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CAPT Donald R. GROSSE, USCG
Commanding Officer
USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719)
Coast Guard Island
Alameda, CA 94501-5100

Dear Captain:

This is a thank-you letter to you, your ship, your crew and the U. S. Coast Guard for a delightful day aboard the BOUTWELL for the third race of the American Cup Finals.

My wife, Carol, and I had a very enjoyable day sailing with you and your crew on Tuesday, 12 May, 1992. We were greeted smartly on the dock. When we came aboard, we were greeted by name and personally by the Commanding Officer, CAPT GROSSE. All aspects of the rest of the day were equally impressive. The ship was immaculate. The crew was friendly, informative, sharp in appearance, and excellent hosts for this event. It was super to see that the food served by the Coast Guard is still superb in quality as well as quantity. The personal comforts provided were excellent, including the head facilities, the buffet and the canopy shelter on the flight deck. The commentary on the race progress was especially appreciated for it kept us informed at all times about how the race was progressing, even though we could not always see the boats at the far reaches of the course.

It is wonderful to be invited and to go aboard a Coast Guard Cutter and see a competent, professional crew in action.

CAPT GROSSE, thank you for having Carol and me on your ship. Please, thank the crew for all the work and effort they put forth to make the day such a delightful experience for all your guests. You must be very proud of the BOUTWELL, the crew and the fine work they do as a matter of daily routine.

Sincerely,

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CAPT, USCG (Ret.)