-4:

1st	Willet	J.M. & R.B. Washburn
2nd	Windshift	Schuyler Jenks
3rd	Strange	Ron Sternick
4th	Damn Yankee	Robert Jacobs

CLASS B-2:

1st	Allegro	Ed Purcell
2nd	Maybe	R.H. Langer
3rd	Lightfoot	James Tretter
4th	Nimbus	Kent Moore

CRUISING:

1st	Windquest	A. Justin Wasley
2nd	Chivaree	John Parsons
3rd	Avocet	Richard McCally
4th	Apparition	Spencer Gowsie

CLASS C-1:

1st	Sugah	Gaddis Smith
2nd	Not by Bread Alone	William Donovan
3rd	Starlight	Art Bulger
4th	Scaramouche	Merle Hallett