

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

November 8, 1986

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Old Lyme Inn, Old Lyme, Connecticut on November 8, 1986 at 12:00. Commodore Roberts presided. Other Governors present were:

Allen N. Anderson	Norman E. Rabe
Louis J. Bevilacqua	Howard A. Schechterle
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	Richard W. Woolworth
Eliot H. Porter, 2nd	

Present by invitation were:

William L. Ames	Donald P. Robinson
Frank Bohlen	Edward S. Purcell, Jr.
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.	Chester B. Humphrey, MD

The meeting was called to order at 12:36.

The minutes of the previous meeting on March 29, 1986 were voted approved as circulated.

Vice Commodore Slimmon commented on his Annual Dinner report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Commodore Roberts, Vice Commodore Slimmon, and Rear Commodore Hohenstein met several times at the new Mystic Hilton to evaluate its use for the Off Soundings annual meeting and dinner. The relative merits of the Hilton and Sheraton were discussed. It was voted to hold our annual meeting and dinner at the Norwich Sheraton on April 4, 1987. It was agreed that further evaluation of the Mystic Hilton was required before using it.

Rear Commodore Hohenstein commented on his Prize and Awards Committee report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The difference between the Rear Commodore's and Treasurer's reports noted at the last meeting has been reconciled. It has been determined that valuations and insurance of our trophies should be reviewed. It was voted that the Rear Commodore proceed with appraisal and insurance.

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

Charles G. Thompson

Peter D. Sanger

The following resignations were voted accepted with regret:

Melvin W. Redmond, Jr.  
Clifford E. Wilson (motor boat rule)  
Edward W. Wetmore (motor boat rule)

The following were voted dropped from membership for non-payment of dues:

Samuel B. Jones, IV                      James A. Perkins  
Robert B. Morrison

Membership currently is 599 members.

Treasurer Strang commented on his written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He noted that the treasury is about as in past years at this time, low, until dues begin coming in after January, 1987.

The Historian Mr. Ames indicated that the past secretarial material has been placed in the archives of the Seaport. Data received from the prior Historian will be reviewed and placed in the Seaport archives soon. Copies of all mailings now go to the Seaport Library for placement in the archives.

Race Secretary Anderson commented on his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. All four races were sailed and all classes finished each race. However, entries were down from prior years. It was voted to approve the following dates and locations for our 1987 events:

Board Meeting, Old Lyme Inn	January 16
Guest Invitation Cut Off	March 25
Annual Meeting & Shore Party Sheraton Norwich Motor Inn	April 4
First Notice - Spring Series	April 10
Closing Date - Spring Series	May 21
Final Notice - Spring Series	June 5
Race Dates - Shelter Island	June 12 & 13
Results of Spring Series and First Notice - Fall Series	July 10
Closing Date - Fall Series	August 27
Final Notice - Fall Series	September 11
Race Dates - Block Island	September 18, 19
Final Race Results for 1987	October 16
Dyer Dhow Derby	October 3
Board Meeting, Old Lyme Inn	November 7

It was noted that the Vice Commodore has reserved April 9, 1988 for our Annual Meeting at both the Mystic Hilton and Norwich Sheraton. The date is a week later than usual as Easter is April 3.

The Clerk, Mr. Schechterle, reported that we are still on good terms with the State of Massachusetts.

The Measurer, Mr. Rabe, said that he had no issues to report.

Race Committee Chairman vanDyke noted that Empress probably will not be available for our 1987 Race Series. He will have more hard information for the January, 1987 meeting. It was moved and voted that the Race Committee Chairman be authorized to arrange for the use of a committee boat for our 1987 Race Series.

New courses for the second day of the Spring Race were distributed, a copy of which is attached. They provide for reduced crossings, different short courses for classes and a better possibility of a weather leg to the first mark.

Membership Committee Chairman Bohlen reported that almost all outstanding membership applications are cleared up and that he expects a posting the first of the year.

Mr. Robinson reported that there was a measurement rule on the shelf ready for use.

Mr. Davis reported that there were no outstanding classification problems.

Mr. Raymond reported that there had been no protest committee action since the Fall Race.

Rear Commodore Hohenstein reported for Entertainment Committee Chairman Miller; a copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Expenditures were in line with past years and it was voted to approve his report. Dan Miller has indicated that he wishes to resign as Entertainment Committee Chairman. Anyone with any suggestions for this position was asked to pass them along to the Commodore or Vice Commodore.

Mr. Bevilacqua, Shelter Island Liaison Co-chairman, reported that he had met with the Shelter Island Yacht Club Board of Trustees who were happy with the Spring Race; a copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Prices for 1987 will remain essentially the same as 1986. It was noted that relationships with Shelter Island Yacht Club have improved considerably since establishment of the Shelter Island Liaison Committee.

Mr. Purcell commented on his Public Relations Committee Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Fleet Surgeon Humphrey reported that there were no significant accidents or medical emergencies; a copy of his report is attached to these minutes. The Fleet Surgeon was asked to look into the new facilities being built by the Block Island Rescue Squad and report back at the January meeting on the possibility of making a donation.

Bill Ames, Chairman of the Video Committee, reported that the quality of the video tapes of this years races is excellent. So far only about 40% of the \$6,500 pledged by Off Soundings

for video equipment for use by the Mystic Seaport Museum for filming our races has been collected. 69% of this has been from Officers and Committee Chairmen. It was moved and voted to spend about \$200 for a mailing specifically requesting contributions from the membership to complete our pledge.

HV Communications Inc. is the only reasonably local firm that handles showing videotapes. Bill Ames has arranged with Ken Mahler to use some of Mystic Seaport Museum's equipment which will keep costs to a maximum of about the \$800 we formerly spent for our films for the Annual Dinner. The tape will be available to be drawn out from the Seaport Library by members for private viewing.

It was agreed that the Commodore would write a letter of appreciation to Kenneth Mahler for all his assistance in filming our races and making our Annual Dinner Meeting show possible. Rear Commodore Hohenstein will see whether it is possible to suitably modify an existing trophy for presentation to Ken Mahler.

Rear Commodore Slimmons asked Carleton Granbery to report on the research he has done on obtaining plaques to commemorate Off Soundings 50th anniversary. The size will be 3" x 5" and reproduced from the Eastern Long Island Current Charts on anodized aluminum. Cost will be about \$4.10 plus a one time typeset and photo negative charge. Plaques will be mailed to all members. Printing in blue rather than black to properly represent the Club burgee and the Mystic Seaport Library files of old charts will be investigated. Final determination and authorization will be made at the January meeting.

Rear Commodore Slimmon suggested that a supplement be produced to our history commemorating our 50th race series and that the historian, at his discretion, have some distinguished sailors attend our 50th Race and the Annual Dinner in 1988. Rear Commodore Hohenstein was asked to investigate special engraving for our 50th Race.

The following Nominating Committee was voted appointed for 1987:

Eliot H. Porter, 2nd, Chairman  
William E. Fortmann  
Leslie Bowman

Carleton Granbery commented that the material sent by the Rear Commodore prepared by the USYRU Safety At Sea Committee concerning man overboard recovery made good sense. However, based on a recent Navel Academy report on the same subject, he suggested that Off Soundings requirements for Lights and drogue be reviewed. Commodore Roberts indicated that this would be looked at in our annual review of the Offshore Racing Council's new rules in January.

There being no further business it was voted to adjourn at 1454.