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Greetings to All Off Soundings Club Members

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I last wrote to you in February asking for your support in passing the proposed changes to our Constitution in order to improve the Club membership process and better facilitate communications with guests and candidates for membership. These changes were approved at the Annual Meeting held on the 5th of April. We thank you for your support and ask that you take advantage of the simplified process to propose someone for membership.

I hope that you were in attendance at the Shore Party to view the 75th Anniversary OSC movie. The movie is spectacular, and special thanks go to Greg Gilmartin and his team for a superb job in capturing a piece of our history and the spirit of the Club. If you were unable to join us, Vice Commodore Bill Loweth still has copies; they are available via mail or for pickup at the summer rendezvous. Please contact him at lowethwa@snet.net. We also debuted a special limited edition OSC necktie. Past Commodore G. W. White originated the design of this tie in 1946. During his tenure, its origin was kept secret and not available to others. Once he left the Board, the source was revealed and a very limited number were made available to the membership. In commemoration of our 75th Anniversary, this tie was again recreated in a very small number. If you did not get one at the Dinner, Sarah Porter still has a few left. When these are gone, there will be NO MORE! Please contact her at orionperch@aol.com and order yours today.

Enclosed with this letter are several other pieces of important information. You will find more details for our July rendezvous at Mystic Seaport and a reservation form. OSC has subsidized a portion of the dinner cost to help encourage your attendance. We hope that you plan to join us. Sagacious will be at the dock, stop by and say hello! Additionally the NOR for our upcoming race series is enclosed. Please read it carefully as race Secretary Walt Pratt has completely reworked this document to cover both the Spring Series and the Fall Series. You will also find the Sailing Instructions for Spring. There are several changes, so please review this document carefully. In short order the NOR and SI will also be posted on the web as well as other pertinent race information.

Finally, at our recent Board meeting, your Board asked that a committee be formed to develop a vision and strategy for our website. The assignment is to report back to the Board at our October meeting. If you have an interest, please let me know, as I will be establishing this group soon.

I hope to see you on the water in the near future and at Block Island on the 13th of June.

Bob Geary