



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Celebrating 75 Years of Great Yacht Racing

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Off Soundings Club Members --- Greetings!

As our 75th Anniversary year comes to a close, I wanted to take the opportunity to recap some of the notable events and bring you up-to-date on items of interest.

We began the year with two member luncheons during February. These were well attended and provided an opportunity to meet and chat with you as well as meet with potential new members. These discussions certainly provided input which helps in managing the Club. We will schedule similar luncheons this coming winter and hope to see each of you then.

Our Gala banquet at the Seamen's Inne following the annual meeting was a delightful affair. Sarah Porter and her team did a magnificent job in decorating and providing great raffle items. Also anniversary coffee mugs and commemorative neckties were introduced and offered for sale. There are a limited number of these items still available from Sarah. We also premiered the 75th Anniversary video with many thanks for the hard work of VC Bill Loweth and Greg Gilmartin. This video will be treasured by all for many years to come. I hope you took advantage and obtained your before our supply was exhausted.

Both the Spring and Fall Race series were sailed under the usual interesting and delightful Off Soundings conditions. We are fortunate to have a first class Race Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Chuck Chorlton, running these events for us and doing such a great job. Special thanks to everyone who made these Regattas successful. Chip Riegel was present on the photo boat this fall. If you haven't seen his photos, check them out on his website www.chipriegel.com. Click on "recent work", and view *Fall Off Soundings* as a slide show. Great photos, which really make you feel that you were there. Enclosed you will find the race results for the Fall Series. Congratulations to all participants! We apologize for the delay in receipt of the fall trophies, but you should have received your by now. If not, please give RC Steve Purdy a call.

Our first Summer Rendezvous was held on a beautiful day at Mystic Seaport on 12 July. It was wonderful to see so many of our members and friends who do not normally race with us, including Eileen Ames and Angie Robinson. Also in attendance were past commodores; Frank Bohlen, Bill Gunther, George Hohenstein and Jim Slimmon. It was good to see everyone and share a great evening! We would like some feedback on this event to help determine if we should plan another.

There have been a number of inquiries concerning the race dates for next year. As you know they are normally published a year in advance in our yearbook. The Spring Race dates are 12 & 13 June with a destination of Block Island. The Fall Race dates were incorrectly listed in the yearbook. The correct dates are 18 & 19 September. The destination will again be Greenport.

As the fall days get shorter, it might be time to pick up a good book to read by the fire. We have two great authors amongst our membership. You might pick up "CREW" by Greg Gilmartin and "Messing About in Boats for 80 Years with Jack Sutphen" by John (Jack) Sutphen. Both of these are a good read!

We have had requests from some of you for a source of Club burgees. We are pleased to report that Ted Zuse has resupplied, and has them available.

Finally, mark your calendars now; the annual **Dyer Dhow Derby at Mystic Seaport** will be held on Saturday, 18 October, at the Seaport. Past Commodore Steve O'Connell will be coordinating our challenge this year. Please let him know if we can count on you as a participant.

On behalf of the Officers, we thank you for your support and encouragement during the past season.

Good Sailing,
Bob Geary