

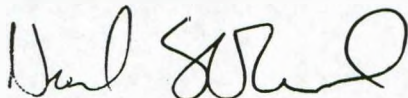
## Off Soundings Club

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To: Commodore H. Wes Maxwell  
From: Rear Commodore Neal S. O'Connell  
Subject: Rear Commodore's Report

1. The Perpetual Trophies and their keeper plaques are engraved and ready for the shore party.
2. Additional plaques for the Race Committee, Auxiliary Race Committee, Stake and Patrol Boats are ready for the shore party.
3. 15 Perpetual Trophies were engraved at a cost of \$508.58. This is an increase of \$83.93 from last year. An additional 2 trophies were engraved this year, the Rhubarb and van Dyke Memorial. The Rhubarb was presented last year already engraved and the van Dyke is a new trophy this year. The invoice for the plaques has not been received, but an increase can be expected as well
4. New Trophies- The Paul C. van Dyke has been received and is ready to award. This trophy was generously donated by Peter Brinkerhoff. The Diane Trophy is ready to be awarded this year. Russ Brown and Eileen Ames have been contacted regarding a trophy in memory of Bill. Follow-up regarding this trophy will continue.
5. A suggested Deed of Gift for the van Dyke Memorial is attached. Comments regarding the wording of this deed are invited prior to its acceptance.
6. Dr. Howard Grossman, the member in New Jersey with potential guests, has been contacted and has been encouraged to bring these Board sponsored guests to the Spring Race Series. Loch Syme and Allen Ames have been contacted regarding participation in the Nonsuch Class. Follow-up contact with these three members will continue in an effort to increase participation in our races.

Respectfully Submitted



Neal S. O'Connell  
Rear Commodore

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January 21, 2003

The following is the suggested text to be included in the 2003 annual Off Soundings Club book.

The Paul C. van Dyke Memorial Trophy was presented to the Club in 2003 by Peter R. Brinckerhoff in memory of our past Commodore, Paul C. van Dyke, his friend, shipmate, and fellow Princetonian. We all should have Paul's wit and infectious enthusiasm for sailing. It is awarded annually to the boat with the best combined results for two successive years in Class C-3 and C-4 where Valiant sailed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter".