

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

April 4, 1964

KIMBALL TOWERS

Springfield, Massachusetts

The Commodore called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

After roll call, copy of which is attached, the Commodore announced a quorum was present, and asked that members stand and observe a moment of silence in memory of Austin S. Myers and past member, Bill Dyer, both of whom have passed away.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting was dispensed with by vote of those present, and the Commodore then ordered them approved.

Mr. Geyer, Treasurer, then presented his report which indicated cash on hand of \$7,536.22, which amount represented a gain of approximately \$800 over the balances at this time a year ago. The report was accepted with thanks.

Mr. Comstock of the Membership Committee reported that the membership stood at 404 as of the 1st of April, an all-time high. The figure compared with 386 as of April 1, 1963.

Mr. McPherson, the Race Secretary to be, reported that all was in readiness for the Spring Races. The Commodore then expressed special thanks to Rodney Paige, retiring Race Secretary, for the herculean task which he had performed during his term of office for the Club.

Mr. Ames, Measurer, indicated nothing to report at this time, as did Mr. Hall, Chairman of the Protest Committee. Commodore Raymond did interject the fact that through his office one sticky protest was withdrawn after the Fall Races and without formal proceedings, another one was thrown out.

In the absence of Race Committee Chairman Thomas, the Commodore reported on Mr. Thomas's willingness to serve for one more year with his strong recommendation that steps be taken to find an appropriate successor for the 1965 season. At this point the Commodore reported to the membership the recommendation by the Governors that Mr. Thomas be elected to honorary membership in our Club. The recommendation was acted upon immediately and unanimously.

Mr. Harrah for the Entertainment Committee reported all in readiness and expressed the hope that members would make their reservations with the appropriate shore establishments for any services they would require individually there early.

Mr. Scheel then reported for the joint committee on the establishment of minimum size boats participating in our Club's races, setting forth the rule as adopted by the Board of Governors, which rule will be sent to each member individually with the notice of the Spring Races.

The Commodore then reported that he was probably the luckiest Commodore the Club has had in some time because of the effective work of the various Flag Officers and Committees. He thanked them for their support in the year ended and looked forward to another good season.

Mr. Dickinson then reported for the Nominating Committee and presented the following slate:

OFFICERS

Commodore  
Vice Commodore  
Rear Commodore  
Treasurer  
Clerk  
Secretary  
Race Secretary  
Historian  
Measurer

Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.  
Paul W. Adams  
Thomas L. Miller  
Leo A. Geyer  
Melvin D. Southworth  
John E. English  
John B. McPherson  
Douglas L. Swan  
William L. Ames

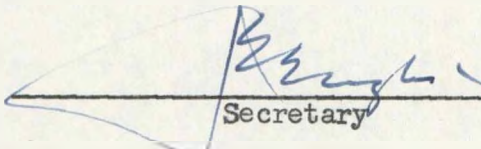
GOVERNORS

Frederick K. Daggett  
Henry B. du Pont  
Robert B. English, Jr.  
Robert L. Hall  
Roderick Stephens, Jr.

After motion duly made and seconded, it was then VOTED to empower the Secretary to cast one ballot for the election of Officers and Governors as presented.

There being no further business to come before the Annual Meeting, the meeting thereupon adjourned so that all concerned might join their wives and guests for the Annual Shore Party.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT AT ANNUAL MEETING, KIMBALL TOWERS, SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

April 4, 1964

Paul W. Adams  
William L. Ames  
Peter H. Comstock  
Frederick K. Daggett  
Warren G. Dellenbaugh  
E. E. Dickinson III  
John E. Dodson, Jr.  
Henry B. du Pont  
John E. English  
Horace S. Ford, Jr.  
Leo A. Geyer  
Charles E. Gleason  
Robert L. Hall  
George R. Harrah  
J. Albert Hitz  
John B. McPherson  
Herbert W. Owen  
Rodney G. Paige  
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.  
Paul K. Rogers  
Henry A. Scheel  
Melvin D. Southworth  
Roderick Stephens, Jr.  
Douglas L. Swan

M I N U T E S  
OF  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING  
OF  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 4, 1964

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Kimball Towers in Springfield, Massachusetts, on Saturday, April 4, 1964, at 4:30 P.M. Commodore Raymond presided and the other Governors present were:

Paul W. Adams	Robert L. Hall
William L. Ames	Rodney G. Paige
Frederick K. Daggett	Melvin D. Southworth
John E. English	Roderick Stephens, Jr.
Leo A. Geyer	

Also present were John B. McPherson, the new, old Race Secretary; Peter H. Comstock, Chairman of the Membership Committee; William D. Thomas, Chairman of the Race Committee; Henry A. Scheel, Chairman of the Measurement Rule Committee, and J. Albert Hitz, Chairman of the Classification Committee.

It was VOTED that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved as circulated.

The Secretary then presented resignations from members who have acquired substantial power boats as follows:

Frank T. Crawford  
W. Perry Curtiss, Jr.

These resignations were accepted with regret.

The Secretary then presented a request from past commodore John R. Fales for reinstatement, he now having sold his power boat and acquired a sailing vessel and his reinstatement was VOTED unanimously.

The Treasurer then submitted his report which showed total balance of cash on hand of \$7,536.22, which represented a gain of approximately \$800 in assets over the year. This report was accepted with hearty thanks.

Mr. Comstock then reported for the Membership Committee, and the membership stands at 404. This figure represents an all-time high. \*

Reporting for Rodney G. Paige, the new, old Race Secretary, Mr. McPherson stated that all was in readiness for the 1964 racing season. The Commodore at this point expressed not only his appreciation, but that of the Board and the entire membership to Rod Paige for the excellent job as Race Secretary for the last two years. Mr. McPherson's report was accepted with thanks.

Mr. Scheel, Chairman of the Measurement Rule Committee, presented for discussion the findings of the joint meeting of his Committee with the Classification Committee, the Race Secretaries, and the Measurer on minimum length requirements for participation in our races. After thorough discussion, the following requirements were adopted unanimously by the Board:

\* Although at the January meeting the feeling existed that Mr. Henry V. Pelton could be reinstated, and the reinstatement was included in the membership figure of 404, discussion led to the conclusion that his resignation accepted at the January meeting should stand.

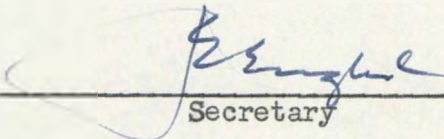
1. The minimum rating for any yacht sailing in the O.S.C. Annual Race Series is established at 17 feet. Yachts whose ratings calculate lower than this 17-foot minimum, shall race using this 17-foot minimum.
2. The minimum L.O.A. of vessels which may race in the O.S.C. Annual Race Series is established at 23.75 feet. Vessels smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race.
3. Excepted from this ruling are vessels which fall below these minimums but which have raced in a series prior to this date, owned by members or participating guests. These vessels will be permitted to race using ratings shown on the Vessel's Valid Rating Certificate so long as there is no change in vessel's ownership.

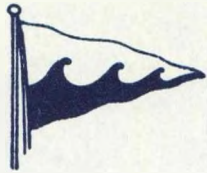
There then followed a discussion of the numbers of boats in each of our classes to improve the division. After full consideration it was moved and VOTED that the Race Secretary in conjunction with the Measurer divide their entries as evenly as possible between the existing classes so as to even up the numbers of participants in each class, particularly A-1, A-2 and B-1 and B-2.

There then followed a report from Mr. Thomas, Chairman of the Race Committee, who opened his remarks by inquiring about a pension. Then on what the Governors interpreted as a more serious vein, Mr. Thomas outlined some of his problems, and more particularly, some of his need for specialized equipment for the Race Committee's work, including an inter-com system and the renting of stabilizers for the binoculars. After full discussion it was VOTED to authorize the Commodore and the Chairman of the Race Committee to make such reasonable expenses as are necessary to provide appropriate equipment for the efficient running of our races.

The Governors then discussed the possibility of electing Mr. Thomas to honorary membership in the Club (Mr. Thomas having left the meeting), and it was unanimously VOTED that he be so elected and that recommendation be made to the Annual Meeting of the Club.

The meeting thereupon adjourned.

  
Secretary



## OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

PETER H. COMSTOCK  
Chairman Membership Committee  
Pratt, Read & Co.  
Ivoryton, Conn.

Members as of 4/4/64

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### New Members

Winslow B. Ayer  
Charles T. Baker  
William J. Baxter, Jr.  
John Phelps Clark  
George B. Cluett  
William Henry Cochran II  
William K. Daniells  
Robert E. Drew  
Everett H. Dunn  
William Donovan  
William J. Graham  
Lawrence R. Jacobsen  
William M. James  
Orrin Edwin Jones  
Daniel Leeds Miller 3rd  
Halford W. Park, Jr.  
Nils Ivar Pearson

Alfred Easton Poor  
John R. Saxe  
George G. Schuster  
Richard F. Sheehan  
Robert J. Snyder  
John Spear, Jr.  
Henry Strauss  
Charles F. Street  
John Schurman Sutphen  
Arthur E. B. Tanner  
Paul C. Van Dyke  
Henry Wells Wallace  
John Merrow Washburn  
George Dunham Westbrook  
William Deering Webster  
Frederick M. Winter Jr.

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### Names approved and sent for next posting

Frank Peter Cafaro  
John Joseph Jacques  
John Vanderlip Leonard  
F. Lee Moore  
George Monroe Moffett, Jr.  
Herbert W. Rathbun, Jr.

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### Names being approved by Committee

✓ Edward Small Moore III  
✓ George Hotchkiss Rippere  
Ned Street  
✓ Wallace Sunderland  
Walter Dorwin Teague

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### Application being held up

Donald Cushman Hayden, Jr.