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TO: Commodore William Gunther

RE: Venue Survey

The origin of the project is described in the attached memo to members, which accompanied the attached survey form.

Over 280 members eventually responded to the survey. The 274 available for analysis before the January 1997 Board of Governors meeting were analyzed and the results presented at that meeting. Of these 144 were from self-described skippers, and we were able to identify 131 different boats. The distribution of home ports for these were as follows:

West of the Connecticut River, or on Long Island: 28%  
Connecticut River to Watch Hill, including Fishers Island: 60%  
East of Watch Hill: 12%

Responses fall into four groups:

1. Race Committee (8):  
In favor of change, including changing Shelter Island (SI) for Newport
2. Members currently not sailing regularly in our series (72):  
79% support change, and 67% would change SI to Newport
3. Crew Members (53):  
94% support change, and 62% would change SI to Newport
4. Skippers (141):  
69% support change, and 34% would change SI to Newport. However, 28% indicated that they would not participate if Newport replaced SI. In fact, there were four classes (A1, A2, C2, C5) where 1/3 or more of the responding skippers stated that they would not participate.

The comments from skippers are summarized in the attached.

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The summarized data as shown in the attached was shared with the Board of Governors at the January 1997 meeting. Ernie Messer subsequently took the summarized data and produced the attached computer generated results.

Based on the survey the Ad Hoc Committee did not support changing the Shelter Island venue for Newport.

On behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee I forward the attached documents as the complete record of this project for the permanent record of our Club.

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Attachments

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