

January 16, 1953

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB  
January 15, 1953

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 P.M. at the New York Yacht Club.

Those present were Robert L. Hall, Melvin D. Southworth, E. Standish Bradford, John R. Fales, Paul K. Rogers, Jr., Edgar L. Raymond, Jr., Roderick Stephens, Jr.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

It was voted that the treasurer, J. Franklin Norcross, be commended by the Board for the excellent reports submitted in the past two years.

After considerable discussion regarding what should be done about splitting classes or possibly rearranging them, it was voted to keep the break in the rating lengths between yachts of Class A and Class B where it has been in the past.

It was voted that the classification committee would have authority to split Class B at their discretion if 50 or more boats were entered for that class.

It was voted that penalties for placing in races be changed from 10% for first place, 5% for second place and 3% for third place to 15% for first place, 10% for second place and 5% for third place. Penalties will be effective for a total of three consecutive race series making an effective top penalty limit of 45% for a boat which wins three race series in a row.

It was voted to drop all penalties which may have been acquired by a boat under any owner at the time of sale of that boat to a new owner.

After considerable discussion regarding increasing the maximum length of Yachts allowed to enter the Off Soundings Race, it was voted to leave the maximum length at 61 ft. due to the harbor space required by larger Yachts in the small harbors visited by the Off Soundings Fleet.

It was voted to drop the following from membership in the club for non-payment of dues:

Graeme MacLeod  
C. Huntington Trowbridge

It was voted that the secretary write a strong letter to Mr. Herbert Blake owner of the Widgeon warning him that his actions in the fall races were not those of a gentleman and yachtsman, and that such actions by him in the future will be considered grounds for dropping Mr. Blake from membership in the club.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul K. Rogers, Jr.*  
PAUL K. ROGERS, JR.

Acting Secretary

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Governors held at  
Hotel Kimball - Springfield, Massachusetts  
April 10, 1953

Present:

Commodore Robert L. Hall  
Vice Commodore Paul K. Rogers, Jr.  
Rear Commodore Roderick Stephens, Jr.  
E. Standish Bradford  
John R. Fales  
J. Franklin Norcross  
Melvin D. Southworth  
G. W. Blunt White

Meeting called to order by the Commodore at 5:20 p. m.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the last meeting be approved.

RESOLVED, that H. Winslow Riley be reinstated upon payment of 1953 dues.

RESOLVED, that Mr. Herbert Blake's letter of apology be accepted in the spirit offered.

RESOLVED, that the "Samuel Pepys" Trophy is formally accepted with great appreciation. It was voted that arrangements be made to take appropriate pictures of this trophy and the Flag Officers during our annual meeting. Voted that this trophy be established as first prize, corrected time, for the combined results of the spring and fall races each year, of the class in which "Samuel Pepys" would sail if she were here.

RESOLVED, that the Secretary communicate with Montauk Yacht Club to see if arrangements can be made to serve either a dinner or a buffet supper. Failing that, we will at least ask to have the bar open and piano available for music.

RESOLVED, that we endeavor to have Lew Marvin available to take our group ashore at both Montauk and Greenport. If he cannot handle the situation at Greenport, that we then ask Captain Bud Green, who did this for us last fall.

In view of further request made by Mr. Pierre S. du Pont 3rd, to enter his schooner "Barlovento" in our races, it was RESOLVED that the schooner classification be increased to include yachts up to 65 ft. overall length.

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RESOLVED, that Mr. Edwin Waldvogel's resignation be accepted with great regret.

RESOLVED, that Mr. William G. Burt's resignation be accepted with great regret.

RESOLVED, that Mr. H. H. Van Cleef's resignation be accepted with great regret, due to the fact that he owns a motorboat.

RESOLVED, that Mr. E. Standish Bradford be reappointed as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. W. Blunt White" followed by a horizontal line.

G. W. Blunt White  
Secretary



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

OFFICE OF  
THE SECRETARY  
P. O. Box 242  
Mystic, Conn.

April 10, 1953

Membership Report

Membership March 29, 1952 - 268

New members - 24

Deceased - 1, Walter Evans

Dropped, non-payment of dues - 2, Huntington Trowbridge,  
Graeme MacLeod

Resigned - 3, William G. Burt, E. C. Waldvogel, H. H. Van Cleef

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