

Minutes  
of the  
ANNUAL MEETING  
of the  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 6, 1991

The Annual Meeting of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Leffingwell Room of the Sheraton Norwich in Norwich, Connecticut at 1800 on April 6, 1991. A quorum was present and a list of attendees' names is attached to these Minutes.

Commodore Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 1802:12.

It was moved and VOTED to accept the Minutes of the last meeting, held on April 7, 1990.

While the members stood, the Acting Secretary read the list of names of those members who had passed away since the last Annual Meeting.

Joseph E. Buza  
William J. Donovan  
Eric A. Robba

Stephen M. Castle  
David H. Miller

Treasurer Messer reported that the Club is solvent at this time.

Historian Ames was absent, being off making history.

Race Secretary Anderson reported that we will race at Block Island in the Spring and Shelter Island in the Fall.

Clerk Magovern reported that Off Soundings is a very legal corporation.

Measurer Rabe reported that all yachts will be measured.

Race Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported the Race Committee will manage all races.

Membership Committee Chairman Bohlen reported that membership is well, with ten pending members posted and eleven in the pipeline.

Measurement Rule Committee Chairman Robinson was absent.

Classification Committee Chairman Davis reported that we have nine classes and are a Class Act.

Entertainment Committee Chairman Messer reported that members will be entertained this year.

Block Island Liaison Committee Chairman Staub reported that Block Island is ready.

Prizes and Awards Committee Chariman Rear Commodore McFadden reported that there will be prizes and awards.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Nickerson reported that our public relations are quite well.

Fleet Surgeon Humphrey reported that Spring is here and the fleet is coming out of hibernation.

Commodore Hohenstein indicated that he had no report, due to the fine state of affairs.

Acting Secretary Roberts read two proposed amendments to Article XI, Section 2 of our Constitution. It was moved and VOTED to approve these two amendments. The wording of the changes is attached to these Minutes.

Acting Secretary Roberts read a proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 2 to our By-Laws. It was moved and VOTED to approve this amendment. The wording of the change is attached to these Minutes.

These amendments have to do with removing the motorboat rule restriction for those members who have been a member of the Club for 15 or more years. Acting Secretary Roberts read a related Board Resolution which states that the records for the past ten years will be searched and those who are found to have resigned because of the motorboat rule will be invited to apply for reinstatement, with the date of election to be shown as the original date of election.

Commodore Hohenstein reported that, in accordance with Section 6 of Article XI of our Constitution, the Board of Governors has recommended Phelps Brown, Ed Raymond and Rod Stephens for election as Honorary Members. Their election was moved and VOTED; there were no negative votes.

James B. Slimmon, Jr., reporting for the Nominating Committee, consisting of himself, Eliot H. Porter and Robert Edmands, placed the following in nomination for the 1991-1992 year:

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| Commodore               | Paul C. vanDyke          |
| Vice Commodore          | Peter W. McFadden        |
| Rear Commodore          | William G. Gunther       |
| Clerk                   | D. Richard Magovern, DMD |
| Secretary               | Neal H. O'Connell        |
| Race Secretary          | Allen N. Anderson        |
| Race Committee Chairman | Lawrence R. Jacobsen     |
| Treasurer               | Ernest R. Messer, Jr.    |
| Measurer                | Norman E. Rabe           |
| Historian               | William L. Ames          |

For members of the Board of Governors:

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| Allen N. Anderson        | Peter W. McFadden     |
| Louis J. Bevilacqua      | Ernest R. Messer, Jr. |
| W. Frank Bohlen          | Neal H. O'Connell     |
| William G. Gunther       | Norman E. Rabe        |
| F. B. George Hohenstein  | Richard H. Roberts    |
| Lawrence R. Jacobsen     | James B. Slimmon, Jr. |
| D. Richard Magovern, DMD | Paul C. vanDyke       |

It was moved and VOTED to accept the nominations as submitted.

The report of the Nominating Committee is attached to these Minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1808:58

Richard H. Roberts  
Acting Secretary  
4/7/91

**OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB**  
Proposed Constitution and By-law Changes  
April 6, 1991

At the January 11, 1991 Off Soundings Club Board of Governors meeting it was unanimously VOTED to recommend for consideration at the April 6, 1991 membership meeting the following three proposed amendments to the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.

Constitution: Article XI, Section 2. modify sentence 6 to read:  
"Any member purchasing a motorboat or motor sailor will be automatically dropped from the rolls, unless he has been a member of Off Soundings for 15 or more years or he also owns a sailboat in which he regularly participates in club races. Any member who owns only a power boat shall not be eligible for Flag office."

Constitution: Article XI, Section 2. delete sentence 8, which now reads: "If there is any question in either instance, this matter will be referred to the Board of Governors for appropriate action."

By-Laws: Article IV, Section 2. modify this section to read:  
"The club burgee shall be flown by a club member only from a yacht owned, chartered or commanded by him or from a yacht which is under the direction of the Race Committee Chairman."

It was agreed that if these proposed amendments are approved by the membership, the records for the past ten years will be searched and those who are found to have resigned because of the motorboat rule will be invited to apply for reinstatement, with the date of election to be shown as the original date of election.

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