

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Dear Off Soundings Club Member,

Mid-winter greetings! Winter has finally arrived in New England with the first cold temperatures of the season. As the days are getting longer and our thoughts turn towards spring and the upcoming sailing season, I would like to let you know what has been going on with your Club since we were together in Greenport last September.

Your Board has been active this past year continuing to address membership, participation and communication issues in our Club. Adding quality members to our Club has always been a focus each year in order to keep our Club strong and to ensure interest for years to come. This fall the Board reversed a thirty year old precedent setting decision and we will now allow an Officer, Governor or Committee Chairman to propose or second a potential member. We hope that this will make applying for membership easier.

Since the first of the year, we have hosted two luncheons, the first on Long Island followed by another one in New London. At both luncheons, we had better than twenty members and potential members in attendance. My thanks to John Lockwood, Steve Corkery and Frank Bohlen for hosting these events. I am pleased that at our Long Island luncheon, we were able to add six new applications for membership to our membership process.

At our New London lunch, we were informed that the Nonsuch Class anticipates that they will be able to reform their special class, as they have interest from over forty owners in participating in our race series. That will be some sight to see.

Change is not always easy, but we are exploring different ways to communicate better with our membership. As the cost of mailing continuously increases, we are looking at using E-mail and our web site as a better, faster and less expensive way to communicate. Please take a minute and fill out the enclosed survey and if you have a red card, please update your information.

Plan now to attend the Annual Meeting, dinner and trophy presentation to be held at the Lighthouse Inn in New London, CT on March 31, 2007. Accompanying this letter is the notice for the dinner. It is time to contact your crewmembers and potential new members and make reservations for dinner. Those members who are to receive a trophy should be

sure to attend, however if you are unable to attend, please send a crewmember or friend to receive your award.

This fall, the Board approved a Video Project for the upcoming year. It has been many years since we last had a video of our racing season. You may remember these VHS videos of years ago and what fun they were to see at the awards dinner. The plan is to take video of the year's races and produce a DVD to be shown at the 2008 Annual meeting and awards presentation dinner.

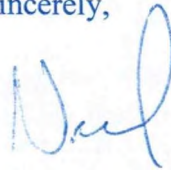
The Board has prepared some changes to our Constitution which we will vote on at the Annual Meeting. These changes as required are enclosed in this mailing. I encourage you to attend this meeting and vote for these changes to the Constitution.

Off Soundings certainly enjoyed a successful 2006 season thanks to the efforts every member of the Board and Committee Chairmen. My special thanks to Chuck Chorlton, our Race Committee Chairman and his entire committee for their efforts in providing our fleet with exceptional racing this past season in less than ideal conditions.

Finally, I have enjoyed serving you as Commodore and if you have any thoughts on the Board's decisions or any other subjects, please contact me or any member of the Board. We are always looking for suggestions as to what we are doing well or could be doing better and would value your input.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Dinner in March, if not before.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neal", with a large, stylized flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Neal S. O'Connell
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