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Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club January 18, 2002

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Captain Daniel Packer Inne on January 18, 2002. Commodore Maxwell presided, and other Governors present were:

John F. Brooks	Neal S. O'Connell
Norman B. Peck	Richard H. Roberts
Norman E. Rabe	D. Richard Magovern, DMD
Charles D. Chorlton	William A. Loweth
Peter Canning	Robert B. Geary
Allen N. Anderson	

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Commodore Maxwell. The minutes of the October 27, 2001 and November 29, 2001 Board Meetings were duly approved as written.

Treasurer Robert Geary distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. The report reflects the balance as of November 30, 2001. Year end is not provided until January 31, 2002.

A further discussion was held regarding the \$700 due Shelter Island Yacht Club. It was recommended by a motion duly made and approved that the Treasurer pay the questionable bill advising Shelter Island of any deductions made because of misbillings of moored boats.

Motion duly made and adopted to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted (copy attached).

The 2002 Budget was submitted for approval and reviewed by Treasurer. Although the budget shows a \$2000 deficit at this time a number of activities could show a break even or profit and make up this short fall.

Motion duly made and the budget was approved. An audit was recommended every other year (Budget made part of these minutes).



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Vice Commodore John Brooks reported on the annual dinner and meeting. At this time we have reservations at Seamen's Inne for the April 16, 2002 meeting. Mr. Brooks presented alternatives to the usual sitdown dinner.

A long discussion took place with a final suggestion that a committee of Commodore Maxwell, Past Commodores' Bohlen, Andy Anderson and Vice Commodore John Brooks continue the search for the near perfect solution to increase participation at the annual dinners.

Commodore Maxwell reported the three day Fall Racing response through the email was mostly negative. It was decided to leave the fall series at two days.

Commodore Maxwell also stated the we will be at Greenport and that Dieckerhoff has it under control and is on board with Greenport officials. Commodore Maxwell indicated that details of Greenport activities would be included in his newsletter and race instructions.

Race Secretary Richard Roberts presented the 2003 dates for final approval. Duly moved and approved as submitted and made part of these minutes.

Discussion of changing the guest membership application was brought up. Call from the "Nonesuch" class request for a separate class. Race Secretary will advise "Nonesuch" class that 12-15 boats would make a class.

Discussion regarding guest application continued on how much control members needed to have on a guest. It was finally agreed to that a guest application be used for two years. It was duly moved and approved that a guest member application will enable a guest to race under application for two years.

Block Island Spring will be for two days as usual. Race Secretary will inform the prospective Block Island Race Week racers that they are invited to race in Off Soundings which occurs the weekend before.

Commodore Maxwell called for a moment of silence for two members that have died during the year; Bill Ames and John Baird.

Commodore called for nominations for the nominating committee for 2002. Motion duly moved and approved that Andy Anderson, Robert Edmands, and Richard Steinhilber be named.



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Clerk Richard Magovern announced that he would not be a candidate for clerk next year. He recommended David Nickerson to replace him.

Rear Commodore O'Connell reported that Ben Dupont 's family had asked that the trophy named for Ben be called the Rhubarb Trophy.

There being no further business, it was duly moved and approved to adjourn at 3p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman B. Peck
Secretary