



## OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Henry B. DuPont IV  
303 Hulls Farm Road  
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Dear Henry,

On behalf of The Off Soundings Club, I would like to convey to you how pleased we were when learning that you had acquired NOR'EASTER from John Helm. It is great to know that this grand old vessel which has been a part of the U.S. Yachting scene for over half a century and a part of our Off Soundings activities for close to thirty years will continue to be active and cared for.

I understand that you are having the boat refitted in Maine and you have offered John the use of NOR'EASTER for our fall race series.

As you may know, in 1972 Past Commodore John E. English presented the Henry B. DuPont Memorial Trophy to the club in memory of your grandfather who served as commodore in 1961 and 1962. This is a perpetual trophy awarded annually to the Class C-3 boat having the best spring and fall series combined results. Additionally, in 1976 the Board of Governors instituted the NOR'EASTER trophy in recognition of the many years that she served as the club's committee boat. When John Helm brought NOR'EASTER back into Off Soundings' activities after her long absence, it made those trophies even more meaningful to many younger members, and for the old timers it certainly gave a great lift.

John provided the boat from 1982 through 1990 performing many tasks such as stake boat, patrol boat, carrying the doctor, and providing a stable platform for photographers, reporters, and TV crews. On more than one occasion he towed in disabled vessels, and frequently fed and slept the doctor and many of our race committee members. NOR'EASTER again became an integral part of Off Soundings so you can understand how pleased we are at hearing the news that she is being well cared for and at the prospect that she may be available for our fall series.

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Our annual meeting and shore party, at which time we award our perpetual trophies, will be held on April 6, 1991 at the Norwich Sheraton Inn. We would be pleased to have you attend this event as our guest and to sit at our Race Committee table with John and Nancy. I'm sure you will enjoy the evening, the many references to NOR'EASTER, and particularly some excellent video footage we will show of your great boat. An invitation will be mailed to you in advance of the date at which time you can indicate whether you would like to attend.

I look forward to meeting you personally and extend our best wishes with NOR'EASTER.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

George Hohenstein

CC: John Helm  
Flag Officers  
Secretary  
Historian  
Race Committee Chairman  
Public Relations Chairman