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TO: Neal S. O'Connell Ernie Messer  
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FROM: Dick Roberts

SUBJECT: Lifeline Committee

We have been appointed to a new committee to review the Off Soundings Club's requirements for lifelines and to recommend changes, if any, to our current policy.

A year ago, a lifeline committee consisting of Roberts and Messer, and Frank Bohlen, Wes Maxwell and John Philip Smyth was appointed. Norm Rabe was added to the committee because of the input he could provide. I've added him to this year's committee for the same reason.

For background information, I have enclosed the products of last year's committee. You will note that our conclusions then were:

Although not clear-cut, the Committee seems to be favoring the adherence by the Off Soundings Club to the Off Soundings Club Standards, eliminating the waiver. Information being assembled by Rabe could influence the final decision, when presented at the January 19, 1996 meeting. In any case, there may be a few special cases requiring special consideration, if the waiver is eliminated.

As you know, the lifeline waiver (grandfather) was continued into our 1996 racing season.

I ask Norm Rabe to send to this committee the information he presented at last January's meeting. I then ask each of us to review all of the 1995 material. Try to form an opinion as to whether we should ratify the 1995 conclusion, or try to provide some ideas as to what aspect(s) should be explored further. I'd like an initial response by December 2nd. Then, I'll share the responses and outline what the next step should be.

Thanks for your help.

*Dick*