



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



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To the membership:

I hope this letter finds you well in mind and spirit. As we go into December, the days grow noticeably shorter. It's a time when we all reminisce about the coming of spring and a new racing season. It is also a time to look over equipment and crew, but also a time for us to meet with other members and compare sea stories of races past.

With that in mind, Past Commodore Frank Bohlen has planned four luncheons for members and invited guests this winter. These have become increasingly popular during these cold winter months. We encourage all to bring spouses, crewmembers and potential new members to these winter events. They are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Legends in New Suffolk, NY
- Thursday, February 10, 2011 at Skippers Dock in Stonington, CT
- Sunday, February 20, 2011 at the Officer's Club in Newport, RI
- Thursday, March 10, 2011 at Lenny's in Branford, CT

All luncheons start around noon. Lunch for Legends and Lenny's will be from the menu. A brunch menu is planned for the Officer's Club. Skippers Dock will provide a fixed price (\$20) lunch of soup, salads and sandwiches (same as last year). We will provide details of these lunches on the website as the time approaches.

You will see in the attached 2011 Dues Invoice that we have returned to our old system of using the mail and payment my check. We will NOT be using the Compete-At website. There were features of the service that made some tasks state-of-the-art, but other aspects were terribly lacking, especially when it came to managing the membership database. We are still committed to finding a program to handle electronic billing and race registration, but at this time we have not yet found a satisfactory solution.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions.

As always, fair winds,

Bill Loweth
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