

Minutes
of the
Board of Governors Meeting
of the
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

January 16, 1987

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Old Lyme Inn, Old Lyme, Connecticut, on January 16, 1987 at 12:00. Commodore Roberts presided. Other Governors present were:

Allen N. Anderson	Eliot H. Porter, 2nd
Donald C. Davis	James B. Simmon, Jr.
E. Carleton Granbery, Jr.	Walter D. Strang, Jr.
F. B. George Hohenstein	Paul C. vanDyke
Neal H. O'Connell	

Present by invitation were:

William L. Ames	William A. Loweth
Frank Bohlen	Daniel L. Miller, 3rd
Chester B. Humphrey, MD	Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
John H. Lockwood	

The meeting was called to order at 12:41.

The minutes of the previous meeting on November 8, 1986 were voted approved as circulated with the correction of the Seaport's change in date for the Dyer Dhow Derby from October 3 to October 24, 1987.

Vice Commodore Slimmon commented on his report of the 1987 Annual Meeting and Dinner, a copy of which is attached. Plans for the annual meeting on April 4, 1987 at the Sheraton in Norwich have been completed. The Board of Governors and Officers meeting will be held at 1600 in room 218. It was moved and voted to accept his report.

Rear Commodore Hohenstein commented on his Prize and Awards Committee report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. A trophy for Ken Mahler has been buffed free of previous engraving and is ready for engraving. It was moved and voted to present this bowl to Ken at the Annual Meeting with suitable engraving.

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

Herbert W. Rathbun, Jr.

The following resignations were voted accepted with regret:

B. Bruce Edmands (motor boat rule)
Fredic I. Fischbein (motor boat rule)
John E. Kilgore, Jr.

Off Soundings placed 5th of 32 yacht clubs participating in the Dyer Dhow Derby.

Membership currently is 598 members.

Treasurer Strang commented on his written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. We have a bit of a cash flow problem currently but he does not suggest any changes in fees at this time. It was moved and voted to make a \$700 donation to the Mystic Seaport Museum.

The Historian Mr. Ames indicated data received from the prior Historian is being reviewed but progress is slow.

Race Secretary Anderson distributed a listing of dates for future events. The Offshore Racing Council's special regulations will be reviewed by Commodore Roberts, Race Secretary Anderson, and Historian Ames for possible impact on our category and equipment list. If changes are suggested, there will be a post card vote of the Board of Governors.

The Clerk, Mr. Schechterle, was absent and there was no report.

The Measurer, Mr. Rabe, was absent and there was no report.

Race Committee Chairman vanDyke noted that Empress likely will be available for our 1987 Race Series. We will not change courses this year except to possibly add ultrashort courses. Nothing special has been done for Empress' Captain and owner, Bill Norton, and Commodore Roberts asked the Race Committee Chairman to consider doing something and report back his thoughts in April. Champlin's has been sold and Race Secretary Anderson and the Entertainment Chairman will contact the new owners to establish a relationship.

Membership Chairman Bohlen reported that there were 6 applications in the pipeline and 2 or 3 more coming in. There will be a posting shortly.

Measurement Rule Committee Chairman Robinson was absent and no report was presented.

Classification Committee Chairman Davis reported that everything was peaceful.

Protest Committee Chairman Raymond reported that there had

been no protests since the last meeting.

Entertainment Committee Chairman Miller commented on his report, a copy of which is attached. Expenses were \$732.11 less than the fall of 1985 plus launch service of \$450 was included in 1986 entertainment expenses. He indicated that he enjoyed the position and will give the new chairman all the support he needs. Commodore Roberts expressed his personal and the Club's appreciation to Dan Miller.

Shelter Island Liaison Co-Chairman Lockwood indicated that he was looking for a third launch for the Spring Series. He encouraged communication of any problems. Race Secretary Anderson will communicate our needs formally. The need for improved public address facilities was discussed and Race Secretary Anderson made a note of this.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Purcell was absent and there was no report.

Fleet Surgeon Humphrey reported on his contact with Block Island Health Services, Inc. of which the Block Island Rescue Squad is a subsidiary, concerning building a new medical facility. The fund raising committee currently has \$650,000 of the \$800,000 required and expects the project will be completed in one-and-one-half to two years. It was moved and voted to make a one time building fund contribution of \$1000. The Fleet Surgeon will prepare a letter to Captain Littlefield for the Treasurer to include with our contribution. The Fleet Surgeon further requested early notification as to who will be racing so that he can make backup medical arrangements for our Series.

Commodore Roberts introduced our new Entertainment Committee Chairman William A. Loweth who was welcomed aboard.

Video Committee Chairman Ames reported that as a result of the special mailing, about \$15,000 has been collected. Mystic Seaport has committed to purchase a projector that can save us the approximate \$1000 that HB Company would have charged for a projector and screen and allow us to do without HB Company if we desire. The \$15,000 collected exceeds the \$6,700 pledged; a motion (attached) was moved and voted to suggest to the Mystic Seaport that they use the excess funds for the purchase of video projection equipment suitable for showings to audiences of 300; next a video camera for use on Empress for starting line shots; and further excess be applied to any expenses incurred in the production of Off Soundings film or programs.

Commodore Roberts indicated he would include the results of this fund raising activity in his winter letter and thanked the committee consisting of Bill Ames, Dick Steinhilber, and Dick Woolworth.

Vice Commodore Slimmon reported that Eliot Porter will include our 50th race in the second edition of our history. The Historian will ask "old salts" to attend our Spring and Fall Races or the April, 1988 Dinner.

Carleton Granbery described the 50th Race plaque as a 3" x 5" anodized aluminum plaque with both screw and adhesive attachment which will be printed in blue ink. A firm price of \$4.10 each has been received. They will be sent to all members. Additional possible distributions were discussed and the Commodore asked the Committee Chairman to suggest such distributions. It was agreed that they should be mailed in the spring, probably with the year book. It was moved and voted that the Committee be authorized to spend up to \$3,000 for plaques.

There was discussion as to the implications of the Block Island harbor plan. The concensus seemed to be that we should approach the subject with care and informally. The Commodore and Vice Commodore will name one or two people to function much as our Shelter Island Liaison Committee does.

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn at 1421.