



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

COMMODORE PAUL K. ROGERS
P. O. Box 1295
New Britain Connecticut

November 23, 1954

Mr. J. William Jones, Jr.
c/o Electric Boat Div.
General Dynamics Co.
Groton, Conn.

and

Mr. J. Franklin Norcross
184 Ellington Rd.
Longmeadow 6, Mass.

Dear Bill & Frank:

I seem to have received a copy of a letter from Blunt White to you, apparently with reference to membership dues for members admitted to membership after the Fall Race.

I might say that I think I agree with Blunt that we might just as well bill those admitted during any one month as of the first of the following month for the current year. That would mean that anyone admitted to the Club prior to December 1st would be billed for the current year.

Most of the people who are admitted have been racing with us anyway. I don't see why there should be any squawks considering the low dues.

A copy of this letter is going forward to all members of the Board of Governors. If anyone objects to this policy, will he please advise me.

Sincerely,

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Paul
PAUL K. ROGERS, JR.
Commodore

PKR, JR.-sl
cc: Bd. of Governors
P. Brown

184 Ellington Road
Longmeadow 6, Mass.
November 30, 1954

Paul K. Rogers, Jr., Commodore
Off Soundings Club
P. O. Box 1295
New Britain, Connecticut

Dear Paul:

It amazes me that the simple request I made of the secretary should stir up a lot of chatter and cause a strong directive to be issued by the Commodore.

On October 19, 1954, I wrote the secretary, in part, as follows:

While Phelps was secretary, he never sent bills to new members elected after the fall race. This was adopted as standard practice in order that the books could be closed up before the treasurer became extremely busy with paying clients at the year end. It also gave recognition to the fact that there were no more activities in which a new member could take part.

I hope we can still follow the same practice this year.

The above was not intended as a suggestion to be debated by the Board or put to the membership as a constitutional amendment. It was a polite request by the treasurer for his own personal convenience.

From the standpoint of either the club or the new members, whether we send bills or not is a very trivial matter. However, from my own standpoint it makes quite a difference and I am not happy to learn that you do not approve of my request.

Sincerely,

J. Franklin Norcross
Treasurer

JFN/D

cc: Board of Governors
Phelps Brown



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

P. O. Box 242
Mystic, Connecticut

November 22, 1954

Mr. J. William Jones, Jr.
Secretary, Off Soundings Club
c/o General Dynamics Corporation
Electric Boat Division
Groton, Connecticut

Dear Bill:

Due to a combination of circumstances, I have been away from my office a lot lately, which will account for my delay in replying to your letter of November 12th. As you well know, I am ordinarily very prompt, and I am always exceedingly prompt when it is positively necessary to be so.

During the time that I was Secretary, we always sent bills to new members, irrespective as to when they were elected. The charge is exceedingly nominal, so they certainly aren't losing much financially because of being elected after our fall races are completed.

I feel for our Treasurer, as I well know that he is a mighty busy man, particularly toward the year end, and I would presume that the same holds true at the beginning of each year because of this little income tax situation which all of us seem to have to pay a bit of attention to. I think this whole decision is a little beyond me, as ex-secretary, to advise you on.

Sincerely,

B. Jones

GWBW:sm

c.c. Commodore Paul K. Rogers, Jr.
Mr. J. Franklin Norcross

P.S. O.K., I will send you copies only, in the future.