

New Exhibits at Mystic Seaport

Cruising Club - 1974

CHARLES W. MORGAN - The most obvious change this year is that the MORGAN is not at the location that has been her home for the last thirty-two years. In December she was refloated and in January she was hauled out for caulking and hull repairs. She will be rerigged this spring and exhibited afloat after this. She is interesting to see in the shipyard now and the exhibits in the visitors' gallery of the main shop have been revised and up-dated.

CHUBB WHARF - At the site of the MORGAN dock, a new granite wharf is being constructed. The wharf will be in the traditional design and construction of the stone wharf that were so common in New England in the 19th century. The 150' by 100' structure will act as a permanent berth for the MORGAN which could moor along either side, or the end. This wharf is given in memory of Hendon Chubb by the Chubb family.

MALLORY BUILDINGS - A completely revised exhibit covering the Mallory family involvement in American maritime history will open later this spring. This exhibit will chronicle their achievements in commerce and yachting, as well as their leadership of Mystic Seaport.

BENJ. F. PACKARD - Work continues on this exhibit with the next phase being the installation of the environmental controls to protect the panels followed by the installation of the panels of the main cabin. The introductory exhibit with a model of the completed exhibit is open.

SHIPSMITH SHOP - During this winter substantial restoration work has been completed in this shop including a new foundation, new sills and a new front forge. The interior arrangements are still being worked on as we restore it to the late nineteenth century with flat belt-driven power tools.

THE BLOCK ISLAND LIFE-SAVING STATION - This station will be moved to its permanent location in the fall of 1974 but will open this summer with an exhibit of the Life Saving Service in the Boat Room and an exhibit of the restoration of the building in the Mess Room. Once on its permanent foundation, the building will be outfitted as it was in the 1880s.

THE SMALL CRAFT LABORATORY - A new small exhibit on the construction of traditional small craft has been installed in this shop and an effort is being made to keep this open as much as possible with our reduced staff.

JUNIOR MUSEUM - An exhibit focusing on children who went to sea is being constructed with the interior of the building simulating the interior of a ships' cabin. In the exhibit children can participate in the activities that children were known to do at sea.

THE AUSTRALIA - This schooner was hauled out almost ten years ago and was found to be extensively deteriorated. It was decided not to undertake the extremely expensive total rebuilding. The vessel has been thoroughly labelled and ramps built so it can be boarded. The ship now graphically illustrates the construction of a large wooden coaster.



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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March 1, 1973

ANNUAL MEETING

and

SHORE PARTY

Our Annual Meeting and Winter Dinner will be held at the Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut on Saturday, April 7, 1973.

The Annual Meeting for members will be held in the Aloha Meeting House at 6:00 P.M.

1. For the 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 from 6:00 P.M. in the Seamen's Inne, and at 7:15 a fine dinner of roast beef! Members, wives, and guests are cordially invited to cocktails, to dinner, or both. Cocktails are on a buy-your-own basis, from travelling waitresses at \$1.00 per.

Dinner will be \$7.90 per plate if paid in advance, \$8.25 if paid at the door. Please fill out and mail the enclosed card as promptly as possible; the cards should be returned regardless of whether or not you plan to come.

Three hundred fifty is the maximum seating in the River Room. Any above that number may dine in the other dining rooms offered by the Seamen's Inne or at one of the excellent places in town. To be sure of River Room seating, we recommend:

Send your check very soon made payable to
The Off Soundings Club to:
Donald P. Robinson, Mystic Seaport, Mystic,
Connecticut, 06355.

He will mail your dinner tickets up to April 1. Any thereafter will be held for your 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 you shop by mail early! Last year we were completely sold out.

The after dinner program will include the awarding of Perpetual Trophies for 1972 winners, movies and slides thoughtfully edited in advance and accompanied by hilarious interpretation.

All members and guests are cordially invited to this program whether or not they have dinner tickets.

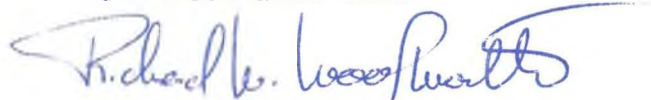
Mystic Seaport again will be open all day to members of Off Soundings Club. Arriving visitors please use the North Parking Lot and enter through the North Gate. As before, if you identify yourselves at this gate as Off Soundings members, you will be admitted without charge. Any who are not yet MHA members are cordially invited to take out a \$25.00 family membership (tax deductible) at this convenient time.

As you can see from the attached sheet, many changes have taken place since our last visit to the seaport. We suggest that you arrive early and take a look at the new and ever changing Seaport.

Our Governors hope as many as possible will be with us for another fine Off Soundings Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



Richard W. Woolworth
Secretary