

A. A. Young

OUTGOING

TELEGRAM

ELECTRIC BOAT DIVISION
GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION
GROTON, CONN.

MARCH 19, 1956

CORP OF ENGINEERS
U. S. ARMY
OFFICE OF DIVISION ENGINEER
857 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

REFERENCE YOUR LETTER 28 FEBRUARY. OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB FLEET,
REPRESENTATIVE OF TYPICAL SMALL CRUISING BOATS, TOTALS 203
OF WHICH 162 WOULD NOT CLEAR PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER MOOSABEC
REACH. RESPECTFULLY URGE 85' HEIGHT WHICH WOULD CLEAR OUR
FLEET WITH ONE EXCEPTION.

J. W. JONES, JR.
SECRETARY
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

Board of Governors Meeting

Hotel Sheraton-Kimball, Springfield, Massachusetts, March 16, 1956

Meeting called to order by the Commodore at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Commodore Roderick Stephens, Jr., Vice Commodore John R. Fales, Messrs. Robert L. Hall, J. Franklin Norcross, Paul K. Rogers, Jr., Melvin D. Southworth, G. W. Blunt White, A. A. Young, Jr.

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Chairman of the Membership Committee reported as follows:

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8 resignations
3 members deceased
4 members dropped
3 of the above reinstated
Members as of March 16, 1956 - 340.

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Mr. Henry Ferguson
Mr. Henry L. Adams

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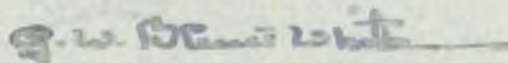
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- (c) actual length of spinnaker pole

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary pro tem

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Membership Committee Report as of March 16, 1956

Members as of April 1, 1955

*As of date
yearbook is
printed,
(327)
Included
W. J. Schenck
& W. Lundgren*

New Members

✓ W. Lawrence Schenck	✓ Kenneth W. McKenzie	
✓ Hartzell Spence	✓ John R. Sibley	
✓ Gifford D. Warner	✓ Paul C. Nicholson	
✓ David J. Meehan	✓ Harris B. Parsons	
✓ John A. Dickerson	✓ Nicholas J. Baker	
✓ Joseph P. Morgan	✓ Dr. Paul Twaddle	
✓ Harold C. Dahl	✓ H. Mynart Ladd	
✓ C. Porter Schutt	✓ Frederick C. Norman	
✓ H. D. Palmer	✓ Robert MacL. Love	
✓ G. G. Wyland	✓ John McPherson	
✓ Paul J. Grimes	✓ Arthur M. Cottrell	
✓ John E. Dodge	✓ Arthur W. Smith	
✓ Stanley J. Sumner	✓ Jackson P. Sumner	
✓ Frank T. Crawford	✓ Raymond G. Camp	
✓ Bruce D. Sweet	✓ Charles B. Crockett	30
	<i>RANDALL F. BRAHE (11-17-55)</i>	352

*Included
Avery & Wagon
(32)
356*

Resigned

✓ Louis W. Young	✓ Philip Wick	
✓ William G. Burt, Jr.	✓ George Lyon	
✓ Chester T. Reed	✓ Flint Brayton	
✓ Byron Hatfield	Albert T. Avery	8
	<i>(According to minutes of Jan. meeting, A.T. AVERY was listed as dropped from membership.)</i>	344

*(10)
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3 just
accepted
did not
include
A.T. AVERY.*

Deceased

✓ Herbert L. Stone		
✓ Stuart Squier II		
✓ O. P. Robinson, Jr.		3
<i>W. LUNDGREN</i>		341

(4)

Dropped

Gordon Raymond	Arthur H. Meyers	
Thomas L. Miller	✓ Edward P. Foster	4
	✓ A.T. AVERY	337

*(2)
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not included
& reinstated*

Reinstated

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Members as of March 16, 1956 340

(340)

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Blunt White
G. W. Blunt White, Chairman Membership Com

AGENDA FOR MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS
HOTEL SHERATON-KIMBALL - SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
5:00 PM - MARCH 16, 1956

1. Roll Call

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Commodore Roderick Stephens, Jr.	✓	_____
Vice Commodore John R. Fales	✓	_____
Rear Commodore Henry B. duPont	_____	✓
Robert L. Hall	✓	_____
J. Wm. Jones, Jr.	_____	✓
J. Franklin Norcross	✓	_____
Paul K. Rogers, Jr.	✓	_____
Melvin D. Southworth	✓	_____
G. W. Blunt White	✓	_____
A. A. Young, Jr.	✓	_____

2. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3. Report of Officers

(a) Secretary's Report of Membership

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10 - Resignations (7 already accepted--3 to be acted on)

2 - Members Dropped

~~339~~
340 - TOTAL MEMBERS

(b) The three letters of resignation to be acted upon are:

accepted
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Mr. Henry Ferguson
Mr. Henry L. Adams

(c) The following members have deceased since our last annual meeting:

Mr. William E. Lundgren
Mr. Stuart C. Squier, II
Mr. Herbert L. Stone
Mr. O. Pomeroy Robinson, Jr.

4. Report of Committees

5. Unfinished Business

(a) Consideration of exempting the upper limit in all classes with regard to visiting foreign boats as presumably including boats from the west coast -- Commodore Stephens.

- (b) Replacement for Byron Durfee as Chairman of the Race Committee -- Messrs. Hall and Southworth.
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- (h) The question of changing the days of the Spring and Fall Races in order to eliminate having to be away from work on Friday to participate -- letter from Reynolds duPont dated February 23, 1956.

Classification Committee?

No

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6. Election of Officers:

Commodore:

Vice Commodore:

Rear Commodore:

Treasurer:

Clerk:

Secretary:

Race Secretary:

Historian:

Measurer:

Board of Governors:

R. STEPHENS JR

J. R. FALES

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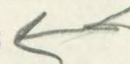
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OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

P. O. Box 242
Mystic, Connecticut
March 19, 1956

Mr. J. William Jones, Jr.
Secretary, Off Soundings Club
P. O. Box 326
Groton, Connecticut

Dear Bill:

As I pinch-hitted for you as Secretary at Board of Governors meeting held last Friday, I am enclosing copy of minutes of this meeting. I have the following comments to make in respect to your agenda.

My membership records do not reconcile with yours, and consequently I am sending you copy of mine, which you will find attached to your copy of minutes of this meeting. I believe these reconcile with Frank Norcross' records. If you have any reason to question them, please let me know and we can then easily get everything straightened away.

Bill Lundgren died the latter part of January 1955. Therefore, there were only 3 members deceased since our last annual meeting, and you will note that I reported accordingly.

As Secretary, I presume you will write Messrs. Butler, Ferguson, and Adams, that their resignations have been accepted with regret.

We had a very nice meeting and dinner, but missed you greatly.

Sincerely,

GBW

GBW:sm

c. c. Commodore Roderick Stephens, Jr.
Mr. J. Franklin Norcross
Mr. Frederick K. Daggett

Mr. William Jones, Jr.

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P. O. Box 242
Mystic, Connecticut
March 29, 1956

Mr. Reynolds du Pont
Randales
Greenville, Delaware

Dear Reynolds:

Due to a bit of inclement weather, which you may possibly have heard something about, certain members of our governing board were not at meeting held in Springfield last Friday. Therefore, I was appointed Secretary pro tem at this meeting, and was instructed to write you explaining action taken in respect to your request as covered by your letter of February 23rd to our Secretary, J. William Jones, Jr.

As a governing board, we feel that we should endeavor to conduct our races in whatever manner will prove most acceptable to our members and guests. Therefore, we make it a point to keep our ears open, and none of us can recall any particular complaints about our races last Fall. Admittedly, a bit of current was running, and there was entirely too little wind at the start of our second day's race, but I am sure you understand that conditions of this nature are somewhat beyond the control of either the Board of Governors or the Race Committee. I hope this will explain that one to your satisfaction.

Now to get on to your important request, which affects you personally, I can assure you that this was given ample consideration and thorough discussion. Since the inception of our races, they have been held on Friday and Saturday, with the thought in mind that so doing would permit at least the majority of the fleet returning to their home ports on Sunday. As indicated by the increasing number of yachts which participate in our races, it appears that the procedure adopted has proven so very popular that it does not seem to the governing board that it would be in any sense appropriate to make any change at this time. Therefore, the only suggestion I can make, with the hope of assisting you in your dilemma, is to recommend that you ask your boss to join you on one of our races, with the hopeful expectation that he would enjoy it as much as the rest of us do. He might then

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Mr. Reynolds du Pont

March 20, 1956

we'll understand why you find it expedient to remove yourself from your executive duties for two Friday's a year.

We really do hate to turn you down, but I am sure you will understand that we have numerous other customers that we have to try to please.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

GWSW:sm

c. e. Board of Governors

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J. Franklin Norcross	_____	_____
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Historian: _____

Measurer: _____

Board of Governors: _____

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD AT
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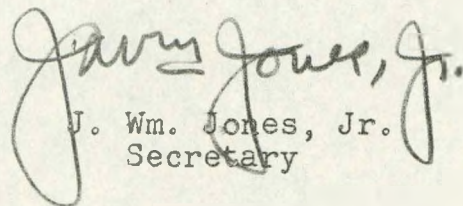
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Respectfully submitted,


J. Wm. Jones, Jr.
Secretary

(Mr. G. W. Blunt White, Secretary Pro Tem)

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

Membership Committee Report as of March 16, 1956

Members as of April 1, 1955

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New Members

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Chester T. Reed
Byron Hatfield

Philip Wick
George Lyon
Flint Brayton
Albert T. Avery

8
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Deceased

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Members as of March 16, 1956

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ G.W.Blunt White

G. W. Blunt White, Chairman
Membership Committee

MINUTES OF ANNUAL CLUB MEETING HELD AT
THE SHERATON-KIMBALL - SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MARCH 16, 1956

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as written.

The Commodore reviewed the past seasons activities briefly and reported on the action of the Board of Governors, such as:

- (a) Club's objection to proposed bridge over Moosabec Reach
- (b) Any bonifida Bermuda entry will be accepted in this Spring Race
- (c) To limit the size of spinnakers by penalizing boats with over-size ones

RESOLVED, that the measurement rule be printed in the Yearbook.

RESOLVED, that the perpetual trophies, with winners, be listed in the Yearbook and a brief description of the facts pertaining to their donation to the Club be included also.

RESOLVED, that the action taken by the Commodore and Board of Governors during the past year be ratified.

RESOLVED, that the following slate of officers and Board of Governors as presented by G. W. Blunt White, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, be elected:

Officers

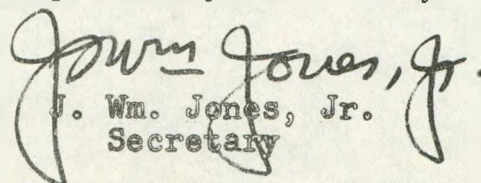
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Measurer	Leo A. Geyer

Board of Governors

Frederick K. Daggett	Paul K. Rogers, Jr.
Henry B. du Pont	Melvin D. Southworth
John R. Fales	Roderick Stephens, Jr.
Robert L. Hall	G. W. Blunt White
J. Wm. Jones, Jr.	Alfred A. Young, Jr.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


J. Wm. Jones, Jr.
Secretary

(Mr. Alfred A. Young, Jr.)
(Secretary Pro Tem)

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
OF THE OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Robert L. Hall, Melvin D. Southworth, and G. W. Blunt White, Chairman, submit the following slate of officers for the forthcoming year:

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Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Blunt White

G. W. Blunt White, Chairman

March 16, 1956