



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Report of the 50th Anniversary Committee

1. At the April meeting of the Board of Governors it was decided to concentrate on the coming annual meeting and dinner to celebrate our fiftieth birthday. In the meantime some recognition has been given to the significance of this anniversary year 1983 with a special edition of the yearbook having a gold cover and club seal modified to show the dates 1933-1983. This version of the seal was also used on the Race Circulars and on the souvenir plastic drinks glasses, which were well received. Thanks go to Messres. Woolworth, Ames and Hohenstein for their efforts in this project.

2. On Monday, November 7th, 1933 the original four members founded Off Soundings at a luncheon at the University Club in Springfield at which they elected themselves Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore (and Measurer) and Secretary (and Treasurer). November 7th, 1983 will also fall on a Monday. It is understood the University Club has in the meantime burned down and has been supplanted by the Colony Club. Our Clerk, Howard Schechterle reports that the Colony Club serves luncheon on Mondays and could accomodate some of us. How many would be interested in a pilgrimage to Springfield for lunch November 7th in honor of the occasion? (Invite Commodore Ed Southworth's daughter?)

3. As to the approaching annual dinner, our fiftieth, it is the plan to follow the usual format with the addition of a special film documenting the first fifty years of the club. In addition we have the services of Henry A Scheel as principal speaker (or possibly as narrator for the film?). It is proposed to send invitations to past flag officers (some 3 dozen listed in yearbook) to sit at a special table or tables reserved for them (who pays?). The new Madrigal trophy is to be awarded in memory of Albert Boardman donated by his family. His son would like to make the presentation. it is also proposed to have as place favors printed programmes of the evening's events, dinner menu and history of the club (with perhaps some pertinent photographs?). Also invite Commodores Ed and Mel Southworth's daughters as our guests?

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4. The open questions to be resolved now are as follows:

A) The film, how to make and by whom? (Robinson, Converse, Mahler, funding?) -16mm silent?

-with taped sound?

-magnetic sound track?

-optical sound track?

-who narrate?

B) The printed programme, how to make and by whom?

(Suggest article in the Log, or Soundings, or Yachting might be used as basis for the history: Anderson, Revel Carr, Bavier?)

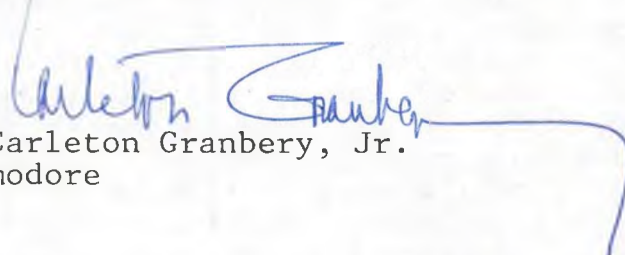
C) Approval of presentation of MAdrigal Trophy by Albert Boardman III.

D) Will our Race Secretary again provide music?

5. Is this enough? Too much?

Are there any suggestions? Volunteers?

Respectfully submitted,


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