



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

November 24, 1986

Dear Member:

This notice is to alert you to a problem and to request your participation in its solution.

The Off Soundings Club, recognizing that it is no longer possible to use film to record our Races, has joined forces with the Audio-Visual Department of the Mystic Seaport Museum to do the recording, editing, and preserving of our events on video tape. In order to make this process possible, your Board of Governors has committed to donate \$6500 for additional video recording equipment, special to the task of recording our Races. Based on that commitment, the Seaport has purchased that equipment, adding to the \$78,000 of equipment already owned by them, all of which will be used to produce the videos of our 1986 Race Series and for the future.

Your Board made that commitment to fund that additional equipment with the expectation that the membership would rise to the occasion and make enough tax-deductible contributions to cover. The problem is that previous exhortations have raised only about 40% of the \$6500. This special appeal for the remaining \$3900 is made separate from other Off Soundings Club correspondence, so as not to become lost in the shuffle, and in advance of year's end, so as to permit taking advantage of the changing tax situation.

The solution to the problem, then, is for you to send to our Treasurer, Walt Strang, your check made out to Mystic Seaport Museum and annotated "OSC Audio-Visual Fund." That action on your part will do the following:

1. Honor our commitment to Mystic Seaport Museum.
2. Fund the video recording equipment added to Mystic Seaport Museum's existing equipment which has enabled them to take, edit and present for our use the complete and valuable record of our Races.
3. Use the services of Mystic Seaport Museum personnel to process these videos, which then become part of our permanent archives and will become available for use as home videos.
4. Provide to you a tax-deductible contribution on your 1986 taxes.
5. Provide to you the personal satisfaction of furthering the preservation of our maritime heritage.

There is no doubt that Off Soundings Club members will accept this challenge as we always have done. An envelope, addressed to Walt Strang, is enclosed for your use. (Include the proper matching-gift form if your employer embraces such a program.) Your donation will be promptly acknowledged by a tax-deductible contribution receipt from Mystic Seaport Museum.

Thanks in advance for your support.

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P.S. Use of video tape allows the addition of material from other sources. We would like to edit your videos of our 1986 Races and Parties into the permanent video, for the archives and for presentation at our April 4, 1987 Annual Dinner. Send your videos to Ken Mahler, Audio-Visual Department, Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, CT 06355. They will be returned to you promptly and intact.