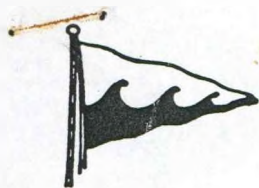


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Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club October 27, 2001

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Munson Room (Library) of the Mystic Seaport on October 27, 2001. Commodore Maxwell presided, and other Governors present were:

Commodore Wes Maxwell	Vice Commodore John F. Brooks
Norman B. Peck	Rear Commodore Neal S. O'Connell
Richard H. Roberts	William L. Ames
William A. Loweth	D. Richard Magovern, DMD
Norman E. Rabe	Charles D. Chorlton
Edward C. Dieckerhoff	John H. Lockwood
	Past Commodore W. Frank Bohlen

Absent were:

Robert B. Geary	Robert Edmands
Peter Canning	Carl D. Fast
Steven M. Purdy	Warren F. Woodworth, MD

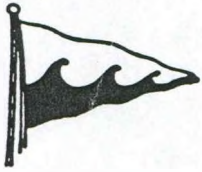
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting which was held on April 7, 2001 were duly moved, seconded and approved as presented.

Vice Commodore Brooks stated that the River Room has been reserved for the April 6, 2002 Annual Dinner. It was noted that Commodore Maxwell has been communicating with Chris Cox regarding cocktail location across the street at the Research Building that may include dinner.

Question proposed by Norm Rabe regarding who pays for the Race Committee Dinner. Can we pay Race Committee out of treasury instead of ticket sales? Answered by Commodore Maxwell, 150 will support Race Committee cost. Last year only 115 attended the dinner, need to get that number up. We can go to Norwich for less or stay at The Seaport for a little more.

Norm Rabe pointed out although the membership and race participation has dropped it hasn't dropped as much as the attendance at the Annual Cocktail and Dinner.

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Commodore Maxwell agreed with the drop from somewhere around 250 to 115 last year but suggested we look at how to cure it. He pointed out the success of the Mudhead Party: 500-600. A long discussion which included suggestions such as an Informal Party at the Boat Yard, Research Building, Cocktails and Heavy hors d'oeuvres at the River Room including changing dates.

Past Commodore Bohlen moved that John Brooks bring his recommendation to the January meeting. The Commodore said he would work with him, all agreed.

Rear Commodore Neal O'Connell reported that the Spring Trophy costs were on target but Fall went over somewhat, but the additional entries may make up overage.

Past Commodore Bohlen brought up the matter of the additional seasons trophy that were going to be assigned and whether they were ready. He also has the Diane Trophy. Ron Noe has one in the works and also the offer of Peter Brinkerhoff for season classes 3&4.

Rear Commodore O'Connell said that he would see that the question of trophies was taken care of including calling Peter Brinkerhoff.

Secretary Norman Peck commented on the resignation of Ralph Jackson, who was the oldest member and who had helped with the Racing Measurement Rule.

Past Commodore Bohlen recommended The Board of Governors forward Mr. Jackson's name for honorary member to an annual meeting vote. This motion was duly moved and approved.

Past Commodore Bohlen suggested the number of members and agenda be included in the notice of meeting and the agenda be included in notice, Secretary agreed.

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Robert B. Geary was unable to attend but forwarded his report in the notice of meeting (A copy of his report is also attached to these minutes). Treasurer recommended that the dues remain the same. After discussing it was duly moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report.



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Discussion regarding cost of mailing to committees and members. More use of the Web, postcards, combine more communication in mailing and in house mailings. Secretary will take note of these concerns.

Historian Bill Ames present but only at half speed. He does not have the capacity to film future races at this time, maybe every 3 to 5 years. He was given a few shots of racing this year, but limited. The films could be shown while Cocktail Party is going on.

Historian Ames presented a bag of pictures to The Off Soundings Club from Mystic Seaport. Question presented of what to do with old records. Are they duplicated by the Historian, Secretary and Seaport? The Secretary's records start at the year 1933 to the present. Should they be in a safer place than the Secretary's cellar?

Race Secretary Dick Roberts report submitted and made part of these minutes. He recommended we invite those participating in Class T again this Fall 2002.

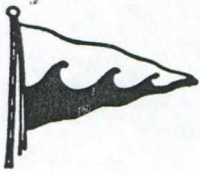
Brief discussion began concerning the January meeting being held on Friday or Saturday. Friday was the favored day, January 18, 2002.

Mr. Roberts pointed out the loss of the Nonesuch class. Mr. O'Connell will work on some of the Nonesuch guests and encourage them to become members, along with contacting Lock Syme for his assistance.

Clerk Dick Macgovern complimented the Commodore on his decision to race and the method of recognizing the disaster of September 11, 2001 by flying ensigns, no party on Friday and a memorial service held Friday night.

Race Committee Chairman Chuck Chorlton made a special apology for the misplaced special racing marks on the Friday of Spring Off Soundings. He also pointed out the generosity of Henry Dupont and a special thanks again be made part of these minutes.

Entertainment Chairman Ed Dieckerhoff commented that he thought everything went well. A few billing questions brought by the Treasurer, which were taken care of.



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A question was asked about the bar bill at Shelter Island since we had no Friday party. The normal cost is about \$3500, Ed thought that is was about \$1700.

Commodore has been contacted by a Cathy Ferrel of Mount Gay Rum looking to set up a bar at our race parties. This apparently came about because there is no Block Island Race Week this coming year. This was referred back to the Commodore for more details including communication with The Oar at Block Island. Will review at January meeting.

John Lockwood Shelter Island Liaison reviewed the past 10 years of his association with The Shelter Island Yacht Club which at times has required his diplomatic talents to keep Off Soundings welcome there. John recommends "Off Soundings not return to Shelter Island in 2002 and that we say nothing and just walk away". We should pay what we owe with thanks.

The Commodore then reviewed his communication with Shelter Island.

Prior to September 11, 2001 he had pointed out to Shelter Island that the launch service on Saturday morning needed to have extra services and Shelter Island was to do what necessary to cover this. After September 11, 2001 the Commodore was in communication with Shelter Island about whether to have the event or not. It was decided to race and Shelter Island was told. A later call came from Shelter Island to the Commodore suggesting we not sail there as they had lost their security people to New York City. The Commodore said he would see that Off Soundings provided security using voluntary members, Shelter Island said they would take care of it.

The Commodore pointed out that the participation would probably drop to near 100 boats because of the NY tragedy on September 11, 2001 and an additional launch would not be needed. We received a security bill of \$300 and a launch bill of \$400.

John Lockwood recommended that we look into Greenport as the next Fall rendezvous. He thinks the Mayor of Greenport would like to see us there. John said he would arrange a meeting with the Mayor and other necessary people. It was discussed that John and the Commodore would bring back a report for the January meeting. John recommended that they meet next week. A long discussion of the Greenport move followed.



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Past Commodore Bohlen recommended leaving with the informed knowledge of the Shelter Island Commodore and Vice Commodore who seemed to support us. For the time being we say nothing to Shelter Island until John Lockwood's report.

Public Relations Chairman Bill Loweth reported on increasing use of email and his hope for it's future growth.

Past Commodore Frank Bohlen no report.

Measurer Norm Rabe reported that Tony Dill had provided him with a measurement rule put together by others of the Spirit of Tradition Yachts. Dill's interpretation adapts this rule into PHRF. Rabe wanted to go on record that this rule was Dill's not ours.

Commodore recounted his reasoning for his interests in Off Soundings starting with his first experiences with his father thirty years ago. He asked that the Board put their heads in gear and "stir the pot" for new and interesting changes to improve race participation. Example Race Week at Block Island 3-4 days, new venues, new race areas, new courses etc. Suggested we do some brainstorming this winter.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman B. Peck
Secretary