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# United States Yacht Racing Union

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## NOMINATION FORM

for the 1987

**W. VAN ALAN CLARK, JR., SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY**

to be awarded at the 1988 USYRU Spring Meeting

Club OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Our club's nominee for the 1987 W. Van Alan Clark, Jr., Sportsman-ship Trophy is:

Name Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.

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for the following reasons:

An active, skilled and enthusiastic sailor in all aspects of the sport from frost-biting to off-shore work, a talented technician in the arts of rigging and sailmaking, well versed in the letter and intent of the rules, Ed Raymond is indeed a model for sportsmanship in yachting. No one act, but rather, through many years of consistently exhibiting distinguished conduct he has set the standard for others to follow. And....he is a perfect gentleman.

Just a few (of an infinite number) of specific contributions to the sportsman-ship program follow:

1. Ed was instrumental in "sparkplugging" the now famous Biennial Storm

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Trysail Club Block Island Week event patterned after the sporting Cowes Week in which all can participate, including himself, both afloat and ashore.

2. Throughout his long career, Ed has championed and participated in frostbiting in Western Long Island Sound.

3. Ed has been active in the Off Soundings Club ( a club dedicated to sail yacht racing, specializing in camaraderie and sportsmanship, and the Club which makes this nomination) starting with Rear Commodore in 1960; Commodore 1963-64. He was Measurement Rule Committee chairman for countless years.

4. Ed is, and has been for many years, chairman of the Off Soundings Protest Committee. His knowledge of the rules and his inherent wisdom and sense of fair play in this position have resulted in few protests being lodged in the first place, and when lodged, to be settled amicably. No appeals to his rulings have been lodged. The Off Soundings Race fleet usually is about 200 racers in each of its two-race Spring and Fall Race Series.

5. Ed was instrumental in founding the Cruising Canvas Class for the Off Soundings Club. That Class was founded to provide good competitive racing for those who wished no longer to participate in "spinnaker" racing due to age, family ties, etc. Ed presented the CHANTEYMAN Trophy for this Class starting in 1975. The purpose of this class has been taken up by several individual yacht clubs.

6. The Off Soundings Club awarded the special Melvin D. Southworth Trophy to Ed in 1977-1981. This trophy has only been held by four people since 1964 and is awarded "to a member who, in performance of tasks for the Club, or in participation in events sponsored by the club, shall exhibit the kind of devotion and interest which Melvin D. Southworth had shown throughout his years of service to the club". Mel Southworth was probably the most sportsmanlike yachtsman in the area starting in 1933.

7. Ed has participated in and actively supported long-distance racing in his own boat CHANTEYMAN, and in America's Cup racing in 12 meters, having been relief helmsman on one contender in the 60's and 70's.





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### NOTICE

Commodore Slimmon has called a meeting of the Board of Governors and all Committee Chairmen for Saturday November 7, 1987. The meeting will be held at 1200 at the Old Lyme Inn, Old Lyme, Connecticut. The meeting will be held in the Bow Room.

Because this will be a luncheon meeting, please fill out and return the enclosed postal card so that I can let the Inn know how many to expect.

The Agenda for the meeting and the Minutes for the April 4, 1987 meeting are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Neal H. O'Connell  
Secretary