

MINUTES  
of the  
ANNUAL MEETING  
of the  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB  
April 3, 1976

The Annual Meeting of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Aloha Meeting House at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1800 on April 3, 1976. A quorum was present and a list of their names are attached to these minutes.

Commodore White called the meeting to order at 1800.

On a motion, made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, April 5, 1975, as circulated.

The Secretary read the roll of members who had passed away since the last Annual Meeting:

A. E. Fraser	Critchell Rimington
Walter J. Graham	Paul K. Rodgers, Jr.
H. Irving Pratt	Richard B. Shimmer
James H. Rich	Osmond W. Snow

The membership stood for a moment of silence in memory of their departed ship mates.

The Treasurer, Mr. Strang, reported that thanks to the increase of dues and other fees, the treasury is in excellent condition. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Historian, Mr. Converse, stated that tomorrow's history begins today and we will see yesterday's history tonight. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Measurer, Mr. Roberts, reported that last year we reduced everybody's rating, but this year we are going to increase the ratings of these bad guys. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Russell, reported that arrangements are all set to go back to Block Island this year and we will probably have an around the island race one day. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Clerk, Mr. Brown, reported that we were in good shape in Massachusetts. His report was VOTED accepted.

Chairman of the Race Committee, Mr. Harrison, reported that we would be racing again this spring and fall. His report was VOTED accepted.

Mr. Butler reported that the Membership Committee remains ever mindful of its duty. His report was VOTED accepted.

Classification Committee Chairman, Mr. Bailey, reported that all boats were classified last year and will be again this year. He said that changes in the rule will make classification more equitable. His report was VOTED accepted.

Mr. Staub reported that the Entertainment Committee had made the arrangements in Block Island for the spring and fall. His report was VOTED accepted.

Mr. Raymond reported that all protests were heard and settled with no appeals. His report was VOTED accepted.

Public Relations Chairman, Mr. Van Dyke, was not present but Commodore White reported that there would be relations this year.

Prize and Awards Chairman, Rear Commodore Davis, reported that prizes will be awarded. His report was VOTED accepted.

Measurement Rule Committee Chairman, Mr. Raymond, stated that we all got it in the mail. His report was VOTED accepted.

Commodore White announced that he would give his report at dinner tonight.

Past Commodore Owen, reporting for the Nominating Committee which consisted of himself as Chairman, E. Carlton Granbery, Jr. and Stephen C. Harris, places the following in nomination for Officers:

Commodore  
Vice Commodore  
Rear Commodore  
Clerk  
Secretary  
Race Secretary  
Treasurer  
Measurer  
Historian

William B. White  
Donald P. Robinson  
Donald C. Davis  
Phelps Brown  
Richard W. Woolworth  
Thomas M. Russell, III  
Walter D. Strang  
Richard H. Roberts  
H. Peter Converse

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Placed in nomination for Governor were:

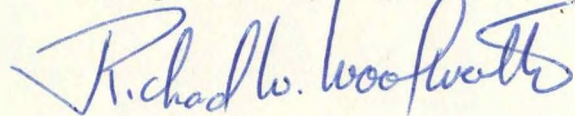
William L. Ames  
Phelps Brown  
Dudley W. Butler  
Donald C. Davis  
John E. English  
Herbert W. Owen  
Edgar L. Raymond

Richard H. Roberts  
Donald P. Robinson  
Thomas M. Russell, III  
Walter D. Strang  
William B. White  
Richard W. Woolworth

On a motion, made and seconded, it was VOTED that the nominations cease and the Secretary cast one ballot for the above slate. The Secretary cast one ballot as directed. The report of the Nominating Committee is attached to these minutes.

There being no further business, it was VOTED to adjourn at 1808.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Woolworth  
Secretary

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Report of the Nominating Committee:

Commodore White:

The Nominating Committee consisting of E. Carleton Granbery, Jr., Stephen C. Harris and Herbert W. Owen, Chairman, propose the following slate of officers and governors to serve for the ensuing year:

Commodore	William B. White
Vice Commodore	Donald P. Robinson
Rear Commodore	Donald C. Davis
Clerk	Phelps Brown
Secretary	Richard W. Woolworth
Race Secretary	Thomas M. Russell, III
Treasurer	Walter D. Strang
Measurer	Richard H. Roberts
Historian	H. Peter Converse

For the Board of Governors, with the exception of Historian, H. Peter Converse:

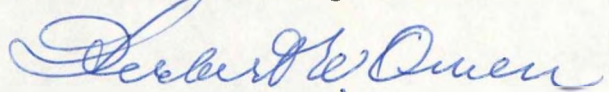
The officers above listed and:

William L. Ames	Edgar L. Raymond
John E. English	Dudley W. Butler
Herbert W. Owen	

Each gentleman has confirmed his willingness to serve.

No other names were submitted to the Commodore within the prescribed time limit.

Respectfully submitted,  
for the Nominating Committee



Herbert W. Owen



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## ATTENDANCE

at the

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W. L. Ames  
Nick Staub  
Rick Harrison  
Walt Strang  
Phelps Brown  
Don Davis  
Herb Owen  
C. Melvin Haines  
Peter H, Comstock  
Jim Rice  
J. E. English  
B. B. Edmands  
D. H. Kaplan  
D. P. Robinson  
W. B. White

Ed Raymond  
T. M. Russell, III  
R. H. Roberts  
D. Z. Bailey  
D. Butler  
A. D. Mac Dougall  
J. E. Buza  
H. Peter Converse  
E. E. Dickinson, III  
H. A. Bergendahl  
E. M. Reardon  
F. W. Cole, Jr.  
Ben duPont  
Edward W. Wetmore  
R. W. Woolworth

MINUTES

of the

BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 3, 1976

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Munson Room at the G. W. Blunt White Library at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1600 on April 3, 1976. Commodore White presided. Other Governors present were:

William L. Ames	Edgar L. Raymond
Phelps Brown	Richard H. Roberts
Peter H. Comstock	Donald P. Robinson
Donald C. Davis	Thomas M. Russell, III
John E. English	Walter D. Strang
Herbert W. Owen	Richard W. Woolworth

Present by invitation were:

David Z. Bailey	Varick D. Harrison
Dudley W. Butler	A. Duncan Mac Dougall
H. Peter Converse	Nicholas Staub, II

The meeting was called to order by Commodore White at 1603.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Governors on January 9, 1976, were VOTED approved as circulated.

The Secretary read the names of the following members who had died since the last meeting:

H. Irving Pratt  
Critchell Rimington  
Richard B. Shimmer

The Board stood for a moment of silence in memory of their departed shipmates.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Everett H. Dunn	E. Bradford Ripley
Deane K. Fox, Sr.	Harcourt F. Schutz
Howard H. Mills	Charles H. Vilas

A letter from Arthur H. Meyers was read requesting reinstatement to membership. After it was pointed out that he had been dropped from membership twice for non-payment of dues, the last time being fourteen years ago, the Board VOTED not to reinstate him but to require that he go through the normal new member procedure if he wants to regain his membership.

The Treasurer, Mr. Strang, presented his year end written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He felt that the increase in dues and other fees have put us in a much better financial position. There was a discussion on the merits of bulk mailing and it was decided to stay with first class mail.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Russell, requested clarification of the rule that a guest must be a member of a yacht club. It was moved and VOTED that any person, wishing to receive a guest invitation to our Off Soundings races, must be an elected member of a yacht club recognized by the Off Soundings Club Board of Governors.

The "Guest List", a copy of which is attached to these minutes, was VOTED accepted with the exception of M. Walbridge Bailey, who does not qualify under the "Member of a Yacht Club" rule.

It was moved and VOTED to extend invitations to Burmuda Race participants and the Coast Guard Academy.

It was moved and VOTED to spend \$45 to buy a page in ECYRA's race book.

After a lengthy discussion, it was VOTED to establish a fourth "C" class with an appropriate permanent trophy.

The Historian, Mr. Converse, stated that his report would take about forty five minutes after dinner tonight.

The Clerk, Mr. Brown, reported that we are legal in Massachuettts.

The following rules were VOTED approved for the Cruising Class:

1. Spinnakers may not be used (including mizzen spinnakers).
2. Spinnaker poles may be used as wisker poles.
3. Only one sail at a time, other than fore staysails on standard double headsail rigs, may be tacked forward of the main mast (fore mast on schooners). This does not prohibit a transient condition (i.e., during a sail change evolution).
4. Use of other sails, such as mules, mizzen staysails, is permitted.

At Mr. Robert's request, the fee that a measurer can charge for doing an OSC measurement was increased to \$30.

All previous Officer reports were VOTED accepted.

Membership Committee Chairman, Mr. Butler, reported that we have 5 new members since the last meeting, 13 are waiting posting, 2 are in the hands of the committee and 5 are pending. The present membership count is 606.

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Classification Committee Chairman, Mr. Bailey, stated that they would go along with the same parameters. The change in the rule will help.

The Chairman of the Race Committee, Mr. Harrison, said that they will make it if "Noreaster" goes as fast as she has in the past.

Mr. Raymond said that the Protest Committee had no report at this time.

Mr. Staub reported that the Entertainment Committee is ready. It was suggested that some signal, such as raising the burgee on a flagpole, be used to let the fleet know that the cocktail party is about to start.

Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Mac Dougall, reported that everything is all set.

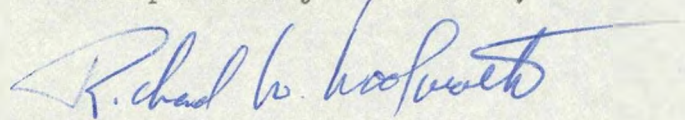
Rear Commodore Davis reported that all permanent trophies are here and ready to be awarded tonight.

Public Relations Chairman, Mr. Van Dyke, was not present, but his written report is attached to these minutes.

All the above Committee Chairmen's reports were VOTED accepted.

There being no further business, it was VOTED to adjourn at 1735.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Woolworth  
Secretary