



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY
67 Stanton Lane
Mystic, CT 06355

**ANNUAL MEETING
&
SHORE PARTY**

(860) 536-7550

APRIL 12, 1997

Our Annual Meeting and Spring Dinner will be held at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut on Saturday, April 12, 1997.

The Annual Meeting for members will be held downstairs in the Tap Room of the Officers Club 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 Alumni Room of the Officers Club, which is adjacent to the Dining Room, 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 Dining Room of the Officers Club. 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 \$30.00 or Chicken Marco Polo at \$25.00 per plate (including tax and gratuities). These prices are for advance payment. We will charge \$32.00 and \$27.00 if paid at the door. If you plan to pay at the door, you should call ahead to make sure that we can make arrangements to accommodate you.

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 1996 season. The Mystic Seaport is generously providing the screen and projector to show these videos. All members and guests are cordially invited to this program whether or not they have dinner tickets.

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.

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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
% Eileen E. Ames
151 River Road
Mystic, CT, 06355
(860) 536-7700

She will mail your dinner tickets to you up until April 5th. 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.

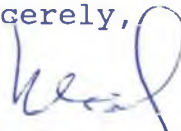
Each dinner ticket will indicate to your server which entree is to be served, so please don't leave your tickets home.

The Club House will have a selection of items for sale at the door. They include such items as ties, burgees, patches, pins, shirts, hats and jackets.

The United States Coast Guard Academy is located on Route 32 just North of I-95 in New London. Coming South on I-95 take exit 83 to Frontage Road and follow the signs. Going North on I-95, take exit 82A to Frontage Road and follow the signs. At the gate, identify yourself as participating in the Off Soundings Dinner at the Officers Club. The Officers Club is the first one story building on your left and faces East with a turn around in front of it.

Your Board of Governors hopes 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