



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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TO: BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Since we will not be together as a group for some time, I would like to bring you up to date on several subjects of interest.

Shelter Island - After several discussions with current Commodore Frank Ciaccio whose interpretation of their newly formulated house rules calls for a prohibitive increase in our costs (approximately \$3,00), the current Vice Commodore, Henry Kyhl, has assured me that Shelter Island wants Off Soundings as their guests, and has personally assured me that he will work out costs so they will commensurate with prior years. Since Henry will be Commodore in the Fall and has been our support on their Board, the flag officers feel we should plan to use their facilities in the fall.

Underage Drinking - This problem is being addressed several ways. At this time to enforce the state laws, I feel there is little more we can do short of destroying the very nature of our gatherings. We have warned our members of the problem; we have signed statements from each skipper accepting responsibility for their crew; we will post signs on each serving crock and will have 3 or 4 persons from Shelter Island (at their insistence!) checking persons of questionable age. In addition, we have indemnified their club with insurance, and we have recourse with our members via USYRU rules and our own constitution.

The flag officers will continue to monitor this problem. There seems to be very little real protection against a potentially large problem, but I believe we are taking every precaution possible.

Expenses - Walt's warning in his last report concerning the precarious nature of our finances deserves comment. While Les is working his way through our figures, and until he can report to us on the state of our finances, I would like to ask each of you to personally approve any invoices for goods or services for which you contract before asking Les for payment. This way we know the amount is correct and that the service has been performed to your satisfaction.

We seem to have particular problems with printing and mailings. Quality Printing has been doing our printing and mailing for years, but since several people contract for services, the control on payment sometimes has been lax. You might find Pronto Printers or Pip a less expensive alternative for your stationery, etc.

Thanks for your support.

George