

MINUTES

of the

BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

October 16, 1976

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Morgan Suite at the Seamen's Inne, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1000 on October 16, 1976. Commodore White Presided. Other Governors present were:

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| William L. Ames    | Donald P. Robinson     |
| Dudley W. Butler   | Thomas M. Russell, III |
| Donald C. Davis    | Walter D. Strang       |
| Herbert W. Owen    | Richard W. Woolworth   |
| Richard H. Roberts |                        |

Present by invitation were:

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| H. Peter Converse | Paul C. Van Dyke |
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The meeting was called to order by Commodore White at 1010.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Governors on April 3, 1976, were VOTED approved as circulated.

The Board stood for a moment of silence as the Secretary read the following list of members who had passed away since the last meeting:

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| Warren G. Dellenbaugh | Harry P. Mac Donald |
| Henry B. duPont, III  | Ray U. Plant        |
| Frank L. Hertel       |                     |

The Secretary reported the automatic resignation of Robert E. Drew because he bought a power boat.

The following were VOTED dropped from membership for non-payment of dues:

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| William P. Carl    | Gordon T. Gurney |
| Gordon E. Clark    | Robert G. Hughes |
| Thomas R. Cummings |                  |

Commodore White reported that Mr. Strang would be arriving late for the meeting. He read the Treasurer's Interim Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The report was VOTED accepted.

The Historian, Mr. Converse, said that he got some good pictures this year, but not as many as in the past. His report might be shorter this year. He said that he is still missing race information from 1952 to 1966. He would appreciate any help in locating it.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Russell, presented a list of suggested changes, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. After a discussion of each, he was instructed to bring exact wording and cost break down to the January meeting. Mr. Russell announced, that due to the pressures of business, he would be unable to continue as Race Secretary next year.

A discussion took place as to whether to go back to including the list of sail numbers in numerical order in the final notice. A majority of those present decided that it was not necessary.

Commodore White congratulated Mr. Russell for the fine work that he has done during the last two years.

The Measurer, Mr. Roberts, reported that he had reworked the measurements of all those who had responded to his letter. For those who had not responded, he will declare their measurements void. His work with the computer is going well.

It was VOTED to approve all the previous Officers reports.

The Membership Chairman, Mr. Butler, submitted a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He noted that the present membership of 625 was close to our limit of 630. It was decided not to change the limit at this time.

Mr. Bailey, Chairman of the Classification Committee, was not present but a discussion took place on various problem boats and what classes they should be in. No action was taken at this time.

Commodore White pointed out that "Nor'easter" will probably not be available as committee boat next year. He will appoint a committee to look into finding us a new committee boat. It was suggested that the new "C4" trophy be named the "Nor'easter Trophy".

Mr. Strang reported that the Entertainment Committee spent about four or five hundred more this year due to a long party this spring. A discussion on how to let the fleet know what time the party would start took place with no definite decision being made.

Chairman of the Prize and Awards Committee, Rear Commodore Davis, said that everyone who won one, got one. He was worried about the price of the perpetual take home trophies, but would work on getting the cost down.

Mr. Van Dyke, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, said that he had no real report at this time. He did say that some members had asked if the boat's times could be posted after each race. It was decided not to do it at this time.

Under New Business, the following dates were VOTED approved for next years events:

|                              |                 |
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| Board of Governors Meeting   | January 14      |
| Annual Meeting & Shore Party | April 2         |
| Spring Race Series           | June 10-11      |
| Fall Race Series             | September 16-17 |

The Secretary was instructed to set up the Annual Meeting Dinner with the Seamen's Inne and try to keep the cost under \$12.00 per person.

The Secretary was also instructed to find out the availability of cap badges and tie clips and report back to the January Meeting.

It was VOTED to set the dues at \$15.00 for 1977.

The Chairman of the Race Committee was instructed to call the Coast Guard before the start of each series and determine that all buoys are on station.

It was moved and VOTED to go to Gardner's Bay in the Spring and to Block Island in the Fall. After a long discussion on what harbors we should go to, it was VOTED that a committee, made up of the Flag Offirers and the Entertainment Committee Chairman, choose the harbors and report back at the January meeting.

The following Nominating Committee was VOTED appointed:

Herbert W. Owen, Chairman  
Carleton A. Granbery  
Stephen C. Harris

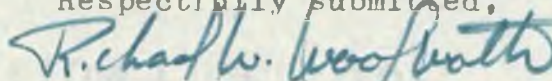
Commodore White read an appeal from a committee formed to save the Block Island North Lighthouse. It was VOTED to include their brochure with one of our mailings next year.

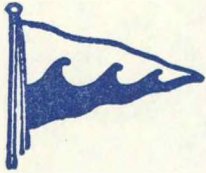
Commodore White opened for discussion the problems that we are having with our rule, especially with the "C" classes. Mr. Russell reported that the E.C.Y.R.A. Technical Committee has been working on this problem and is now thinking in terms of using the IOR and MORC rules for the "C" type classes. The Commodore will appoint a committee to study if this approach is good for Off Soundings.

It was VOTED to make the usual Christmas gifts to the women who help us.

It was VOTED to adjourn at 1348.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Richard W. Woolworth  
Secretary



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## AGENDA

### BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING

January 14, 1977

1. Call to order at 1200.
2. Approval of minutes of October 16, 1976 meeting.
3. Reports of officers.
  - A) Secretary  
Deaths, Resignations & Reinstatements
  - B) Treasurer  
Interim Report
  - C) Historian
  - D) Race Secretary  
Wording & cost of 10-16-76 report  
Spring course schedule
  - E) Clerk
  - F) Measurer
4. Reports of Committee Chairmen.
  - A) Membership  
Membership limits
  - B) Measurement Rule  
"What Rule Committee" report
  - C) Classification
  - D) Race  
Committee boat report
  - E) Protest
  - F) Entertainment  
Spring arrangements
  - G) Fleet Surgeon
  - H) Prize and Awards  
Report on "Nor'easter" trophy
  - I) Public Relations
5. Old Business
  - A) Hat Badge Committee
6. New Business
  - A) Donation to Mystic Seaport
7. Adjournment