



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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ANNUAL MEETING

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SHORE PARTY

APRIL 1, 1989

Our Annual Meeting and Spring Dinner will be held at the Sheraton Norwich in Norwich, Connecticut on Saturday, April 1, 1989.

The Annual Meeting for members will be held in the Leffingwell Room at 1800.

1. For election of Officers and Board of Governors for the coming year
2. To transact any business that may properly come before the meeting.

Cocktails will be served in the Constitution Ballroom at 1800 on a buy-your-own basis. "Rock of Ages" will provide music during cocktails.

A fine dinner with all the trimmings will be served promptly at 1930 in the Constitution Ballroom. Members, wives and guests are cordially invited to cocktails, dinner or both. If you plan to sit with a group, come early and stake out a table.

This year we are offering a choice of entrees: Prime Rib at \$22.00 per plate or Breast of Capon at \$16.00 per plate (including tax and gratuities). These prices, which are the same as last year, are for advance payment. We will charge \$24.00 and \$18.00, respectively, if paid at the door, so send your reservations early.

The after dinner program, starting at 2030, will include the awarding of perpetual trophies and the showing of an excellent video featuring highlights of our 1988 season. The Mystic Seaport is generously providing the screen and projector to show these films. All members and guests are cordially invited to this program whether or not they have dinner tickets.

The attachment updates the availability of videocassettes of our race series from the Mystic Seaport, Film and Video Division.

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If you are to receive a trophy, please be present for the award or have a designated person accept it for you. This helps our Awards Chairman and assures the safe transport of our valuable trophies.

To be assured of seating for you, your crew and your guests, send your check soon (made payable to the Off Soundings Club) and indicate how many tickets you desire for each entree. Mail to:

Off Soundings Club
% William L. Ames
9 Gravel Street
Mystic, CT, 06355

He will mail your dinner tickets to you up until March 25. Any reservations received thereafter will be held for pick-up at the door. As long as there is room, tickets may also be purchased at the door. This is always a crowded and confused purchasing area. We heartily recommend that you shop by mail early.

Each dinner ticket will indicate to your server which entree is to be served, so please don't leave your tickets home.

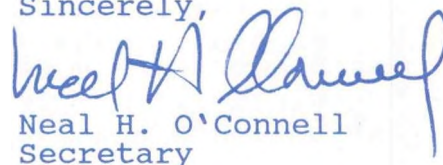
Our Treasurer, Walt Strang, will have his usual selection of ties, burgess, patches and pins for sale at the door.

The Sheraton Norwich is at Exit 80w on the Connecticut Turnpike, about 13 miles north of New London. The Connecticut Turnpike is now Interstate 395; formerly it was Connecticut 52.

The Sheraton Norwich is a hotel and will provide rooms for Off Soundings Club members or guests at discounted prices of \$53.00 for double and \$48.00 for single accommodations. Make room reservations directly with the hotel, mentioning Off Soundings, at 889-5201.

Your Board of Governors hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us for another fine Off Soundings Annual Meeting and Shore Party.

Sincerely,


Neal H. O'Connell
Secretary

**OFF SOUNDINGS RACE SERIES
VIDEOCASSETTES**

In the Spring of 1987, the Off Soundings Club membership made individual contributions through the Club to the Mystic Seaport, Film and Video Division toward the purchase of video equipment. This equipment was a SCHWEM Gyrozoom stabilizing lens used to film our Race Series as well as for other Mystic Seaport projects. You'll be experiencing the difference in picture stability in the 1988 video at our Annual Dinner.

This would be an appropriate time for any member who has not contributed to the Film and Video Division to do so. Any tax deductible contribution should be directed to the attention of Ken Mahler, Mystic Seaport Museum, Film and Video Division and will be greatly appreciated.

Our 1987 Spring/Fall Off Soundings Race is now available on 55 minutes of videocassette. This narrated tape includes the 1987 Race as well as the History of Off Soundings shown at last year's Annual Dinner. The purchase cost of the tape is \$19.95. Copies of the 1986 race season are still available as well. Give a call to order copies in VHS or BETA at (203) 572-0711, ext 279, or write Mystic Seaport Museum, Film and Video Division, Box 6000, Mystic, CT 06355-0990.

These tapes are also available for free loan if you drop by the Film and Video Office at the Seaport. Loan by mail is \$5.00.