

June 22, 1954

Mr. Phelps Brown, Race Secretary  
P.O. Box 109  
West Springfield, Mass.

Dear Phelps:

Many thanks for your letter of June 15th with reference to the schedule proposed for the Fall Race notices.

Frankly, I think the early mailing dates are better and can fully understand why you want more time between final closing and race dates.

With reference to the copy of the letter from H. F. Seymour, please drop him from the mailing list. If he has his boat in the East in some future year, I think he will let us know, but the chances of this are relatively slight.

Since we last talked in Greenport, I have seen John Wheeler, Jr. personally and discussed the difficulties at the Yacht Club. Apparently, the principal difficulty revolved around the fact that Mr. Gay had left some gear in the Club House after the cocktail party and was supposed to be leaving about 6:00 A.M. for Newport. According to John Wheeler, they did make some noise in the hopes of arousing someone at the Club House to get the gear out, but did not break either of the window panes.

I really think that Captain Jennings's assistant, who was in the house, is a rather nervous individual, and having had some trouble formerly, probably thought something was said which was not said. All three of the individuals involved have written letters to Captain Jennings apologizing for the disturbance and have forwarded copies to me. Insofar as I am concerned, the matter is closed, and I believe, in view of our discussion with Captain Jennings, that everything is under control and that we will be welcome in the future.

Sincerely,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

PKR, JR.-sl  
cc: R. Stephens, Jr.  
J. Pales  
J. Wm. Jones, Jr. ✓

PAUL K. ROGERS, JR.  
Commodore

June 29, 1954

Mr. Raymond P. Gay, Jr.  
c/o Hobart J. Hendrick  
P.O. Box 1887  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Ray:

This is just a note of thanks to you for writing to Captain Jennings at Shelter Island.

I think you know that the Off Soundings Club had some difficulty there in former years, and our chief problem there is to be assured that we will again be welcome.

In this particular case, the clothing left inside the Club House is something for which I will accept some responsibility in that I don't believe we had ever announced the closing hour of the Club House at either Shelter Island or Montauk. I have added this to the list of announcements to be made, and perhaps this will reduce the chance of difficulties such as you got into.

Incidentally, I am also convinced that part of the trouble was caused by the fact that the launch man who is staying at the Club House, for some reason, got the opinion that some one of you said, "I'll get you". He is a rather nervous chap and apparently easily excitable, and must have misunderstood some part of your conversation.

In any case, I hope you stay away from the place in the future at that hour.

Sincerely,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

PAUL K. ROGERS, JR.  
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J. Wm. Jones, Jr. ✓

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Mr. D. B. Smith  
Cedar Crest  
Hystic, Conn.

Dear Don:

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Commodore

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R. Stephens, Jr.  
J. Pales  
J. M. Jones, Jr. ✓

June 29, 1954

Mr. John R. Wheeler, Jr.  
Willow Point  
West Mystic, Conn.

Dear John:

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OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

1954 Spring Race

Receipts

|                      |  |                 |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|
| General donations    |  | \$ 2,335.50     |
| Donations for prizes |  | 125.00          |
| Total receipts       |  | <u>2,460.50</u> |

Disbursements

|                               |              |                 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Stationery and printing       |              |                 |
| Empire Mailing Company        | 317.65       |                 |
| Rich Lithographing Co.        | <u>21.50</u> | 339.15          |
| Postage                       |              | 88.68           |
| Telephone                     |              | 71.51           |
| Refreshments                  |              |                 |
| Bury's Marina                 | 343.90       |                 |
| The Shelter Island Yacht Club | 496.75       |                 |
| Ice                           | <u>4.50</u>  | 845.15          |
| Prizes                        |              | 360.23          |
| Gratuities                    |              |                 |
| Launch men, Bury's (3)        | 15.00        |                 |
| Steward, Montauk              | 15.00        |                 |
| Dering                        | 15.00        |                 |
| Steward's assistant, Montauk  | 5.00         |                 |
| Dering                        | 5.00         |                 |
| Policeman, Dering             | <u>10.00</u> | 65.00           |
| Shore boats, Montauk (4)      | 160.00       |                 |
| Dering (2)                    | 100.00       |                 |
| Capt. Frank Ward              | <u>5.00</u>  | 265.00          |
| Race committee                |              |                 |
| Meals                         | 222.25       |                 |
| Hotel                         | 135.00       |                 |
| Gratuity                      | 10.00        |                 |
| Supplies                      | <u>2.00</u>  | 369.25          |
| Colored film                  |              | <u>123.75</u>   |
| Total disbursements           |              | <u>2,527.72</u> |

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| Excess of disbursements over receipts |  | \$ <u>67.22</u> |
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June 29, 1954

Mr. R. F. McCann, Manager  
Montauk Yacht Club  
Montauk Point  
Long Island, N.Y.

Dear Mr. McCann:

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of all of the members of the Off Soundings Club to thank you once again for everything which you and your associates did for us when we were in Montauk on June 11th.

I certainly was sorry to see your beautiful Club House damaged as it was by the fire which occurred a few nights earlier. Somebody must have done a very good job to confine the fire to the center part of the building only, and I must say that the place was cleaned up a great deal more than I had thought was possible from when we had heard in New London.

I hope that your repairs are coming along satisfactorily so that the whole season will not be lost to you.

Our Fall Race schedule calls for a rendezvous at Montauk on Friday, September 17th as we advised in our letter of April 14th.

We all look forward to again enjoying your hospitality at that time, and once again many thanks for the past and future.

Sincerely,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

PAUL K. ROGERS, JR.  
Commodore

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J. Wm. Jones, Jr. ✓

June 29, 1954

Commodore Henry G. Carpenter, Jr.  
Shelter Island Yacht Club  
Shelter Island Heights  
New York

Dear Commodore Carpenter:

I want to take this opportunity to apologize for the disturbance which occurred at your Club House following our Off Soundings Races.

In tracking things down, it was apparently caused by the fact that one of the three who caused the trouble had left some clothes within the Club House and was leaving at 6:00 A.M. for Newport to board a vessel entered in the Bermuda Race.

In order to at least reduce the possibility of this occurring in the future, I have added an announcement to the list to be made in Shelter Island to the effect that the Club House will close at a specified hour, and requesting Off Soundings members not to leave personal effects within the Club House.

I believe that Captain Jennings should have received letters from the three individuals involved apologizing for the disturbance, and I certainly hope that it will not happen again.

Please accept my thanks on behalf of all of us who sail in Off Soundings for the use of your facilities. Everyone always enjoys the rendezvous there.

We hope that you and the other members of your Club who are still on the Island will join us again this Fall.

Sincerely,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Commodore

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H. Stephens, Jr.

J. Fales

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OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

COMMODORE PAUL K. ROGERS  
P. O. Box 1295  
New Britain Connecticut

June 29, 1954

Captain Harold Jennings  
Shelter Island Yacht Club  
Shelter Island Heights  
N. Y.

Dear Capt. Jennings:

I think you have already received letters from the three fellows who caused some disturbance at the Club House following the Off Soundings Races.

I have had an opportunity to talk with two of them on the 'phone and they both claim that they had nothing to do with either the broken or cracked pane of glass. They also advise that no one made any threatening statements.

Needless to say, I don't know just exactly what happened, but after having talked with two of the three, I believe that there may have been some misunderstanding although they admittedly did try to awaken somebody to get into the Club House.

In order to eliminate or reduce the possibility of people who may be leaving early in the morning, disturbing anyone in the Club House, I have added to the list of announcements to be made, an announcement regarding the hour at which the Club House will close along with a suggestion that people be sure not to leave things in the Club House. I hope that this will eliminate any further disturbance.

Once again, please accept our apologies for the disturbance which did happen, and our thanks for all of your assistance. Everyone always enjoys the rendezvous at the Shelter Island Yacht Club.

Sincerely,

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J. F. Jones - J. Wm. Jones, Jr.

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