

## Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

April 04, 2009

University of Connecticut at Avery Point  
Marine Sciences Building, Room 312  
Groton, CT

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the University of Connecticut at Avery Point on April 4, 2009. Commodore Robert Geary presided.

The following members were present: Commodore Robert Geary, Vice Commodore Bill Loweth, Rear Commodore Steve Purdy, Treasurer Ron Breault, Race Committee Chairman Charles Chorlton, Race Secretary Walter Pratt, Measurer Paul Jennings, Protest Committee James Francis, Entertainment Committee Sarah Porter and Robert Austin-LaFrance, Historian Jack Washburn, Membership Committee/Webmaster Gerry Keeler, Greenport Liaison William J. Mills, Past Commodore Frank Bohlen, Past Commodore Neal S. O'Connell, Past Commodore John Brooks, Secretary Dave Dickerson and Guests Kathy Nauber, Katie Bradford and Harlan Fredericksen.

The meeting was called to order at 1403 by Commodore Geary. The agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the January 16, 2009 meeting were approved as revised.

Treasurer Ron Breault distributed his report and discussed the balances in our three accounts with Bank of America. Ron reported that our 2009 insurance premium to Chubb has been paid and there was only a fifty-five dollar increase over last year. It was moved and voted to accept the Treasurer's financial report.

Commodore Geary distributed a flyer from Stonington Harbor Yacht Club for dockage and breakfast on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, and requested it go out in our next mailing. Walter Pratt noted that subject flyer has also been posted on the OSC website. On February 16<sup>th</sup> Bob sent our business agreement to Ted Zuse. We are in good shape with Zuse and Ted will be at the annual dinner. Regarding the Club House account, legal proceedings have been taken (i.e., letter from Attorney Kelly) and Chip has given OSC a check for \$350 but still owes \$650. Bob reported the Dyer Dhow Derby at Mystic Seaport will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> and he is looking for someone to represent OSC.

Vice Commodore Loweth discussed the final plans for the Annual Dinner this evening at Seamen's Inne. We will not have live music, however Greg Gilmartin will show OSC sailing videos. Bill reported we still have about forty five of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary DVDs and they will be available for sale tonight.

Rear Commodore Purdy reported that the perpetual trophies are ready for the awards ceremony this evening.

The Clerk was not present, however Commodore Geary reported that our filing with Massachusetts was completed in February and a copy has been sent to the Treasurer. Our next filing is due in October 2009.

The Secretary reported the yearbook is almost ready and we are planning on mailing it out with the NOR on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, a copy of last years Annual Meeting Minutes was distributed for guidance in reporting at tonight's meeting.

Commodore Geary asked the Treasurer for a recap on our status with the IRS. The Treasurer reported our filing with the IRS has been resolved. In the future we need to watch: our interest bearing account (presently not a problem due to low interest rates); sales of items by OSC; and the size of our investment account (e.g., concern about having to charter a committee boat)

Race Secretary Pratt distributed his report. Walt decided to stick with the individual entry forms for each race series, however the option now exists to enter both series in one mailing. Additionally, all entrants will be mailed a hard copy of the SIs (with the party bracelets); Guest Masters must be aboard and in command for each race; and Class D results will be changed to Time on Distance vs. Time on Time.

Measurer Jennings reported the OSC non-spinnaker roller furling credit will go to three seconds per mile. This is in conformance with the ECSA credit and the intent is that if you take the roller furling credit, it means that you "use" the roller furler.

RC Chairman Chorlton reported that we are all set with Henry duPont and NOR' EASTER for the Spring Series.

Historian Washburn reported, "We are all getting older".

Membership Chairman Keeler reported we have 8 new members, 6 membership packages in progress, 6 Guest Members, and 5 resignations. The membership count is presently at 487. Gerry contacted the sponsors of seven individuals that have been Guest Members for two years and six of the seven have become members. Commodore Geary asked for a list of the new members so they could be recognized at tonight's meeting.

Protest Committee Chairman Francis reported there are no protests.

Entertainment Committee Chairman LaFrance reported arrangements are well underway with the OAR and he is working with Ted Zuse on getting a tent for the Spring Series. Sarah Porter noted that we are required to have a special events license, a \$50 fee, for Block Island. Greenport Liaison Mills will check to see if we need a similar license for Townsend. Past Commodore Bohlen reflected on past years when we did not have a tent and posed the question, "do we really need a tent?"

There was no report from the Scoring Committee.

Rear Commodore Purdy reported there were no open issues for the Awards Committee.

Public Relations Keeler has received positive comments regarding the proposed rendezvous.

Greenport Liaison Mills reported that Greenport has hired a new Dock Master, Jeff Goubeaud, and that he is supportive of Off Soundings. Also, the owner of Townsend Manor wants the relationship with OSC to continue. Jamie will meet with the Mayor of Greenport and the Chairman of the Eastern Maritime Museum, George Peters, to work out the schedule for 2010. Jamie is on the board of the Shelter Island Yacht Club and noted that SIYC is supportive of OSC but it is hard to say if we can go back to Shelter Island in the near future. Jamie is working on applications for new members and he reported that the OSC Members from Long Island were very pleased with the winter luncheon.

Block Island Liaison Purdy reported that he and Chuck are working on getting housing for the Race Committee.

Past Commodore Bohlen reported that we had three winter luncheons and they were well received with approximately 20 to 30 at each luncheon. Next year, we would like to have one in Rhode Island. Considering the increase in members with powerboats, Frank suggested we should take a look at the idea of having powerboats participate in the Spring and Fall Series (e.g., predictive log competitions).

Rear Commodore Purdy distributed copies of the 2008 Audit Committee report. The audit was conducted in accordance with a twelve step procedure with satisfactory results. The report suggests the financial files should be backed up off site. Also, the Clerk should report, during the October board meeting, on the status of filing the corporate forms with Massachusetts. The Secretary will remind the Clerk to file the documents and report on same. The report proposed two changes to the audit procedure concerning the description of the Audit Committee. It was moved and voted to accept the results of the audit report as well as the changes to the audit procedure.

Past Commodore Brooks presented the Nominating Committee report with the slate for the year 2009-2010. This will be acted upon at the Annual Meeting.

#### Old Business

Club House account – we hope to receive the balance due at the dinner tonight.

2009 OSC Rendezvous – Sarah Porter discussed an idea for the rendezvous. On July 25-26, there will be a gathering of antique boats in Mystic and it was suggested that OSC could have a pot-luck at Ram Island Yacht Club on the day of the Antique Boat Parade. It is difficult to schedule an event that does not conflict with the ECSA schedule. Past Commodore Brooks emphasized this type of event would not pull boats from an ECSA regatta. Past Commodore Bohlen suggested that we should not look at this as a stand alone event and proposed an OSC gathering in conjunction with an existing event (e.g., the recent CCA gathering at the Maine Boat Builders Show in Portland). Commodore Geary will make an announcement at the dinner tonight regarding the dates being considered and to ask for feedback.

#### New Business

Signatory Authorization for Financial Accounts – It was moved and voted to add Harlan Fredericksen to the signatory authority for OSC accounts.

Commodore Geary discussed an incident where Mark Andrew's boat "Curlew" hit NOR'EASTER's dinghy and broke the tiller on the outboard motor. There was an outstanding bill for the repair. RC Chairman Chorlton suggested OSC ask Henry duPont for the bill so OSC could take care of it and then go after Mark Andrews for reimbursement. It was moved and voted that we get the bill from Henry and pay it.

There being no further formal business, motion duly made and approved to adjourn at 1622.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary