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Capt. Donald R. Grosse
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Cost Guard Island
Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Captain Grosse:

My family and I greatly appreciated the opportunity to be aboard BOUTWELL during the America's Cup races off San Diego. The anchorage was excellent for the viewers, as well as for the Patrol Commander for monitoring his patrols.

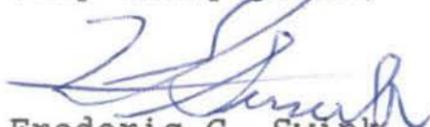
I would particularly like to thank you for your personal hospitality during the last race. It was a pleasure meeting your parents, visiting with you and your other guests, and enjoying the comforts of your quarters. The ability to view the boats on television when out of sight of the ship was really added "frosting on the cake"!

You may be justifiably proud of your ship and her crew. The positive attitude of the crew toward helping visitors in many ways was noticeable to all, and the condition of the ship over all bespeaks their pride in her. The galley crew did a superb job in serving buffet luncheons to the horde of guests aboard in addition to their normal duties.

The ice sculptures were works of art long to be remembered and much photographed. The one of the Cup was a masterpiece well suited to its place at the final race! Our compliments to Woody Rose. It is too bad his work could be preserved only on film.

At some time in the future if you are in our area, we hope that you will make it known to us so that we may return your hospitality and become better acquainted.

Very truly yours,



Frederic G. Swink,
Capt., USCGR (ret)