

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
Board of Governors Meeting
April 5, 2008

Rear Commodore's Report

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

The perpetual trophies have been retrieved and engraved with the 2007 winners, and the keeper plaques have been ordered and received.

75TH ANNIVERSARY RENDEZVOUS
July 11 – 13, 2008

Frank Bohlen's assistance in negotiating with the seaport management on arrangements for this event and the anniversary video has been invaluable. He and I have met with them twice and he has followed up on his own and with other OSC officers several times.

OSC 75th Anniversary Dockage Reservation Procedure

The \$250 reservation deposit has been paid. This is refundable if the event actually occurs. The North Dock is completely reserved for us until June 10.

Frank Bohlen and I met with Seaport waterfront management. The idea of our taking over the reservation process in return for extending the time of reservation availability was discussed and determined not to be to our advantage. Individuals must make their own reservations directly with the Seaport Dockmaster by June 10 stating that they are with the Off Soundings Rendezvous and paying a \$100 reservation deposit, refundable to them with 24 hours notice.

There is no guarantee of dock reservations beyond the North Dock. The Seaport will be taking reservations from the public for the rest of the space. Early reservations are essential to come by boat.

After June 10 any free space at the North Dock will be released to the public unless the club wishes to buy it. We would have to initiate that; they will not warn us.

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I have received one follow up e-mail on this which I responded to. I have not heard from them again and will try again this next week. On the whole they seem ready to support it.

I suggest that these be run in 2 or 3 heats of 10 to 15 boats depending on participation, plus a final of the top 5 from each heat.

Small trophies would be awarded to top 3 skippers from each heat and overall.

Entry fee would be \$15 per person, so a budget of about \$600 if fully subscribed.

Dinner Contract Deposits and Payments

Use of Boat Shed: \$1000, maximum capacity about 250.

Bartender Fee: \$75, cash bar

Payment Schedule:

Paid - \$500 deposit

5/12/08 – 50% of estimated total.

6/27/08 – 100% of estimated total. This will be the minimum charge.

Additions to the count will be possible until 7/9/08.

Deposits Paid:

Dockage - \$250

Dinner - \$500

Cost to bail out now: \$750; if we hang in \$250 will be returned.

How do we communicate the urgency of early commitment to the membership?

At this point we have 50 'yesses' for dinner, mostly from the Mystic area.

Summary of Meal Choices and Costs

Cookouts:

BBQ Chicken: 1/2 BBQ Chicken	21.50	23.00	4.60	1.29	3.50	\$32.39	
Shoreside BBQ: BBQ Ribs, Chicken, Hotdogs, Hamburgers	27.00	29.00	5.80	1.62	3.58	\$40.00	<u>\$40.00</u>
Surf 'n' Turf: Grilled Shrimp Skewers, Ribeye Steak	36.00	38.00	7.60	2.16	3.50	\$51.26	
Mixed Grill: Swordfish, Petite Filet Mignon, Chicken Breast	38.00	40.00	8.00	2.28	3.50	\$53.78	

Clambakes:

Traditional NE Clambake: Steamers and Mussels, Grilled Sausage, BBQ Chicken	36.00	38.00	7.60	2.16	3.50	\$51.26	
Lobster In The Rough: 1/4 lb. Lobster, Grilled Sausage, BBQ Chicken	49.00	52.00	10.40	2.94	3.50	\$68.84	

All of the above are served buffet style with: clam chowder corn on the cob, potatoes, garden salad, cole slaw, bread/rolls, watermelon, iced tea and lemonade.

At 100 meals club subsidy is \$717, including bartender

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO MEMBERSHIP BY-LAWS

The following is submitted to the membership of the Off Sounding Club for their review prior to voting on its implementation at the April 5, 2008 Annual Meeting.

Traditionally the OSC membership process has been somewhat secretive in that members of the Membership Committee other than the Chairman have been anonymous and have not acted openly in administering the membership process or in member communications.

These by-law changes will:

- Expand the Membership Committee from four to five members, including the Chairman, each of whom will be responsible for assisting in the membership and guest invitation processes and provide an ongoing presence for communication in a specified geographic area.
- Make the Chairman a voting member of the committee.
- Make the committee's identities and functions publicly known and establish the committee members as local membership contacts.
- Make additional supporting letters optional.
- Change the approved membership process to include the 30 day membership review and comment period prior to a candidate's election to membership by the Membership Committee, which is now being done by tradition.

Articles VIII and IX will be changed to read as follows:

Article VIII Standing Committees, Section 2:

The Membership Committee shall consist of up to five voting members, the Chairman, and four area representative members who will be responsible for facilitating and expediting membership issues and communication in their geographic areas, including promotion, expediting guest invitations and assisting in the assembling and processing of membership proposal packages. The committee area members will be appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the Commodore.

The areas are: Eastern Long Island Sound (Watch Hill, RI to Madison, CT), Western Long Island Sound (Guilford, CT and west and NY State other than Eastern LI), Eastern Long Island (ELIYA), Rhode Island (RI east of Watch Hill), All Other Areas (Responsibility of the Chairman)

Article IX Membership, Section 2:

Membership in this club shall be open to those who enjoy and support the sport of sailing. Each candidate for active membership must be proposed in writing by one member and seconded by two members. Supporting letters from other club members are encouraged. Proposal packages can be obtained from the Membership Committee by any member in good standing. The enclosed membership application form must be completed with full name, age, occupation, and home and business addresses, signed by the candidate, returned to the proposer. The membership application, proposal, seconding and any supporting letters must be assembled into a completed package by the proposer and sent to the Membership Chairman.

Copies of completed packages will be sent immediately to committee members for review. They may by unanimous vote recommend candidates to the membership for a 30 day period of review and comment. Recommended candidates shall be published in the next mailing to the full membership. Comments should be directed to the Membership Chairman only. When the review period expires the Membership Committee shall consider any comments received from members and by unanimous vote elect to membership any candidates that they deem desirable. No rejected candidate shall be eligible to reapply for membership within twelve months after rejection.

The Chairman shall hand the committee's decisions to the Commodore, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Race Secretary and notify the new member and his proposer with as little delay as possible. Except for the final action thereon all proceedings of the Membership Committee upon any proposal for membership, and all communications to them in reference thereto, shall remain confidential.