

April 2nd, 1969

Mr. Benjamin B. DuPont
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Dear Ben:

I had planned to be with you at this Off Soundings Shore Party, but since it is the day before Easter and we have house guests coming, I will have to skip it, much to my regret.

I have some suggestions for the incoming Historian, whoever he may be. The thing has never been done properly as far as I can determine, much less by me. There should be an account of each Race, brief, with the high points recorded. There should be an account of each Board Meeting, with the decisions made and the reasons for them. There should also be an account of what takes place at the Annual Shore Party and guests of honor recorded. The Race results and entries, of course, should be filed.

We have, as I have reported, many reels of movie film, most of it hopeless. It would be nice if these were edited and made into one or two reels of interesting occurrences. The pictures in the last five years could be edited to a certain extent, but on the whole they are excellent in themselves. It will take somebody with the time and interest to accomplish the above.

It would also help if the Historian had a good memory, so if the question is asked 'What happened in the Fall Race of '61?' he might be able to recall the interesting events that happened.

I am probably painting a picture of a person who doesn't exist, but it is something to shoot at and could be a very interesting and exciting job. Beyond that I have no constructive suggestions that I can think of at the moment.

Even though I cease to be a member of the Club come mid-summer, I shall most certainly follow the activities

avidly, and hope to be invited as a guest occasionally.
It has been a very exciting experience, and one that I
shall not easily forget.

My best wishes and congratulations on your very successful
command.

Regards,

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cc Mr. William B. White
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