

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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WINTER NEWS LETTER

Dear Fellow Member:

A white blanket covers the Connecticut hills, and "Chrisada" is tucked away for a long winter's nap, but the days are longer and it's time for sailors to finish their winter projects.

Much news is forthcoming from Off Soundings. Your Board of Governors has voted the following:

1. To set the guest-invitation cut-off date March 23rd, 1983.
2. To hold the Annual Meeting and Dinner at Seaman's Inn, Saturday, April 2nd, 1983.
3. To hold the Spring '83 Series to Shelter Island, June 10th and 11th and the Fall '83 Series to Champlin's, Block Island, September 16th and 17th.
4. To race all classes under P.H.R.F. for 1983.
5. To remove from the Sailing Instructions, "Neither Omni nor Loran may be used" thereby permitting their use in 1983. However, fully integrated navigational systems would not fall within the spirit of Off Soundings.
6. To place the Off Soundings Club archives consisting of paper materials, films, and related material under the ownership of the Mystic Seaport Museum subject to terms and conditions worked out by our Historian Mr. Robinson and his committee of Mr. Ames and Mr. Woolworth. All our films have now been copied on Video-tape by the Museum. Several members of our club will record an oral history to coincide with the films, etc. These records, of course, will still remain available to Off Soundings Members.
7. To propose to the members meeting on April 2nd, recommended changes in the by-laws and constitution which would make the Race Committee Chairman an elected officer of the Club; to rewrite the description of duties of the Clerk, the Secretary, and the Historian more accurately in keeping with their responsibilities; and to allow the power boats involved in running our races to fly the Club Burgee during the regattas. The actual wording of these proposals will be in the call for the Annual Meeting.
8. To adjust the dues and race fees in keeping with the minimum necessity of solvency.

While Off Soundings is managed frugally, inflation taps at our door. Our major expenses are the several mailings to all members; chartering our committee boats; to list in the circular, start and finish of each yacht entered; to provide 72 prizes each year and 33 keeper plaques; to offer to skippers and crews adequate after-race refreshments.

The Treasurer, Secretary, Race Secretary, Race Committee Chairman, Entertainment Chairman, and Prizes and Awards Chairman, have each done an outstanding job of controlling expenses in his particular area, but some adjustments have had to be made. In the attempt to arrive at fairness to all concerned and allocate the proper charges where the actual costs fall, your Board of Governors, after much study, has voted to:

- a.) Adjust the Annual Dues from \$20.00 to \$25.00, (an increase of only \$5.00).
 - b.) Establish a race entry fee for each yacht entered of \$15.00 per Race Series.
 - c.) Reduce the donation for each person aboard for the weekend from \$7.00 to \$6.00.
9. To follow the leadership of the I.O.R.C. of the I.Y.R.U. in banning Kevlar effective January 1st, 1984.
 10. To accept the generous offer by the crew of "Madrigal" of a perpetua trophy in memory of her skipper, Albert B. Boardman II, to be known as the "Madrigal Trophy" and to use it at present for classes C-4 and C-5 combined results for two years.
 11. To appoint a nominating committee for 1983 consisting of Donald C. Davis Chairman, Allen N. Anderson and Frank Bohlen.

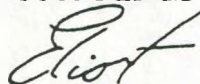
For the Annual Meeting Vice Commodore Granbery has planned a fine dinner and entertainment with narrated films of our successful 1983 racing season. Do plan to be there.

If you race you should be a member of U.S.Y.R.U., and if you're not already a member of Mystic Seaport please arrange to become one. It's our Off Soundings home.

As I will retire as your Commodore after the Annual Meeting in April, I wish to thank you for the honor of serving your club and for the support you have given me during my terms. I know no finer group of people. The Officers, Governors and Committee Chairmen are dedicated, willing, and efficient gentlemen who have done everything possible to make my job easy.

I wish you all good sailing and fair winds in 1983.

With sincere appreciation,
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