

# OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

Office of  
THE SECRETARY

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March 1, 1977

ANNUAL MEETING

and

SHORE PARTY

Our Annual Meeting and Winter Dinner will be held at the Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut on Saturday, April 2, 1977.

The Annual Meeting for members will be held in the Aloha Meeting House at 1800.

1. For the 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 Seamen's Inne at 1800 on a buy-your-own basis at \$1.25 per.

A fine dinner of roast beef will be served promptly at 1915. 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. Dinner will be \$11.00 per plate if paid in advance, \$12.00 if paid at the door so please send in your reservations early.

Three hundred fifty is the maximum seating in the River Room. Any above that number may dine in the other dining rooms offered by the Seamen's Inne or at one of the excellent places in town. To be sure of River Room seating, we recommend:

Send your check very soon made payable to  
The Off Soundings Club to:

Off Soundings Club  
c/o W. L. Ames  
9 Gravel Street  
Mystic, Ct. 06355

He will mail your dinner tickets up to March 26. Any thereafter will be held for your pick-up at the door. As long as there is room, tickets may also be purchased at the door. This is always a crowded and confused purchasing area- we heartily recommend you shop by mail early! Last year we were completely sold out.

The after dinner program, which is scheduled to start about 2030, will include the awarding of perpetual trophies for 1976 and movies of that year's events.

All members and guests are cordially invited to this program whether or not they have dinner tickets.

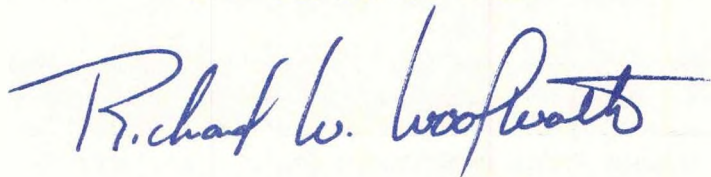
Mystic Seaport again will be open all day to members of Off Soundings Club. Arriving visitors please use the North Parking Lot and enter through the North Gate. As before, if you identify yourselves at this gate as Off Soundings members, you will be admitted without charge. Any who are not yet MHA members are cordially invited to take out a \$25.00 family membership [tax deductible] at this convenient time.

As you can see from the attached sheet, many changes have taken place since our last visit to the seaport. We suggest that you arrive early and take a look at the new and ever changing Seaport.

Our Governors hope as many as possible will be with us for another fine Off Soundings Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard W. Woolworth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Richard W. Woolworth  
Secretary



# MYSTIC SEAPORT, INC.

A MUSEUM DEDICATED TO AMERICA'S MARITIME HERITAGE

February 25, 1977

We are pleased to have the Off Soundings Club at Mystic Seaport again this year. There are a number of new and improved exhibits which you might want to see while you are at the museum. These include:

**North Boat Shed:** Among the small craft exhibited here is a replica of a famous Whitehall racing boat that was built in New York in the early 1800s. The original boat was given to General Lafayette in 1825 and survives in his chateau today. Staff members spent three days taking measurements and details for the construction of the replica named for the general.

The restored cabins from the 1883 Maine-built down easter, BENJ. F. PACKARD, have been installed, with the public rooms and the recently completed captain's cabin and mate's cabin now viewable.

In the Stillman Building, a Bi-Centennial exhibit called "The Challenge of Independence," has been installed for the summers of 1976 and 1977. Also in this building, you will find an excellent new model of the schooner AUSTRALIA which was built by Ray Pendleton of the Seaport staff.

In the R.J. Schaefer Building, along with the long-term exhibit on the yacht AMERICA, there is an exhibit entitled "The Past In Focus," covering the work of Everett Scholfield who photographed maritime Mystic from 1860 to 1913. This building is also the permanent location of a model, HMS BURFORD, which is among the finest in the world and which should be seen.

Aboard the CHARLES W. MORGAN work continues on the restoration, with below-deck joiner work being reinstalled after the recent structural restoration.

A number of exhibits in the village area have been improved recently. Notable among these are the tavern, the general store, and the drug store.

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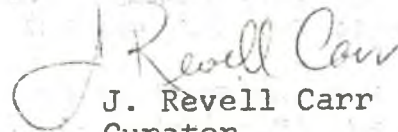
In the Small Boat Shop you will enjoy seeing the Chamberlain skiffs that are being built and sold with the proceeds paying an apprentice boatbuilder.

The Catboat Exhibit has the recent addition of the restored BUTTON SWAN, a Providence River boat.

Aboard the schooner L.A. DUNTON extensive structural restoration has been completed, and the interior work is nearly finished.

In the Henry B. du Pont Preservation Shipyard, a shipbuilding exhibit has been set up in the building that houses the keel for the 1818 whaler THAMES. From the visitors' gallery in the main shop various projects such as the construction of new dories for the L.A. DUNTON and the turning of oars on a large lathe can be seen.

While your time is limited, we hope you will enjoy what you see and come back often to see other aspects of the Seaport.

  
J. Revell Carr  
Curator