



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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WINTER NEWS LETTER

Dear Off Soundings Club Member:

It is my happy privilege to bring you up to date on the affairs of our club since our Fall Series.

Off Soundings participated nobly in the Dhow Derby at Mystic Seaport on October 24th under Team Captain Frank Bohlen who saw to it that we had our boats full and finished appropriately,

Your Board of Governors met on October 24, 1981 and again on January 8, 1982. Several committees have been active on various projects, and plans for the 1982 series have been established - Spring, June 11th and 12th to Shelter Island and Fall, September 17th and 18th to Block Island.

The date for the Annual Meeting has been set at Mystic Seaport for April 3rd and Vice Commodore Carl Granbery's committee has planned for good food and drink and entertainment. We will have exciting new films on '81 with a new hot-shot surprise commentator. Rear Commodore Dick Roberts will have Prizes and Awards. Do plan to be there.

As a result of the Board and Committee meetings I report to you the following:

Howard Schechterle, our Clerk, has our Corporate papers in order. Treasurer, Walt Strang has us solvent with no immediate increase in dues anticipated. Historian, Don Robinson has our films properly stored. Membership Chairman, Dudley Butler asks us when proposing a new member to read the book and follow the proper procedure. It's in the book. Race Secretary, Bill Ames is getting cranked up to process your spring entries. Race Committee Chairman, Paul vanDyke has "Empress" and stake and patrol boats all lined up. Entertainment Chairman, George Hohenstein will be ready at the bar with his committee. Public Realtions Chairman, Andy Anderson is telling the press just what they need to know.

CLASSES "A" & "B" to P.H.R.F. for 1982

Classification chairman Norm Rabe was chairman for a special committee to study the feasibility and advisability of using PHRF handicapping for "A"&"B" Classes. As a result of their report it was voted by the Board that "PHRF be used for these classes for the 1982 season and that the Off Soundings measurement form should be retained as the PHRF data source".

*Remember all yachts in all classes must have valid Off Soundings measurement certificates properly up-dated in order to be eligible to race.

RECOGNITION OF OUR STAKE AND PATROL BOAT PEOPLE:

Past Commodore Robinson chaired a committee to study appropriate recognition for our Stake and Patrol Boat Volunteers. As a result the following resolution was voted by the Board:

"Be it resolved that: Skippers of powered vessels, who volunteer their services and vessels towards the furtherance of the purposes of the club and have been appointed to do so by the Race Committee Chairman shall be recognized by:

1. Flying the burgee when on duty
2. Wearing the club Blazer Insignia incorporating the words "Race Committee"
3. A Plaque for their vessel giving dates of service.
4. Formal recognition as a member of the Off Soundings Club Race Committee.

I know you all join me in thanking all our Racing Members Doctors who stood by on call during our 1981 races.

Please remember that the cut-off date for 1982 Guest race entry requests is March 24th. If anyone is in doubt about the procedure, contact Bill Ames, 9 Gravel Street, Mystic, Connecticut, 06355, tel. 536-7700, a little time before that date.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting, April 3rd, and at Sarah's Ledge, June 11th. In the meantime, chip the ice in your driveway and check your USYRU minimum equipment list. This is a minimum, most good skippers carry more. Don't forget Mystic Seaport (our home) would appreciate you as a member if you are not already on their roster.

Sincerely,

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