

Minutes
of the
Board of Governors
of the
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
January 10, 1992

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Captain Daniel Packer Inne, Mystic, Connecticut, at 1200 on January 10, 1992. Commodore van Dyke presided. Other Governors present were:

William G. Gunther	Ernest R. Messer, Jr
F.B. George Hohenstein	Neal H. O'Connell
D. Richard Magovern, DDS	James B. Slimmon, Jr.

Present by invitation were:

Donald C. Davis	Robert B. Nickerson
J. Christopher Field	Nicholas Staub, II
John H. Lockwood	

Absent were:

William L. Ames	Lawrence R. Jacobsen
Allen N. Anderson	Rodney S. Johnstone
Milan T. Bartek	Peter W. McFadden
Louis J. Bevilacqua	Norman R. Rabe
Frank Bohlen	Richard H. Roberts
Chester B. Humphrey, MD	Donald P. Robinson

The meeting was called to order at 1241.

The minutes of the previous October 19, 1991 meeting were VOTED approved as circulated.

Vice Commodore McFadden was absent but sent a written report that is attached to these minutes. Arrangements for the Annual Dinner at the Norwich Sheraton on April 4, 1992 have been made. Prices are about the same as last year.

Rear Commodore Gunther had a display of various alternatives for trophies which all could be obtained for about the same cost as trophies in the past. There was some difference of opinion but the boxes were considered new and different, the display of alternatives was impressive and the Rear Commodore was instructed to make his own decision regarding the alternatives.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Daniel J. Buchalter	Alexander K. Murphey
George P. Carter	William R. Palmer, III

The Board stood for a moment of silence as the following members names, who we were notified had died, were read:

Charles E. Dickerson	Raymond F. Gay, Jr.
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Rod Stephens reinstatement should have been included in last meetings membership count, with this adjustment membership currently is 538 members.

The Secretary reported that the insurance company has satisfactorily reimbursed Harry Elliot for the damage to his boat while acting as Committee Boat for our 1991 Spring Series.

For the record, since the Secretary took office he has not had in his possession a negative of the Southworth Trophy. This was reported by Dick Woolworth in 1986. These negatives are probably kept for insurance purposes.

Treasurer Messer presented a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He further gave a specific cost center report to each Officer or Committee Chairman who had incurred expenses. This is the culmination of much hard work.

Income exceeded expenses by over \$7000 and our end-of-the-year balance on hand is almost \$11,000. Savings on a Committee Boat charter and everyone watching expenses made this possible. The establishment of a brokerage money market account increased our interest earnings on our funds from \$15-20 to over \$600 a year. The Treasurer's Annual report was VOTED approved.

Historian Ames was absent and there was no report.

Race Secretary Anderson was absent but submitted a list of dates for 1993 a copy of which are attached to these minutes. The dates listed below were VOTED accepted as submitted:

1993 Off Soundings Events

Board Meeting (Friday)	January 15
Guest Invitation Cut-Off	March 17
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	April 3
First Notice - Spring Series	April 16
Closing Date - Spring Series	May 20
Final Notice - Spring Series	June 4
Race Dates - Spring Series	June 11 & 12
Results of Spring Series & First Notice - Fall Series	July 9
Closing Date - Fall Series	August 26
Final Notice - Fall Series	September 10
Race Dates - Fall Series	September 17 & 18
Final Results	October 8
Board Meeting (Saturday)	October 16

Clerk Magovern reported he was willing to have all meetings in Massachusetts but got no takers. The Commodore asked the Clerk to check on our tax exempt status in Massachusetts and report.

Measurer Rabe was absent and there was no report. However, the Commodore indicated that the only problem was resolved at the October Board meeting and will be addressed with the general membership through the Winter News Letter.

Race Committee Chairman Jacobsen was absent and there was no report.

Membership Committee Chairman Bohlen was absent but reported through the Commodore that there were 5 individuals in the pipeline and he expected activity to pickup shortly.

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

Classification Committee Chairman Davis reported that all is quiet.

Protest Committee Chairman Fields reported that there had been no protests since the last meeting.

Entertainment Chairman Bartek was absent but his written report is attached to these minutes. We had a profit at Block Island and a loss at Shelter Island with a total profit of \$865 for the year. Further, the report shows, in graph form, 1986 through 1991 expenses at Block Island and Shelter Island and in total.

Shelter Island liaison Co-chairman Lockwood reported that he felt that Shelter Island recovered well from Hurricane Bob and our relations with the club are good. There were problems with launches this Fall as their big launch was out of commission.

Block Island Liaison Chairman Staub reported that he had looked into rates for dockage at Block Island Boat Basin but they would not adjust them for us. It was decided to obtain rates for the various marinas in Great Salt pond, publish them, and let our members decide their preference. Party activities will remain at the Car. It was further agreed that dockage should be paid for the Entertainment Committee Chairman as it is very difficult to try to run the parties from an anchorage.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Nickerson indicated that he will endeavor to get our perpetual trophy awards published in the Day this Spring. It was agreed to invite Larry White who writes a sailing column for the Day, and a guest, to attend the Annual Dinner and awards ceremony as our guests.

Fleet Surgeon Humphrey was absent and no report was given.

Long Range Race Planning Committee Chairman Johnstone was absent and there was no report. There was some discussion concerning items that might be addressed by this committee and the Commodore agreed to contact Chairman Johnstone with these thoughts.

Past Commodore and Board Member Slimmon commented on the Club's Insurance policies. For general liability, we have a basic one million dollars plus one million of umbrella coverage. The umbrella policy was purchased last year. The policies cover us both on land and on the water in contrast to the \$10 million policy obtained

through USYRU (now "US SAILING") which is specific to racing activities. Though it is not appropriate to think you ever have enough coverage, we do appear to have reasonable coverage when measured against prevailing practices.

Commodore van Dyke indicated that no nomination will be made for the USYRU (now "US SAILING") Sportsmanship award. Also, there were no nominations for Honorary Membership.

Nominating Committee Chairman Slimmon indicated the Committee has a slate of Officers and Committee Chairman that will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

It was unanimously VOTED to present the following proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws to the membership at the 1992 Annual Meeting:

- . Article II, Section I
"The object of this Club shall be to promote good fellowship among persons actively interested in sailing."
- . The Board of Governors is authorized to make necessary non-substantive changes(e.g. deletion of pronouns) to the Constitution and By-laws so as to make them consistent with the revision to Article II.

The Commodore indicated that he would include comments about this proposal in his Winter News Letter.

The initiation fee voted January 12, 1990 to be effective for new members applying after 1/1/91 was never instituted. It was VOTED that based on our current financial situation and desire to encourage membership this item would be held in abeyance. This will be noted in the Commodores Winter News Letter.

It was agreed that it should be specifically mentioned in the Race Announcements that all members are welcome to sign up for our parties whether they race or not.

It was mentioned that Skip Squires (Northeaster) should be a guest at the Annual Dinner Meeting but no specific action was taken. The Secretary's reading is that people felt this was the Race Committee Chairman's call.

It was mentioned that the Vice Commodore should be sure that the Guest table is large enough to accommodate all who want to sit there including such as Honorary Members. It was further commented that the Rock of Ages plays for drinks only and maybe we should pay for their dinner as well. It was agreed we would not.

Peter Brinckerhoff wrote the Commodore offering to give a trophy in memory of Bill Donavon. This was discussed including the original offer from Bill's family of such a trophy, an outstanding offer from Wilbur Young's widow for a trophy in memory of her husband, comments from members on the appropriateness of such a trophy, and just how such a trophy could be awarded. The Commodore will answer Peter, indicating that a committee consisting of the Race Secretary, Race

Committee Chairman, Measurer, and the Rear Commodore will be formed with instructions to consider his offer together with the handling of our perpetual trophies generally and report back to the Board in April.

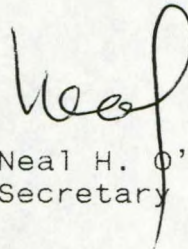
The following donations were VOTED approved:

- . The Mystic Seaport- \$700, designated for the video program and to be given directly to Ken Mahler
- . the Coast Guard Academy- \$100, designated for the local sailing program.
- . the Block Island Rescue Squad- \$100, to be given through the Fleet Surgeon

Consideration of new donations to the University of Massachusetts and University of Connecticut's sailing programs was deferred. The Commodore will assign a group to look into this.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Nickerson indicated that Protest Committee Chairman Field captained the Off Soundings Dyer Dhow Derby team to a prestigious second place this Fall.

There being no further business it was VOTED to adjourn at 1505.



Neal H. O'Connell
Secretary

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