



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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*E. Carleton Granbery, Jr., Commodore  
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*RE: Annual Medical Report*

*Dear Carleton:*

*Both the Spring and the Fall Off Soundings Series were medically covered by a surgical resident from the Hartford Hospital in the Patrol Boat, as well as several volunteer physician members in various specialties. In addition, I was able to arrange for oxygen to be available in the Patrol Boat this year at no cost to the Club. As you recall, I felt this was an important item to add in my last year's report due to the age of several of the racers. The abbreviated Fall Series was without any medical problems that I am aware of. However, in the Spring Series, there was one major medical emergency which was handled quite appropriately. A skipper of one of the vessels had an apparent Grand mal seizure while at the helm and his crew members called a medical distress on the radio. The Patrol Boat responded immediately, and Doctor Baldyga, after checking with me, evacuated the patient to the Greenport Hospital where she was met at the shore by one of the hospital physicians. He was kept overnight and has subsequently had a complete and thorough medical workup, including intensive x-ray and laboratory studies without any apparent etiology for his seizure. I have discussed his medical care with him, and he had the highest of praise and could offer no suggestions as to how to improve his care and/or evacuation to the hospital. None of our members had to drop out of the race to assist in the evacuation and treatment.*

*I have no new recommendations at this time for next year. I remain indebted to those Off Soundings Club members who are physicians and dentists who have volunteered to drop out of the races and help in times of need.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Chester B. Humphrey, M.D.*

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