

MINUTES

of the

BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

January 9, 1976

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Morgan Suite of the Seamen's Inne at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1200 on January 9, 1976. Commodore White presided. Other Governors present were:

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

Present by invitation were:

David Z. Bailey	A. Duncan Mac Dougall
Dudley W. Butler	Nicholas Staub, II
H. Peter Converse	Paul C. Van Dyke

The meeting was called to order by Commodore White at 1226.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Governors on October 25, 1975, were VOTED approved as circulated.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

George M. Isdale  
David S. Seaman, Jr.

The Board stood for a moment of silence in memory of Osmond W. Snow who died on December 28, 1975.

The Treasurer, Mr. Strang, presented his interim report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He noted that our balance is about \$2600 better now than it was a year ago at this time and he anticipated no need to increase dues for the next four or five years.

It was moved and VOTED to make a \$1200 donation to Mystic Seaport and a \$50 donation to the Block Island Rescue Squad.

The Treasurer's report was VOTED accepted.

The Historian, Mr. Converse, reported that he is close to having the film ready for the Annual Meeting.

The Measurer, Mr. Roberts, presented a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He noted that the Measurer's office is always busy.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Russell, presented the following dates for this years events that were VOTED approved.

Guest cut-off	March 26
Annual Meeting	April 3
First Notice - Spring	April 16
Closing Date	May 20
Final Notice	June 4
Race Dates	June 11-12
Results & First Notice - Fall	July 15
Closing Date	August 19
Final Notice	September 10
Race Dates	September 17-18
Results	October 15
Dyer Dhow Derby	October 16

He reported that the wheels are in motion for going to Gardner's Bay this spring. We will spend both Friday and Saturday nights at Shelter Island.

The Clerk, Mr. Brown, had no report at this time.

Mr. Harrison, Chairman of the Race Committee was absent, but Mr. Russell reported that the committee was in good shape and ready to run the races this year. He expressed Mr. Harrison's concern that someday "Nor'easter" might not be available as committee boat. Mr. Harrison was instructed to look into the possibility of having a back-up committee boat.

It was moved and VOTED that we go to Block Island this fall.

The Membership Chairman, Mr. Butler, Submitted a report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He said that membership now stood at 610.

It was moved and VOTED that membership applications and supporting letters be destroyed three years after a person has been elected to membership.

The Board of Governors thanked Mr. Comstock for the superb job that he did over the past 23 years as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Classification Committee Chairman, Mr. Bailey, stated that he had heard no beefs, but would continue to stay on top of the situation.



At Mr. Raymond's suggestion, the following changes to the rule were VOTED :

1. Account separately for the effects of beam on drag and on stability. The Beam Correction term would continue to be a drag correction factor, possibly modified. A new term would account for the stability effect of extreme maximum beam. It may be necessary to utilize waterline beam, BWL, in this accounting. If so, upon authorization, owners will at once be requested to obtain and send to the Measurer data from which BWL can be determined.
2. Modify the propeller allowances now given to solid two-bladed and three-bladed propellers to reduce the credit given to small diameter propellers and/or to propellers with narrow blades:

$$PA = 1 - (C \frac{PS}{L})(1 - PA_n)$$

$PA_n$  = Normal PA = .96 for 2-Bl and .94 for 3-Bl.

PS = Propeller Size (IOR) = propeller diameter, but not greater than 4 times maximum blade width.

C = Constant to be chosen so that  $(C \frac{PS}{L}) = 1$  for most "normal" propellers.

Owners will be requested to obtain and send to the Measurer PS and/or Propeller diameter and blade width information.

3. Delete the requirement that certain rudders be included in the determination of waterline length; i.e., do not include movable appendages. Difficulties of uniform interpretation and enforcement, plus the suspicion that such a rudder does not add to the speed of a yacht, have lead the Measurer to make this proposal.
4. Introduce an Underbody Form Factor in the rating formula. Specific values to be determined with analysis of race results -- but they may be similar to:

<u>Keel</u>	<u>Rudder</u>	<u>UFF</u>
Bilgeboards	Separated	1.00
Daggerboard	Separated	1.00
Fin	Separated	1.00
Centerboard	Separated	0.97
Centerboard	Attached	0.94
Conventional	Attached	0.92

5. Modify the formula for yawls to increase the rating slightly. In 1974, the addition of a mizzen mast and boom ment an increase in rating of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ %. In 1975, adding a mizzen mast and boom decreases a sloop's rating by 1 to 2%. This loophole for yawls will be closed by minor adjustment of the rig allowance expression.

Commodore White congratulated Mr. Raymond for the great work he has done with our rule.



Our Measurer, Mr. Roberts, advised that he is not requiring a measurer to certify USYRU Category #4 as many boats measured under our rule do not race in our races. As to the expiration of our measurement certificates, he noted that in the past, he has allowed measurers to take information from an IOR certificate. Now that IOR has allowed their certificates to be renewed without remeasurement, he will allow this information to be taken from those certificates only once.

It was moved and VOTED to set our membership dues at \$15 for this year.

Rear Commodore Davis, reporting for the Lifeline Committee, moved the following alteration to USYRU Category #4 rules for our races. The proposal was VOTED approved by the Board.

(6.6)

Yachts of 35 feet LOA and above shall have bow pulpits and 24 inch double lifelines in accordance with paragraph 6.61.

Yachts less than 35 feet LOA shall have bow pulpits and at least 18 inch single lifelines in accordance with paragraph 6.62.

Yachts whose shrouds are so placed that they must sheet genoas outside the lifelines when closehauled, may drop forward lifelines to a lower attachment point.

Note that stern pulpits are not required by Category #4, provided that lifelines of the required height are carried aft to at least the mid point of the cockpit.

It was decided to mail a news letter to the membership informing them of the actions taken by the Board of Governors at this meeting.

Entertainment Committee Chairmen, Mr. Staub, reported that arrangements have been made at Burr's Dock for the spring rendezvous.

The Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Mac Dougall, said that he will check out the facilities at Shelter Island.

Mr. Van Dyke had no formal Public Relations Committee report at this time.

Rear Commodore Davis, speaking for the Prize and Awards Committee, proposed and it was VOTED to award second and third place keeper prizes in addition to the first place presently awarded, for the perpetual trophies at the Annual Dinner.

After a short discussion, it was decided that Mr. Raymond will get the new Cruising Class perpetual trophy and provide a deed of gift for it.

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It was VOTED that the measurement certificate must be valid on the days when racing. This supersedes the motion made on June 6, 1958.

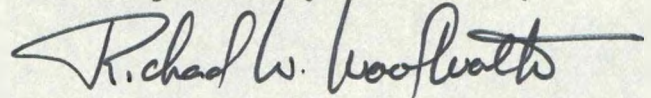
It was VOTED that when a boat changes ownership, the measurement certificate will remain valid until its normal expiration unless changes are made to the boat. This supersedes a motion made on September 17, 1959.

The following Nominating Committee were VOTED elected for 1976:

Herbert W. Owen, Chairman  
E. Carleton Granbury, Jr.  
Stephen C. Harris

It was VOTED to adjourn at 1427.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Woolworth  
Secretary