

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
January 21, 2000

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Captain Daniel Packer Inne on January 21, 2000. Commodore Bohlen presided, and other Governors present were:

J. Philip Smyth	H. Wes Maxwell
Richard H. Roberts	Norman E. Rabe
D. Richard Magovern, DMD	William Gunther
Allen N. Anderson	Charles D. Chorlton
Robert B. Geary	

Present by invitation were:

Carl D. Fast	William A. Loweth
Neal S. O'Connell	Warren F. Woodworth, M.D.
William L. Ames	

Absent were:

John F. Brooks	Edward C. Dieckerhoff
John H. Lockwood	Peter W. McFadden
Robert Edmands	Steven M. Purdy

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held October 23, 1999 were approved with the changes set forth below upon motion duly made, seconded and carried:

- (1) Treasurer Geary's report was approved upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.
- (2) Page 2, seventh item: In response to a comment from the Race Secretary, Measurer Norm Rabe pointed out that there is not a problem with awarding the Madrigal Trophy to classes C-4 and C-5, because of the way that the classes are scored.
- (3) Page 2, ninth item: Measurer Norm Rabe stated that he had forwarded his PHRF handicapping analyses for 1999 to ECSA.

Vice Commodore Maxwell reported that the Awards Dinner was on track.

Treasurer Geary distributed a proposed 2000 budget. He went over the budget and noted the areas that had gone down. He also pointed out the new line "other". The Commodore urged everyone to look at the portion of the budget that was their responsibility. A discussion ensued. It was observed that the budget was based on the same revenues as last year. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the budget was approved as presented.

Commodore Bohlen stated that the Rear Commodore was busy getting the Perpetual Trophies back. He also noted that the fall trophies would be reengraved.

The undersigned noted that Helmut Spitzenberger had resigned.

As a sign of respect, the Commodore asked for a moment of silence due to the deaths of Joe Walden and Dan Miller.

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Treasurer Geary stated that the annual financial report had been distributed. He noted that we had approximately a \$2,400 balance at the end of 1998 and that the balance had increased to approximately \$4,300 at the end of 1999. He also noted that the Clubhouse owes to us approximately \$1,200 over a two year period. A discussion ensued. Thereafter, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Club Historian Bill Ames reported that Ken Mahler will no longer be doing videos for the Club. He read a letter from Mahler. He stated that Ken had put together for the Annual Dinner a video of Off Soundings in the 1900's. He noted that we could not afford to have anyone else do the video because the cost would be about \$80,000. Ames recommended a donation to the Seaport of \$1,000 towards audio visual and \$250 to the library. The donations were approved upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Wes Maxwell asked if we could afford a movie every 3-5 years. Bill Gunther suggested donating equipment to a local college with the understanding that an intern would shoot a movie in the spring and fall. Bill Loweth suggested a member's child might be able to do the movie. Finally it was noted that former member Burt Anderson was very accomplished at this sort of video.

Race Secretary Roberts distributed proposed dates for 2001. A discussion ensued. A suggestion was made to have the January meeting on a Saturday. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the dates were approved as presented. Mr. Roberts asked if the undersigned could put 2 years of dates in the Yearbook.

Race Secretary Roberts stated that the new minimum equipment and accommodation standards had been sent to everyone and turned the discussion over to Mr. Geary.

Mr. Geary outlined the history of how we got to where we are on the Equipment and Accommodation Standards. He pointed out that there are some new sections but in large part most of these standards are similar to the 1994 standards.

A discussion ensued. Thereafter, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the standards were approved as presented except:

(1) If a yacht (like a Neith) is not in compliance with the lifeline standards, then at the Race Secretary's discretion the yacht may participate but everyone aboard must wear a PFD during the course of the Race (not necessarily Coast Guard approved).

(2) Boats 28' to 35' (LOA) which conformed to the standard before 1994 (at least 18 inch single lifelines and pulpits) are "Grandfathered".

It was noted that this motion should be preserved as a precedent.

Measurer Rabe highlighted some issues in conjunction with the new standards.

Race Committee Chairman Chorlton stated that we are close to having a backup computer system.

Block Island Liason Purdy was not present, but it was asked whether accommodations have been made for the Race Committee at Block Island.

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Fleet Surgeon Dr. Woodworth stressed the need for yachts to be self reliant and that we should support rescue equipment at Block Island and Shelter Island.

Commodore Bohlen commented to the Long Range Planning Committee that participation is always something to focus on. He said many ideas come forward and should be studied such as class racing, family participation trophies, 12 meters, classic yachts, etc.

William Gunther proposed that the Nominating Committee be comprised of himself, Andy Anderson and Robert Edmands. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, Messrs. Gunther, Anderson and Edmands were approved as the Nominating Committee.

Bill Loweth for Public Relations stated the need for a web site. Commodore Bohlen via overhead projector showed a proposed Home Page and other pages. He opened for discussion what should not be on the web site. Messrs. Bohlen and Loweth noted that the expense should be minimal at approximately \$12-\$20 per month. It was moved, seconded and approved to refine the proposed web site and present it in April.

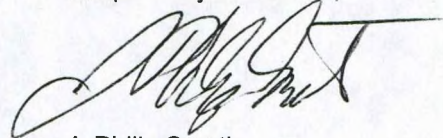
Commodore Bohlen noted that we would again be doing the membership luncheons and that a successful one had already been held in Hartford.

Neal O'Connell announced that we tied for first at the Dyer Dhow Derby.

Bill Loweth asked if guests approved for last fall could be extended automatically for the spring and fall series in 2000. A discussion ensued and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried it was decided to extend guest privileges for the spring and fall 2000 series to those people who were approved guests for the fall 1999 series.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 3:15 P.M. upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Philip Smyth
Secretary, OSC

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