



# OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



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To the membership:

We are into December, and the days grow noticeably shorter. And the forecast continues to look bleak for a classic winter season. But all is not lost.

Behind the scenes, your Board, spearheaded by your treasurer Harlan Fredericksen, has been hard at work setting up the Compete-At's Membership Manager Website. For those that are computer savvy, we will now be accepting annual dues & registration on-line. Mailed-in registration forms and checks will still be accepted, if you so wish.

If all goes well with Membership Manager in January, we will be proposing to use another Compete-At package, known as Event Manager, to plan for the April Shore Party Awards Dinner April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010. There may be some hiccups, as anything new inherently brings on new challenges. If this succeeds, we plan to implement the Event Manager package for registering on-line for the Spring and Fall Race Series, 2010.

As mentioned in the October newsletter, a dues increase is upon us. Your Board elected to increase the dues to \$60.00 effective January 1, 2010. This was not an easy decision, but one necessary to keep the club financially sound.

Past Commodore Bohlen has planned (3) three luncheons for members and invited guests this winter:

- ☉ January 21, 2010 at Legends in New Suffolk, NY
- ☉ February 11, 2010 at Skippers Dock in Stonington, CT
- ☉ March 4, 2010 at Lenny's in Branford, CT

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

Our Scoring Committee Chairman Greg Gilmartin has attached the revised race results notice for the one and two year overall awards. Cancelled races due to weather conditions made it difficult to tally the overall points per boat, who is a member or guest, etc. I hope you find this now on sound footing.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions. Our members are a very cherished lot and I have the most profound respect for all those that have elected to be one of us. Comments please.

As Always, Fair winds

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