

RECORDS OF THE BUZZARDS YACHT CLUB

HOLDEN P. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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BOSTON, MASS.

FACTS IN REGARD TO THE FORMATION OF THE BUZZARDS

Letter from F. A. Harding

September 23, 1929

Mr. E. D. Bement  
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Ed:

After the informal meeting held in Cataumet on Sunday, September 8th, to discuss the possibility of establishing a yacht club, Andrew Fiske asked me to serve temporarily as Chairman of the Committee named to consider the matter, consisting of Messrs. F. A. Eustis, F. W. Knowlton, F. M. Rackemann, Andrew Fiske, F. A. Harding, with the addition of Mrs. J. W. Hallowell and Mr. E. D. Bement to represent Wing's Neck.

As it has been impossible to hold a meeting of this Committee as a whole, I have talked with its members individually and with others both at Cataumet and at Wing's Neck who presumably would be interested in a project of this character, and it seems to me that we can save time and perhaps clarify the situation if I now report to you as follows:

While everybody agrees that there is room for improvement in the management of our races, particularly the Sunday races at Cataumet, opinion is unanimously and strongly opposed to the establishment of a yacht club if it means the construction of a building on Scraggy Neck or elsewhere in our vicinity with a fairly commodious room for luncheon on race days as at the Beverly Yacht Club, which might and doubtless would be used also for dancing, teas and similar entertainments. It is felt that a club of that nature would tend rapidly to change the present simple and informal character of the community which we desire to preserve as long as possible.

It was suggested that a yacht club if formed might establish a series of Saturday afternoon races on the eastern side of the Bay thereby making it unnecessary for the youngsters to sail over to the Beverly and back. I find, however, that there is no considerable demand for such a series. The Sunday races, the Tuesday races and the Thursday races, in addition to the Saturday afternoon races at the Beverly for those who go over, appear to provide racing enough for all ages. It is felt also that it would be a mistake to do anything which would detract from the popularity of the Beverly regattas or which through possible resignations would tend to injure the club financially.

The Tuesday races at Wing's Neck and the picnic luncheons are in reality private or semi-private affairs which for a number of years have been arranged and sponsored by Mrs. J. W. Hollowell. As a rule participation in these races has been by invitation. They are well handled and the racing on the whole is clean and sportsmanlike. Mrs. Hollowell has expressed a willingness to carry them on in the same manner for a few more years and a preference for having them continued on the same basis as before. In view of that, there is of course no occasion to do more than offer Mrs. Hollowell the use of such an organization as we might create in case any part of it could be helpful to her.

As matters stand at present, therefore, the only purpose which a yacht club could serve would be the better management of the Sunday and Thursday races at Cataumet. This I believe can be accomplished by organizing a definite although informal community association without a clubhouse, with or without a name, presumably with nominal family dues from which prizes, etc., could be provided, and with the necessary officers and an executive or regatta committee.

Such a committee should be formed from those who will and can sacrifice the necessary time on Sundays and Thursdays to perform their duties. It will be necessary presumably to leave the management of the Thursday races largely in the hands of the children with perhaps an advisory committee to settle disputes which they cannot adjust themselves. For the Sunday races, however, it ought to be possible to enlist the services of a sufficient number so that no one individual will be called upon to do the actual work of course making, starting, judging, etc., more than once every three or four weeks.

The foregoing of course are my personal observations and conclusions which I have set down solely to promote progress and not in any way to advance ideas of my own. The form and extent of the organization necessary and desirable is of course a matter for this Committee or its successors to decide.

I should be glad to know whether or not you agree in substance with the foregoing and I will try to arrange a meeting of the Committee as early as possible in October for further consideration of this matter. In the meantime I shall welcome any suggestions or ideas you wish to offer.

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) Francis A. Harding.

FAH/GKR

ORGANIZATION OF "THE BUZZARDS"

During the summer of 1929, the need for a more or less definite organization to manage the small boat races at Cataumet was quite apparent and toward the end of the summer became the subject of much informal discussion among those who participated in the races. No formal action was taken and the matter was left in an indefinite way in the hands of Mr. F. A. Harding who was asked to act as Chairman of a Committee to do something about the situation. The personnel of the Committee was not designated.

During the winter of 1930 Mr. Harding met with Dr. F. M. Rackemann, Mr. E. D. Bement and Mr. O. G. Wood, and it was agreed that Messrs. Bement, Rackemann and Harding should constitute themselves a Committee to draw up a form of organization to be submitted to the summer residents of Cataumet and Pocasset at a later meeting. A copy of the call for that meeting is enclosed.

"THE BUZZARDS".

You are invited to join an Association which has been formed for the purpose of promoting, conducting, and regulating yacht and small Boat Racing at Cataumet, Pocasset and adjoining points on the Eastern shore of Buzzards Bay.

Initiation fee is \$2.00 and annual dues of \$3.00 for family or individual membership, with an entrance fee of \$2.00 for each boat for the season.

If you wish to join, will you please fill out questionnaire and mail in the enclosed envelope, and you will receive a copy of the By-laws.

ORGANIZERS AND CHARTER MEMBERS.

Mr. F. A. Eustis, Commodore  
Mrs. J. W. Hollowell, Vice-Commodore  
Mr. E. D. Bement, Secretary and Treasurer  
Mr. Alexander Bright  
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Harding  
Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Rackermann  
Mr. H. F. Clarke  
Mr. H. L. Rogers  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Winsor  
Mrs. J. B. Swift  
Mr. Andrew Fiske

E. D. BEMENT,

Secretary.

If you wish, you may enclose check with application.

Initiation fee \$2.00, Membership \$3.00, boat  
\$2.00 - Total \$7.00.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION MEETING

CATAUMET RACING

In view of the general feeling that it is desirable to provide for more systematic handling of the races at Cataumet especially the Sunday and Thursday series, a few people interested in the matter held an informal preliminary meeting on March 12th. As a result of this meeting, the undersigned constituted themselves a committee to take steps for organizing a definite association and to draw up articles or by-laws under which it might operate.

This has now been done in a tentative way and we enclose for your consideration a copy of our suggestions. We have taken the by-laws of the Beverly Yacht Club as a basis and have made such changes of arrangement and of detail as seem to be required by our local needs.

In drawing up these articles we have been actuated by the following considerations:

To provide a simple and workable community organization to be handled mainly by the younger members at nominal expense.

Not to establish a rival yacht club to the Beverly Yacht Club or to conflict in any way with the Beverly Yacht Club races or to build a clubhouse, the possibility of which was suggested last summer.

There is no intention of having this organization assume or interfere with the management of the Tuesday races at Wing's Neck except insofar as may be desired by those who are now in charge of those races.

The name "Cataumet Racing Association" is used in this draft of the by-laws merely for convenience. A less localized name might be more desirable. Perhaps it would be appropriate to call ourselves merely "The Buzzards". There is much to be said in favor of not dignifying the Association by the term "yacht club".

In order to make further progress in this direction and ascertain the wishes of the community as a whole, a meeting will be held at Dr. Rackemann's house at 263 Beacon Street, Boston, on Thursday, May 15th, at 4:00 P. M. It is hoped that every family interested in this matter will send at least one representative and that by-laws can be adopted, the organization formed, a name chosen and officers elected in order that they may appoint a Regatta Committee and make definite plans for the improvement and regulation of our races before the beginning of summer.

It may be proper to explain at this time that the distinguishing signal or "burges" suggested is exactly the same as that of the Beverly Yacht Club with the color scheme reversed.

If you have any suggestions, please send them to Dr. Rackemann.

E. D. Bement  
F. A. Harding  
F. M. Rackemann

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION MEETING OF "THE BUZZARDS"

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On call of a Committee consisting of Mr. E. D. Bement, Dr. F. M. Rackemann and Mr. F. A. Harding, a meeting of summer residents of Cataumet and Pocasset, Mass., was held at Dr. Rackemann's house, 263 Beacon St., Boston, on Thursday, May 15, 1930 at 4:00 P. M., for the purpose of considering and acting on a proposed form of organization for the management of the races at Cataumet, Pocasset and vicinity.

There were present: Dr. F. M. Rackemann, Mr. E. D. Bement, Mr. M. W. Weeks, Mr. H. L. Rogers, Mr. F. A. Eustis, Mr. H. F. Clarke, Mr. Alexander Bright, Mr. Alexander Winsor, Mr. Andrew Fiske, Mr. F. A. Harding, Mrs. F. M. Rackemann, Mrs. J. B. Swift, Mrs. Alexander Winsor, Mrs. J. W. Hallowell, and Mrs. F. A. Harding.

By vote of those present, Dr. Rackemann acted as Chairman and Mr. Harding acted as Secretary pro tem.

The Chairman outlined the purpose of the meeting and presented the form of organization suggested by the original Committee consisting of a set of by-laws under which such an organization can be formed and operated. A copy of the original by-laws or form of organization, consisting of eleven articles, is attached hereto.

On motion of Mr. Eustis, it was

VOTED; That it is desirable to organize an association for the purpose stated in Article II of the by-laws.

The Chairman then took up the discussion of the proposed by-laws article by article and it was

VOTED: To amend Article I to read: "The name of this Association shall be 'The Buzzards.'"

It was

VOTED: To amend Article VII under the heading of "Regatta Committee" by inserting in the first paragraph under that heading the sentence: "The Executive Committee may designate one member of this Committee as Vice-Chairman" so that the paragraph shall read: "The Regatta Committee shall consist of a Chairman elected as provided in Article IV and other members appointed by the Executive Committee of such number as may be required properly to conduct the regattas of the Association. The Executive Committee may designate one member of this Committee as Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Commodore and Secretary-Treasurer shall be eligible to serve on this Committee."



It was

VOTED: To amend Article IX by inserting at the beginning of the Article the sentence: "There shall be an initiation fee of \$2.00 per member."

It was

VOTED: To adopt the distinguishing signal of the Association exactly as designated in Article X.

It was then unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the by-laws suggested by the original Committee after incorporating the foregoing amendments and without further change.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year to serve until the annual meeting of 1931, and on motion duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the election of the following:

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Commodore                  | - Mr. F. A. Eustis     |
| Vice-Commodore             | - Mrs. J. W. Hollowell |
| Secretary-Treasurer        | - Mr. E. D. Bement     |
| Chairman Regatta Committee | - Mr. F. W. Knowlton   |

who thereupon were declared elected.

Under authority of Article VII as amended, Mr. Eustis, Mrs. Hollowell and Mr. Bement, constituting a majority of the Executive Committee as provided in Article VII, then appointed Mr. Alexander H. Bright Vice-Chairman of the Regatta Committee, and Mr. Bright accepted the appointment.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To instruct the Secretary to cast one ballot for the election of a Committee on Admissions as provided in Article VII to consist of Dr. F. M. Rackemann as Chairman, Mrs. J. B. Swift and Mrs. F. A. Harding as the other two members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P. M.

(Signed) F. A. Harding  
Secretary pro tem.

COPY OF BY-LAWS AS ADOPTED

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BY-LAWS OF "THE BUZZARDS"

Article I

Name

The name of this Association shall be "The Buzzards".

Article II

Purpose

This Association is formed for the purpose of promoting, conducting and regulating yacht and small boat racing at Cataumet, Pocasset and adjoining points on the eastern shore of Buzzard's Bay.

Article III

Officers

The officers of this Association shall be a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, a Secretary-Treasurer and a Chairman of the Regatta Committee.

Article IV

Election of Officers

The Officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected.

A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to election.

Article V

Duties of Officers

Commodore. It shall be the duty of the Commodore to preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee.

Vice-Commodore. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties; and in the absence of the Commodore to perform the duties of that office.

Secretary-Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer:

1. To keep proper record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and to have custody of all reports and documents relating to the affairs of the Association.
2. To keep a correct list of all members and of the name, type, dimensions and ownership of all boats and yachts entered in regattas.
3. To notify members-elect of their election and to notify each member of every meeting and regatta.
4. To have charge of the funds of the Association and of their collection and disbursement under the direction of the Executive Committee, to keep a correct account of receipts and disbursements and to present a report of the financial condition of the Association at the Annual Meeting.

Article VI

Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held between the first and fifteenth day of May of each year at a time and place designated by the Commodore. (Amended 7/18/36)

Notice of the Annual Meeting with a list of all nominees for officers and elective committees for the ensuing year shall be sent to each member at least six days previous to the meeting.

The Commodore may call special meetings at his discretion and shall do so at the written request of three members. At such special meetings no business shall be transacted except that stated in the notice of the meeting.

A quorum at any meeting shall consist of five members who are eligible to vote.

Article VII

Committees

Nominations and Admissions. At least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting the Commodore shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members whose duty it shall be to nominate candidates for Officers and elective committees for the ensuing year and to send to the Secretary not less than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting a list of such nominations to be sent with the notice of the Annual Meeting. This provision shall not exclude the nomination of any other candidate but no member shall be eligible for election to office unless his name together with that of the person nominating him shall have been sent to the Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting.

At each Annual Meeting there shall be elected by ballot in addition to the officers a Committee on Admissions consisting of three members who shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting or until their successors are elected.

Executive Committee. The general administration and control of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee consisting of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary-Treasurer and Chairman of the Regatta Committee.

They shall keep a record of their proceedings and shall have general charge of the policies, activities and finance of the Association, including supervision over all committees. They shall appropriate for the use of each committee and for the Secretary-Treasurer such sums of money as they deem necessary within the resources of the Association, and shall have power to fill by appointment for the balance of the unexpired term any vacancies which may occur in any elective office or committee.

Regatta Committee. The Regatta Committee shall consist of a Chairman elected as provided in Article IV and other members appointed by the Executive Committee of such number as may be required properly to conduct the regattas of the Association. The Executive Committee may designate one member of this Committee as Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Commodore, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be eligible to serve on this Committee.

The Regatta Committee shall have the direction and control of all races sailed under the auspices of the Association, prescribe the rules and conditions therefor, procure and award such prizes as they may deem appropriate, adopt suitable procedure for deciding promptly all questions that arise in the sailing of races and shall have power to disqualify any yacht and to postpone any race or order it resailed. No member of the Regatta Committee, however, shall take part in the discussion or decision of any disputed question in which he is directly interested.

The Regatta Committee shall have full charge of and responsibility for all boats, buoys, marks and other racing equipment belonging to the Association.

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of this Committee on the part of contestants but the Committee may at their discretion refer any matter before them to the Executive Committee for final decision.

### Article VIII

#### Membership - Eligibility and Election

Membership shall be on a family basis, that is to say, the election to membership of any member of a family shall constitute membership for the entire family. No members, however, who have not passed their fifteenth birthday shall be eligible to vote at meetings of the Association.

All summer residents of Cataumet, Pocasset and vicinity shall be eligible for membership.

Candidates for membership must be proposed and seconded by a member in writing and such proposal shall be sent to the Secretary who shall transmit the same to the Committee on Admissions.

Election of members shall be by majority vote of the Committee on Admissions taken in such form as they shall prescribe.

### Article IX

#### Dues and Fees

There shall be an initiation fee of \$2.00 per member.

The annual dues of the Association shall be \$3.00 for either an individual or family membership and an entrance fee of \$2.00 shall be charged for each boat which a member wishes to enter in any or all races or series of races conducted under the auspices of this Association.

### Article X

#### Distinguishing Signal

The distinguishing signal of the Association shall be a pointed burgee, its luff being two-thirds of its length; the device a blue five-pointed star in diameter one-quarter of the greatest width of the burgee, placed in the center of a white triangle, whose base is the luff and whose apex is the center of the burgee, the rest of the burgee red.

Article XI

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present in person or by proxy provided notice of the proposed amendment or the substance thereof is given in the call for the meeting.

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Rules Governing Races

All races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of the N. A. Y. R. A., except so far as modified to suit local conditions.

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Charter Members

The undersigned constituting themselves by mutual agreement organizers and charter members of the Buzzards have this day adopted the foregoing by-laws for the conduct and regulation of the Association.

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Rackemann  
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Harding  
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Winsor  
Mrs. J. W. Hallowell  
Mrs. J. B. Swift  
Mr. E. D. Bement  
Mr. M. W. Weeks  
Mr. H. L. Rogers  
Mr. F. A. Eustis  
Mr. H. F. Clarke  
Mr. Alexander Bright

Following is a List of Members of the Association, With  
Their Boats, as of August 18, 1930.

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Mrs. John G. Agar, Jr.	Cataumet, Mass.	12'	Half & Half
Francis P. Allen	" "	15'	Helpate II
Edward W. Atkinson	Pocasset, "		Cat Boat
Kiameche Austin	Cataumet, "	12'	Larry
Edward D. Bement	Pocasset, "	12'	Hippen
Alexander H. Bright	Cataumet, "	15'	Nabob II
Walter S. Brooks	" "	12'	Fiddler
Grosvenor Calkins	" "	12'	Scamp
Trowbridge Callaway	" "	M.P. 12'	Firefly Juanita
Hermann F. Clarke	Pocasset, "	12'	Windward
W. Ogilvie Comstock, Jr.	Cataumet, "	43'	Schooner - Elemah
Archer L. Conant	" "	12'	Plabin
Courtenay Crocker	" "	12'	Dawtok
Mrs. George Crompton	Pocasset, "	23'	Cat - Pelican
Paul Dudley Dean	Cataumet, "	12' 12'	Grand Turk Quickstep
Dr. Robert L. De Normandie	" "	12'	Crow
Philip Y. De Normandie	" "	12'	Tick
F. A. Eustis	" "	12' 12'	Whale Manitee Schooner
Mrs. Horace C. Fisher	" "	12'	Half & Half
Augustus H. Fiske	" "	12' 15'	Little Kittie Endeavor
Frederick Foster	" "	12'	Thistle
Charles A. Goodwin	" "	12'	Rosmante

Allen Greenwood	Cataumet, Mass.		
Mrs. J. W. Hallowell	Pocasset,	"	12' Granny 12' Tern M.P. Yolanda
Francis A. Harding	Cataumet,	"	12' Man O War 12' Cinch
Frank W. Knowlton	"	"	15' Banshee Baby Knockabout - Bocmerang Sailing Skiff - High Hat
Percival Hall Lombard	Pocasset,	"	12' Onwego
Arthur H. Morse	"	"	12' Porpoise
Rufus Murray Purves	Cataumet,	"	Baby Knockabout - Bobolink
George T. Putnam	"	"	
Dr. & Mrs. F. M. Rackeman	"	"	12' Dodie Cat Boat - Carryall
Dr. A. F. Riggs	Pocasset	"	12' Tomboy
Reginald Robbins	"	"	12' Duck
Howard L. Rogers	"	"	12' Mowgli
William R. Rogers, Jr.	Cataumet,	"	12'
Roger L. Scaife	Pocasset,	"	12' Bonita
Warren R. Sisson	Cataumet,	"	12' Cricket
Dr. J. B. Swift, Jr.	Pocasset,	"	Baby Knockabout - Festina
Wilder Tileston	Cataumet,	"	Baby Knockabout - Hoodoo
Henry Ware	"	"	Baby Knockabout - Pep
Miles W. Weeks	"	"	12' Blue Bell
Holden P. Williams	"	"	12' Dolphin
Alexander Winsor	"	"	12' Mary Bud 15' Pheasant
Orrin G. Wood	"	"	12' Butterball 12' Doughboy



"THE BUZZARDS"

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 14, 1931

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The First Annual Meeting is called for Thursday, May 14th, four o'clock at the home of Dr. Francis M. Rackemann, #263 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

To transact the following business:

To hear and act on reports of the Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer. Chairman of Regatta Committee, and any other reports to be presented at that time.

Elect Officers for the ensuing year.

Note list of Nominations submitted by Nomination Committee:

Commodore	Francis A. Harding
Vice-Commodore	William L. Hallowell
Secretary and Treasurer	Edward D. Bement
Chairman Regatta Committee	

To take up any unfinished business or any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

E. D. Bement  
Secretary

#250 Devonshire St.,  
Boston, Mass.

P.S. One of our members has a Doughdish for sale. This boat is in excellent condition. Any further information may be obtained by communicating with the Secretary.

May 7, 1931

ANNUAL MEETING OF "THE BUZZARDS"

The Annual Meeting of "The Buzzards" was held on May 14, 1931, at 4 o'clock, at the home of Dr. Francis M. Rackemann, 263 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. Notice of the meeting had been mailed by the Secretary under date of May 14th, to the members.

There were present:

- F. A. Eustis
- Mr. & Mrs. Francis M. Rackemann
- Mrs. Francis Harding
- Miss Bay Harding
- Mr. Alex Bright
- Miss June Bright
- Miss Eleanor Bright
- Mr. E. D. Bement
- Mr. Frank W. Knowlton
- Mr. W. O. Comstock
- Mr. Frederic Foster

The meeting was called to order by Commodore F. A. Eustis. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived by unanimous consent.

The Commodore made a short verbal report, in which he expressed his regrets that he did not expect to be at Cataumet next summer.

The Chairman of the Regatta Committee, Mr. Frank W. Knowlton, then reported at length, describing the activities of last season, and making the following suggestions:

He stated that he felt a special committee to handle the Trial Races for the Sears Cup might be helpful. He further stated he felt that a Regatta Committee of not more than three persons would be more efficient than a larger committee. He further stressed the importance of encouraging those partaking in the races to refrain from fouling, and of more vigorous enforcement of the racing rules, and suggested that progress in this direction might be made by having one trophy for races, perhaps on Sunday, on such conditions that any boat that committed a foul would lose her score for that day.

The Secretary and Treasurer then read a report, showing that the gross receipts had been \$320.00, and the expenses \$228.65, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$91.35. He stated that the larger items of the expense were for

Buoys	\$46.67
Printing	44.50
Pennants	78.93

He stated there were some pennants left, which were in charge of Mr. Calkins.

He stated that the enrollment in the Club was 43.

Dr. Rackemann then reported for the Nominating Committee, stating that since the notice of the meeting had been mailed the Nominating Committee had found that Mr. Harding, who had been proposed for Commodore, would prefer not to act as Commodore, and that Mr. William L. Hallowell, who had been proposed for Vice-Commodore, did not expect to be at Wings Neck this summer, although the Nominating Committee had at first been told that he would be there. Dr. Rackemann stated that the Nominating Committee wished to propose for Vice-Commodore, Mrs. Jack Swift, and for Secretary and Treasurer Mr. Edward D. Bement. He stated that they had not reached a final decision as to who to nominate for Chairman of Regatta Committee or for Commodore.

Mr. Eustis then suggested that Dr. Rackemann be nominated for Commodore, which motion met with approval, and the nomination was made. Considerable discussion ensued as to the best candidate for Chairman of the Regatta Committee, and it finally developed that the consensus of opinion was that Mr. W. Ogilvie Comstock was the logical person for this position.

After the discussion the Chairman stated that in view of the apparent preferences of those present, Dr. Francis M. Rackemann was nominated for Commodore, Mrs. Jack Swift for Vice-Commodore, Edward D. Bement for Secretary-Treasurer, and W. Ogilvie Comstock for Chairman of the Regatta Committee. The meeting first voted individually by voice on each candidate, and the Secretary was then instructed to cast one ballot for each of the nominees, and the Commodore declared that they were duly elected.

Commodore Rackemann then took the chair, and considerable discussion ensued as to what could be done to stimulate interest in racing without fouling. It was finally agreed that a short note be prepared by the Commodore, and the Chairman of the Regatta Committee, and mailed to each member with the bills for annual dues, calling attention to such points as these gentlemen see fit.

In the discussion Mr. Bright suggested that a better definition of the exact starting line, particularly the end of it covered by the Committee boat, would help. He said there was a difference of opinion as to whether the line was determined by the position of the Judge in the Committee Boat, or some particular part of the Committee Boat. It was developed that there was still some doubt in the minds of some of the racers as to whether the boat's time should be taken when the bow or the mast of the racing boat crossed the line. Mr. Knowlton for the Regatta Committee stated emphatically that the proper procedure was the time that the bow of the racing boat crossed the line. Mr. Eustis stated that some reward for good behavior might be more effective than punishment for bad behavior, and he stated that he would offer a prize if the Committee thought well, which would be won only by a boat that did not commit any fouling during the season. He made it clear, however, that he would like to be helpful in any way that the Commodore and the Committee thought would best

achieve the desired end.

After the adjournment of the meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Rackemann invited the members to tea, and all left after a pleasant enjoyment of the Commodore's hospitality.

(Signed) F. A. Eustis

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 14, 1931

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Receipts

<u>1930</u>				
June 4	Cash for membership	\$	85.	
" 12	" " "		130.	
" 21	" " "		30.	
" 27	" " "		35.	
Jul. 22	" " "		21.	
Aug. 19	" " "		19.	
			<u>320.</u>	

Expenses

<u>1930</u>				
July 11	Bob Smith Cannon \$20. Ammunition \$5.			\$25.00
" 28	Henry A. Wheeler Co. - Signals & Pennants			54.95
" 28	Beckler Press Course Sheets			7.00
Aug. 15	Seabury Gibbs Buoys, chain, etc.			46.67
" 18	M. A. Allen & Co. - Multi- graphing			3.43
" 18	Spaulding Morse Co. - Course Sheets with Chart			9.90
" 18	Taylor Press (Ptg. By-Laws)			44.50
Oct. 4	Henry A. Wheeler Co. Pennants			24.00
" 4	Frank W. Knowlton Ammunition for Gun			3.00
Nov. 4	Seabury Gibbs Taking up buoys, etc.			6.00
" 5	E. D. Bement for cash			<u>4.20</u>
				\$228.65
	Cash on hand May 14, 1931			<u>91.35</u>
				<u>\$320.00</u>

Following is a List of Members of the Association, With  
Their Boats, as of August 1931.

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Edward W. Atkinson	Pocasset, Mass.	Cat Boat
Kiameche Austin	Cataumet, "	12' Larry
Edward D. Bement	Pocasset, "	12' Hippen
E. H. Bennett, Jr.	Megansett, "	15' Grayling
Alexander H. Bright	Cataumet, "	15' Nabob
Grosvenor Calkins	" "	12' Scamp
Trowbridge Callaway	" "	M. P. Firefly
W. Ogilvie Comstock, Jr.	" "	43' Schooner - Elemah
Paul Dudley Dean	" "	12' Grand Turk 12' Quickstep
Philip Y. De Normandie	" "	12' Tick
F. A. Eustis	" "	12' Whale 12' Manitee Schooner
Mrs. Horace C. Fisher	" "	12' Half & Half
Frederick Foster	" "	12' Thistle
Charles A. Goodwin	" "	
Mrs. J. W. Hallowell	Pocasset, "	12' Granny 12' Tern M. P. Yolanda
Parkman D. Howe	Pocasset, "	12' Bonita M. P. Yolanda
Frank W. Knowlton	Cataumet, "	
Percival Hall Lombard	Pocasset "	12' Onwego
Penelope B. Noyes	Cataumet, "	12' Falcon
Dr. & Mrs. F. M. Rackemann	" "	12' Dodie Cat Boat - Carryall
Howard L. Rogers	Pocasset, "	

Dr. Warren R. Sisson	Cataumet, Mass.	12'	Cricket
Roger L. Sacife	Pocasset, Mass.		
Charles L. Stevens		12'	Emdona
Dr. J. B. Swift	Pocasset, "		Baby Knockabout - Festina
Wilder Tileston	Cataumet, "		
Henry Ware	" "		Baby Knockabout - Pep
John Wheeler, Jr.	" "	12'	Tiggoree
Holden P. Williams	" "	12'	Dolphin
Alexander Winsor	" "	12' 15'	Mary Bud Pheasant
Orrin G. Wood	" "	12' 12'	Butterball Doughboy

"T H E B U Z Z A R D S"

ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY, May 20, 1932

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The Second Annual Meeting is called for Friday, May 20th at 4:30 P. M. at the house of the Commodore, Dr. Francis M. Rackemann, #263 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

To transact the following business:

To hear and act on reports of the Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer, Chairman of the Regatta Committee, and any other reports to be presented at that time.

Report of Nominating Committee.

Election of Officers for the ensuing year.

To transact any business that may properly come before the meeting.

E. D. BEMENT

Secretary

#250 Devonshire St.  
Boston, Mass.

P. S. One of our members has a Doughdish for sale. Further information may be had from the Secretary.

May 7, 1932.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The annual meeting of THE BUZZARDS was held on Friday, May 20th, at the home of Commodore Francis M. Rackemann, Beacon Street, Boston. Notice of the meeting had been mailed by the Secretary under date of May 7th. There were present:

Commodore and Mrs. Rackemann	Mr. F. A. Eustis
Vice-Commodore Mrs. John B. Swift	Mr. W. O. Comstock
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harding	Mr. E. D. Bement

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Francis M. Rackemann and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Commodore made a short verbal report and then asked for the report of the Committee.

The Chairman of the Regatta Committee, Mr. W. O. Comstock, gave a very complete report of the racing season, the number of boats participating in the various races and the winners for the season. He felt that the cup presented by Mr. F. A. Eustis helped very materially in the observance of the racing rules. He suggested that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Wood for the use of the "Mariner" as committee boat, also to Mr. Grosvenor Calkins and Mr. Holtie Wood for their able assistance to the Regatta Committee throughout the season. This met with unanimous approval. Other suggestions were made by him for the coming season; it was the sentiment of the meeting that the warning gun be eliminated in the future; also that some device or signal be arranged for notification to the members whenever a race is called off and that the matter of calling off races be left in the hands of the Regatta Committee, its decision to be final.

The Secretary's report was then briefly given followed by the Treasurer's report.

Membership 40. \$110.00 in the Treasury, all bills paid.

On motion of Mr. Harding, \$100.00 be kept in the Provident Institution for Savings to be used only in case of necessity, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Report of Nominating Committee and elections of officers for the ensuing year.

After hearing the report of the Nominating Committee, the following officers were elected:

For Commodore	Dr. Francis M. Rackemann
For Vice-Commodore	Mrs. John B. Swift
For Secretary-Treasurer	Arthur H. Morse
For Chairman of Regatta Com.	W. O. Comstock
Committee on Admissions	(Paul Dudley Dean
	(Mrs. J. W. Hallowell
	(Miss Alice Wood

General discussion followed. Mr. Eustis offered a prize to be competed for along similar lines to the one presented by him last year; rules to be determined by the Regatta Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

E. D. BEMENT  
Secretary.

June 4, 1932

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MAY, 1932

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Receipts

<u>1931</u>	Cash on hand	\$	91.35
June 30	Dues, etc.		43.00
" "	" "		52.00
July 16	" "		54.00
" 28	" "		34.00
Aug. 25	" "		29.00
Sep. 10	" "		<u>7.00</u>
		\$	<u>310.35</u>

Expenses

<u>1931</u>			
July 30	W. B. Comstock, Jr.		27.30
Aug. 14	Spaulding-Moss Co. Photostatic Course Sheets		19.80
" 14	No. American Yacht Racing Union - Membership 1931		10.00
Sep. 22	Henry A. Wheeler Co. - Pennants		82.88
" 26	Seabury Gibbs		26.74
" 29	C. H. Batchelder & Co. - Special Pennants		22.16
Nov. 4	Seabury Gibbs - Taking in Racing Buoys		8.00
Oct. 3	Deposit in Provi- dent Institution for Savings		<u>110.00</u>
			\$306.88
	Cash		<u>3.47</u>
			<u>\$310.35</u>

Following is a List of Members of the Association, With  
Their Boats, as of August, 1932.

Francis P. Allen	Cataumet, Mass.	15'	Helpete II
Edward W. Atkinson	Pocasset, "	Cat Boat	
Klameche Austin	Cataumet, "	12'	Larry
Edward D. Bement	Pocasset, "	12'	Hippen
Alexander H. Bright	Cataumet, "	15'	Nabob II
Grosvenor Calkins	" "	12'	Scamp
Trowbridge Callaway	" "	M. P. 12'	Firefly Juanita
Hermann F. Clarke	Pocasset, "		
W. Ogilvie Comstock, Jr.	Cataumet, "	43'	Schooner - Elemah
Paul Dudley Dean	" "	12' 12'	Grand Turk Quickstep
Philip Y. De Normandie	" "	12'	Tick
F. A. Eustis	" "	12' 12'	Whale Manitee
Mrs. Horace C. Fisher	" "	12'	Half & Half
Augustus H. Fiske	" "	12' 15'	Little Kittie Endeavor
Frederick Foster	" "	12'	Thistle
Mrs. J. W. Hallowell	Pocasset, "	12' 12' M. P.	Yolanda
Francis A. Harding	Cataumet, "	12'	Man O War
Percival Hall Lombard	Pocasset, "	12'	Onwego
Arthur H. Morse	" "	12'	Porpoise
Penelope B. Noyes	Cataumet "	12'	Falcon
Rufus Murray Purves	" "	Baby	Knockabout - Bobolink

J. Potts			12'	Windward
Dr. & Mrs. F. M. Rackemann	Cataumet, Mass.		12'	Dodie
J. Preston Rice	"	"	Yawl -	Pegasus
Warren R. Sisson	"	"	12'	Cricket
Charles L. Stevens			12'	Emdona
Dr. J. B. Swift, Jr.	Pocasset,	"	Baby Knockabout -	Festina
Henry Ware	Cataumet	"	Baby Knockabout -	Pep
Miles W. Weeks	"	"	12'	Blue Bell
Holden P. Williams	"	"	12'	Dolphin
Alexander Winsor	"	"	12'	Mary Bud
			15'	Pheasant
Orrin G. Wood	"	"	12'	Butterball
			12'	Doughboy

Boston, Massachusetts

June 9, 1933

To the members of the "Buzzards":

The annual meeting of the "Buzzards" will be held at the house of Dr. Francis M. Rackemann in Cataumet, on Saturday, June 24, 1933, at 5:00 o'clock P. M.

Annual dues of \$3.00, and an assessment of \$2.00 per boat, are now payable. Last year you paid an assessment on one boat. Please make your check payable to the "Buzzards" and send to the undersigned at 50 Federal Street, Boston.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Arthur H. Morse,

Secretary.

THE BUZZARDS

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of The Buzzards was held at the residence of Commodore Francis M. Rackemann, Cataumet, Massachusetts, on Saturday, June 24, 1933, at five o'clock P. M. pursuant to written notice forwarded to all members seven days at least before the date of meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Commodore.

In the absence of the secretary, Grosvenor Calkins was appointed acting secretary of the meeting.

The following members were present:

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Harding  
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Rackemann  
Mr. and Mrs. Grosvenor Calkins  
Mr. Holden Williams  
Mrs. O. G. Wood  
Miss Dorothy Harding  
Mr. Fred A. Eustis  
Mr. Holten Wood  
Grosvenor Calkins, Jr.

The minutes of the annual meeting held May 20, 1932 were read and approved.

A report from the treasurer showing the financial operation and condition was read, approved, and on motion, ordered filed.

The following nominating committee to present nominations for officers for the ensuing year was appointed by the Commodore, viz:

Mr. Fred A. Eustis, Chairman  
Mr. F. A. Harding  
Mr. Grosvenor Calkins

In the absence of a member of the Regatta Committee a report covering the 1932 racing season was presented and read by Grosvenor Calkins, Jr.

The Commodore reported the necessity of making timely application for admission of a crew representing The Buzzards for competition in the sectional race of the Yacht Racing Union to be held during the month of August.

There was a general discussion by the members of the policy of the Club in conducting its Sunday afternoon and Thursday morning races. The opinion was expressed that improvement had been shown by the competitors in these races during the last season in the technique of racing. It appeared to be the consensus of the members attending the meeting that more familiarity with racing rules was needed and that it was desirable for all protests to be heard, and, if practicable, decided by a member of the Regatta Committee immediately following each race.

The nominating committee presented the following nominations:

Commodore	Mr. Francis A. Harding
Vice-Commodore	Miss Rosamond Lombard
Secretary and Treasurer	Mr. Arthur H. Morse
Chairman Regatta	Mr. Andrew H. Fiske
Official Recorder	Mr. Grosvenor Calkins, Jr.
Committee on Ad- missions	Mr. E. D. Bement, Jr.
	Mrs. F. A. Harding
	Mrs. Orrin G. Wood
Vice-Chairman Regatta	Mr. Charles McGinnis

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED: To accept the nominations of the Committee.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED: That the Secretary of the meeting be directed to cast one ballot for the election of the officers so nominated to hold office for the ensuing year. A ballot was so cast and the foregoing officers were declared elected.

No further business being brought before the meeting, it was VOTED: To adjourn.

A true record,

ATTEST: (Signed) Grosvenor Calkins,  
Acting Secretary.