



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

OFFICE OF  
THE SECRETARY  
P. O. Box 326  
Groton, Conn.

October 31, 1955

To Board of Governors:

The enclosed letter has been received from Mr. Gordon Raymond, a member of the Off Soundings Club who was dropped from membership at the last meeting of the Board of Governors due to non-payment of dues. It is being forwarded to each member of the Board to be considered and taken up at their next meeting.

Sincerely,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

J. Wm. Jones, Jr.  
Secretary

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Enclosure

*Tom Jones*

31 October 1955

Mr. Robert L. Hall  
262 Bay Avenue  
Huntington 12, L. I., New York

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter of 27 October and the helpful information contained therein. I am sending a copy of it along with copy of this letter to all the governors who received the earlier correspondence, as I think your letter certainly leaves the matter in a better light. Perhaps after Tony has some more victories under his belt, he will be able to take it more in his stride. I hope it will work out that way.

Again, many thanks for your letter and best regards,

Sincerely,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

Roderick Stephens, Jr.  
Commodore

RS:jvi  
cc: Governors



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262 Bay Avenue  
Huntington 12, L.I., New York  
27 October 1955

Mr. Roderick Stephens, Jr.  
79 Madison Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Dear Rod:

This is to acknowledge all your various communications on Off Soundings affairs.

I have not written you about them before because I seemed to have nothing to add to what had already been said and written. (We've been mightily amused by the things Blunt has had to say on some occasions, and only wish we had his gift.)

In the matter of the Calderone affair, however, I have come to feel that a little background information may be in order. This in no way should be taken to mean that I either question or disagree with what you told Messrs. T. Hall, Wade and Cochran in your letter of 13 October - which incidently, should have also been addressed to Dud Field and me, as co-signers of the original sponsoring letter to the Race Committee. Under the circumstances, no other action was open to you. Gay and exuberant drunks are one thing; nasty and belligerent drunks, quite another.

We are all ashamed and distressed by what happened at Shelter Island. However, we honestly - and I think this includes Tony, too - had no reason to suspect that anything approaching that kind of thing could occur.

Since his move to Huntington about three years ago, Tony has been intimately known to all of us. He has been very active in Huntington Yacht Club affairs, having sparked the establishment of frostbiting there last winter, and having been in charge of Junior Sailing last summer. In the latter job, he did outstandingly well - better, in fact, than anyone else has done since the inception of the program. He campaigned vigorously and successfully throughout the summer and enthusiastically supported all the Club's activities. During this time, his behavior was never other than should be expected from a yachtsman and a gentleman.

In the summer of 1954, he owned and raced a Lightning which was later demolished in one of the hurricanes. Early in 1955 he bought the Pilot he now owns. Both boats have been models of order and cleanliness.

Mr. Roderick Stephens, Jr.

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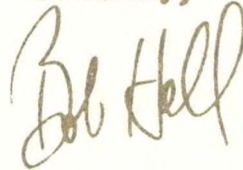
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Last Spring, his boat, although a day late, was practically the only one beside Nimrod from around here to get down to Off Soundings. This fall he gathered up a couple of good sailors and squeezed out a two-day second for himself from the hot bunch in B-1.

Apparently his triumph was his undoing; in his elation, he must have imbibed more than he'd ever had in his life before.

All this is not an excuse, but an explanation I think is due you as a friend and Commodore. I am sorry for everyone's sake that things turned out as they did.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Hill". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed word "Sincerely,".

RLH:djw