



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY
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Mystic, CT 06355

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ANNUAL MEETING
&
SHORE PARTY

APRIL 17, 1999

Our Annual Meeting and Spring Dinner will be held at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut on Saturday, April 17, 1999. The Annual Meeting for members will be held downstairs in the Tap Room of the Officers Club at 1800:

1. For election of Officers and Board of Governors for the coming year
2. To transact any business that may properly come before the meeting.

Cocktails will be served in the Alumni Room of the Officers Club, which is adjacent to the Dining Room, at 1800 on a buy-your-own basis. "Rock of Ages" will provide music during cocktails.

A fine dinner with all the trimmings will be served promptly at 1930 in the Dining Room of the Officers Club. Members, wives and guests are cordially invited to cocktails, dinner or both. If you plan to sit with a group, come early and stake out a table.

This year we are offering a choice of entrees: Prime Rib at \$31.00 or Fillet of Flounder with Crab Meat Stuffing at \$26.00 per plate (including tax and gratuities). These prices are for advance payment. We will charge \$33.00 and \$28.00 if paid at the door. If you plan to pay at the door, you should call prior to Thursday, April 15th to make sure that we can make arrangements to accommodate you.

The after dinner program, starting at 2030, will include the awarding of perpetual trophies and the showing of an excellent video featuring highlights of our 1998 series. The Mystic Seaport is generously providing the screen and projector to show these videos. All members and guests are cordially invited to this program whether or not they have dinner tickets.

If you are to receive a trophy, please be present for the award or have a designated person accept it for you. This helps our Awards Chairman and assures the safe transport of our valuable trophies.

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To be assured of seating for you, your crew and your guests, send your check soon (made payable to the Off Soundings Club) and indicate how many tickets you desire for each entree. Mail to:

Off Soundings Club
% Elisabeth Bohlen
1 Scott Lane
Mystic, CT, 06355
(860) 536-1908

She will mail your dinner tickets to you up until April 10th. Any reservations received thereafter will be held for pick-up at the door. If you call by Thursday, April 15th, tickets may also be purchased at the door. However, this is always a crowded and confused purchasing area. We heartily recommend that you shop by mail early.


Each dinner ticket will indicate to your server which entree is to be served, so please do not leave your tickets home.

The Club House will have a selection of items for sale at the door. They include such items as ties, burgees, patches, pins, shirts, hats and jackets.

The United States Coast Guard Academy is located on Route 32 just North of I-95 in New London. Coming South on I-95 take exit 83 to Frontage Road and follow the signs. Going North on I-95, take exit 82A to Frontage Road and follow the signs. At the gate, identify yourself as participating in the Off Soundings Dinner at the Officers Club. As you drive straight ahead, the Officers Club is the first one story building on your left and faces East with a turn around in front of it.

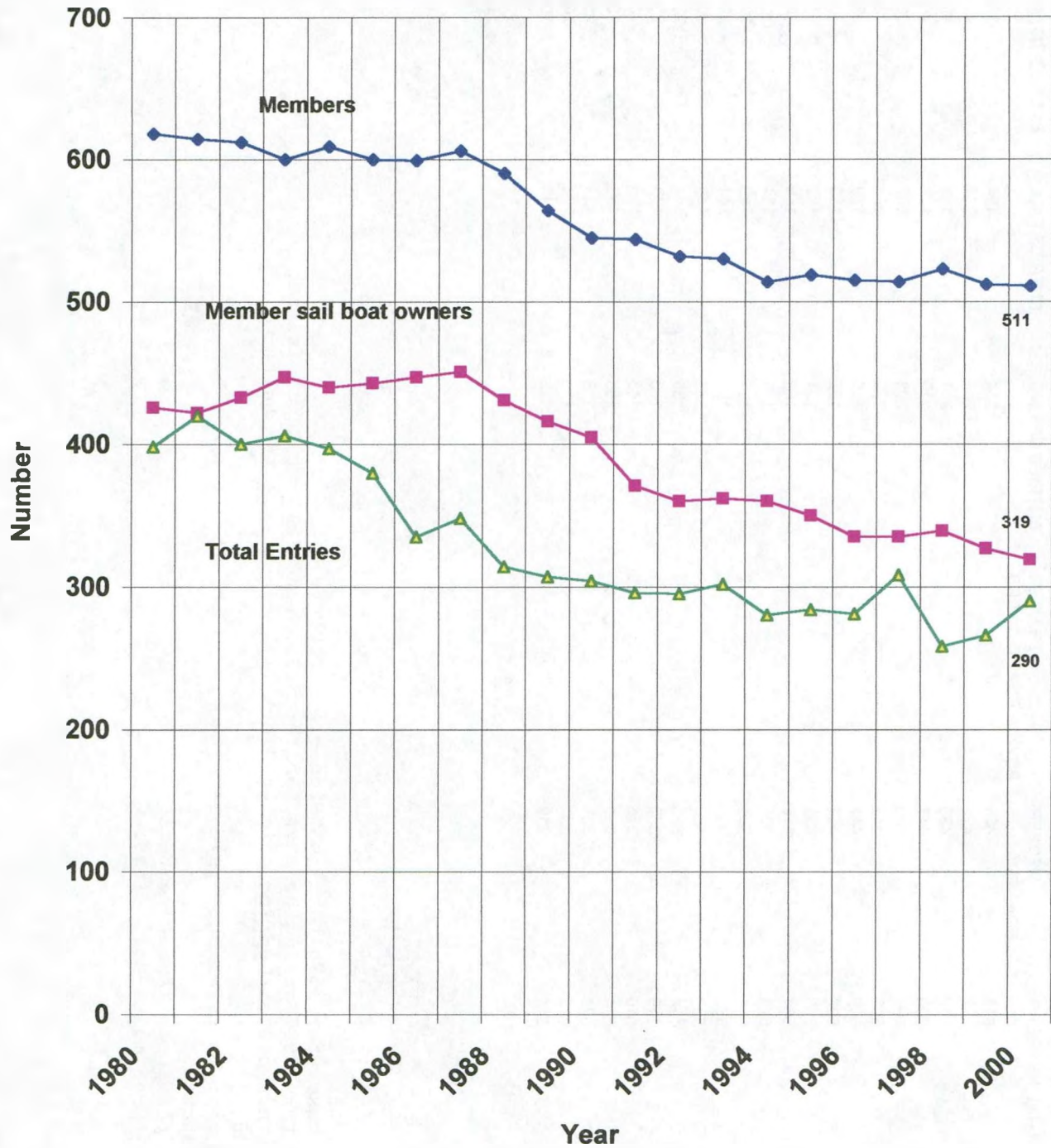
Your Board of Governors hopes that as many of you as possible will be able to join us for another fine Off Soundings Annual Meeting and Shore Party.

Sincerely,



Neal H. O'Connell
Secretary

**OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP VS
TOTAL RACE ENTRIES
1980 THRU 2000**



(see over)

YEAR	TOTAL MEMBERS	MEMBER SAILBOAT OWNERS	MEMBER POWER BOAT OWNERS	ENTRIES SPRING	ENTRIES FALL	ENTRIES TOTAL
1980	618	426		204	194	398
1981	614	422		216	204	420
1982	612	433		201	199	400
1983	600	447		219	187	406
1984	609	440		208	189	397
1985	600	443		209	171	380
1986	599	447		165	170	335
1987	606	451		193	155	348
1988	590	431		161	153	314
1989	564	416		159	148	307
1990	545	405		150	154	304
1991	544	371	12	156	140	296
1992	532	360	15	151	144	295
1993	530	362	19	153	149	302
1994	514	360	20	136	144	280
1995	519	350	21	146	138	284
1996	515	335	19	143	138	281
1997	514	335	21	156	152	308
1998	523	339	22	135	123	258
1999	512	327	20	138	128	266
2000	511	319	19	142	148	290

NOTES:

- 1) 1980 base year (398 total entries - 618 members)
- 2) 1980 thru 1987 spring held at Shelter Island and fall at Block Island.
- 3) 1988 thru present spring held at Block Island and fall at Shelter Island.
- 4) 1991 revised power boat rule resulted in 13 previous members being reinstated.
- 5) 1992 permitted female members.
- 6) 2000 first multi-hull class.