



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

July 1, 1965

OFFICE OF
RACE SECRETARY
SMITH'S NECK
OLD LYME, CONN.

28TH ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES

1965

SEPTEMBER 17TH & 18TH

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate,
1965 Revision - Three Copies
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Reservation Information Sheets
5. Membership Chairman's Posting of Membership Candidates
6. Special Notice

Off Soundings Club races are open to Club members and, by invitation, to those skippers in whose name letters from three Club members recommending the invitation are received by the Race Secretary, and who are members of recognized yacht clubs.

1. Complete the enclosed entry blank and send by First Class Mail postmarked by Aug. 25 to John B. McPherson, Race Secretary, Smith's Neck, Old Lyme, Connecticut.
2. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old as of Aug. 25, 1965, providing no alterations have been made which affect the measured factors entering into the rating. If the yacht does not have a valid certificate, it must be measured by one of the measurers shown on the enclosed list of OSC measurers, your yacht club measurer, or a Yachting Association measurer. The certificate should be completed in triplicate with one copy being sent to William L. Ames, Off Soundings Club Measurer, 9 Gravel Street, Mystic, Connecticut, postmarked not later than Aug. 25, 1965. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

The closing date set for entries is the latest practical date and will be rigidly adhered to. No exceptions will be made.

The division of classes will be announced later. Stars, 110s, 210s, and certain other yachts at the discretion of the Race Committee will not be eligible.

The warning signal for the first class to start on Friday, Sept. 17th, will be at 8:50 a.m. EDT and on Saturday, Sept. 18th, also at 8:50 a.m. EDT. Class B-1 will be the first to start on Sept. 17th (as in all recent series). However, as the first leg of both short and long courses on Sept. 18th are the same, Class A-1 will be the first to start on Saturday.

Please also note that by resolution of the Board of Governors on April 8, 1961 only properly entered boats are to be in the vicinity of the starting line or the race courses during the races. No matter how good the intentions, it is almost impossible for a non-competitor to keep completely clear of the competing boats, when trying to race "unofficially".

Handicap penalties for winners are 15% for first place, 10% for second place, and 5% for third place with a maximum penalty of 45%.

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As in the past, the cost of running the races and the shore parties will be offset by your contributions. Most skippers have been prompt and generous. We ask that this spirit continue so that our finances can remain on a sound basis. Please base your contribution on a minimum of \$3.00 per person per boat, making your check payable to the Off Soundings Club, and enclose it with your entry blank.

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Friday's races will finish at the BW Bell off Three Mile Harbor. The Friday night rendezvous will be at the Maidstone Marina.

Saturday's races will finish at the BW Bell off the entrance to Greenport and Dering Harbor with the Saturday night rendezvous at the Shelter Island Yacht Club.

Please consult the enclosed Reservation Information and make whatever reservations you wish directly and early.

You will note that there is something new added to the entry blanks. This is a more accurate description of your Class or type vessel. Too often in the past certain individuals have misrepresented their vessels and it is increasingly difficult for the measurer because of the size of the classes, so please fill out the detailed description of your vessel. Please don't forget your sail number.

When sending the Race Secretary letters requesting that a guest be extended an invitation to race, will you please include his correct name and address. This omission happens repeatedly and only delays the invitation for the proposed guest in question.

To enable guests to more easily meet members and other guests we are going to try erecting burgees designating the various classes which will be on the lawn both at Three Mile Harbor and at Dering. We feel that prior to announcing the winners this will give all concerned a better chance to meet participants in their own particular class. Burgees were not finished for Spring Series.

Tentative race results will be announced at Three Mile Harbor and at Shelter Island, subject to final correction. This is necessary to give the committee time to settle protests and for final checking and verification.

The Special Notice printed on blue paper dated April 1, 1964 is again included for all to note. This is the last time it will be published in Off Soundings mailings. It will continue to be enforced.

The Board of Governors at a meeting held June 10, 1965 elected Hinsdale Smith, Jr. Club Historian. He will replace Douglas L. Swan, recently deceased, who did such a fine job for us since 1953. This office will be in charge of pictures, news, the winter shore party and all other records pertaining to our Races.

A special vote of thanks goes to Benjamin V. Harrison, Jr. of Essex, a former Off Soundings Club member for providing his new Maine built power cruiser LUBENVAR for use by our photographer, Norman Fortier.

All skippers should know that setting off flares is, for one reason only and that is, the signalling for assistance. To set them off in a crowded harbor for no reason not only puts us in a bad light with the U. S. Coast Guard but can completely ruin sails, decks, etc. of the surrounding anchored yachts. Kindly refrain from such exhibitions in the future.

Everyone was highly pleased with the fine work of our Racing Committee under the new chairmanship of Gib Wolfe. Some of the members of this Committee have been doing this job for years and no one even knows their names. We feel it is high time that these men were given the recognition that they so well deserve. Listed below are the following:

Mr. F. Sherwood Harris
195 Mountain View Drive
Holyoke, Massachusetts

Mr. Lee Voland
Branford Road
North Branford, Conn.

Mr. Thomas N. Gotis
64 Kings Highway
North Haven, Connecticut

Mr. Robert Bessette
104 Dunmoreland Street
Springfield, Massachusetts

Mr. Thomas A. Olson
850 Roosevelt Avenue
Springfield, Massachusetts

Mr. George D. Becker
32 George Street
Holyoke, Massachusetts

Mrs. Eileen Ames
9 Gravel Street
Mystic, Connecticut

Mr. Peter Converse
Pilot Rock Lane
Riverside, Connecticut

Also added to the Committee were Mr. Peter Converse, an extremely experienced hand at racing and the running of regattas; also our measurer's wife, Mrs. William Ames was on hand to assist with her vast knowledge of the identity of yachts and the subsequent meticulous figuring.

Nowhere in this or any other country are races of this size run, computations made and accurate results read in such a short time. Our Race Committee has no equal and we are extremely proud and appreciative of the excellent job they do for us.

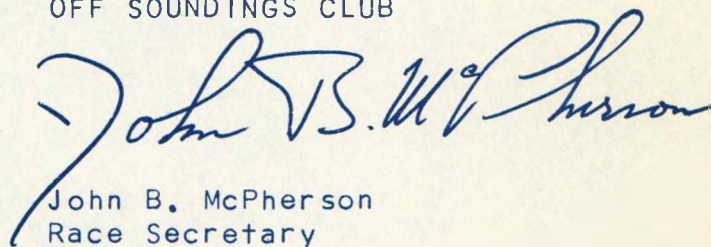
We greatly appreciate those of you who wrote into the Race Secretary prior to the race giving the information that their boat would not participate. This just makes the work of the Race Committee that much easier and thank you very much.

Off Soundings Club members may still purchase a sterling tie clasp with colored enamel Club Burgee by mailing a check for \$5.00 to the Race Secretary. Off Soundings Club cap buttons may be purchased directly from Crow's Nest, 16 E. 40th Street, New York City, and Off Soundings Club ties may be purchased from Mrs. Howard Smith, Mason's Island, Mystic, Connecticut, for \$4.50 each.

We shall look forward to seeing you in New London, Thursday evening, September 16th.

Cordially,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John B. McPherson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John B. McPherson
Race Secretary

July 1, 1965

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Friday, Sept. 17

The Maidstone Marina at Three Mile Harbor, East Hampton, New York, will host the rendezvous. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Palmer, owners and operators, and cordial host and hostess to previous rendezvous, will receive directly reservations for dinner and docking until Sept. 13th. Their telephone is East Hampton 4-1650. Taxi service is available.

Docking and Mooring: The fifteen 300 pound mushroom moorings are on a first-come, first-served basis (\$2.50/night). Dock space at \$2.50/night (Fleet rate) must be reserved in advance. (Maximum draft - 5-1/2 feet at Marina Dock - check latest chart for depths elsewhere.)

Dinner: A choice of L. I. Duckling at a cost of \$3.50/person or Lazy Lobster, fresh from Montauk, \$4.50/person. Reservations for dinner (with payment enclosed) must be made in advance to facilitate planning. Reservations will be confirmed; people with reservations will be served first.

Accommodations: The following establishments have offered special low rates. Make reservations directly by Sept. 11th accompanied by a down payment of 50%.

- Osborne Residence: \$10 single; \$12.50 double
Mrs. E. Monroe Osborne
Three Mile Harbor, East Hampton, N.Y.
(5 rooms)
- Huntting Inn: \$10 single; \$12 double
John Phillips
Huntting Inn, East Hampton, L.I.
New York (28 rooms)
- Sea Spray Inn: \$10 single; \$15 double. Mr. Arnold Bailey,
Sea Spray Inn, Ocean Ave., East Hampton,
New York (125 rooms).
- 1770 House: \$9.50/person, two per room;
\$10.50 single with breakfast
Donald Huntting, East Hampton, N.Y.
(10 rooms).
- East Hampton House: \$10.50 single; \$17.50 double
Mr. Burdette, East Hampton House,
Montauk Highway, East Hampton, N.Y.
(50 rooms).

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RESERVATION INFORMATION

Saturday, Sept. 18

As in past years we will rendezvous Saturday night in Deering Harbor, Shelter Island and again Shelter Island Yacht Club has opened its doors to us. The Club did such an excellent job for us last year that they will again furnish us with an excellent hot buffet dinner complete with all the trimmings at the rate of \$4.00 per person including tips, so please make your reservations with the Shelter Island Yacht Club directly, keeping in mind that these reservations are limited to the first 200 received because of the lack of space and that acceptance of reservations will close Sept. 11th. All reservations should be accompanied by a check for same.

The Chequit Inn also has excellent facilities for dinner, the cost running from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per person for complete dinner. There are also good rooms available at a special Off Soundings rate of \$5.00 per person.

For any additional information concerning reservations, we suggest you contact Mr. Carletto Franzoni at the Chequit (Phone 516 SH 9-0018) for room or dinner reservations. There will be bus service from the Yacht Club to Chequit Inn. Make all reservations directly with Mr. Franzoni as soon as possible.

April 4, 1964

SPECIAL NOTICE

EFFECTIVE AT THIS TIME

- I The minimum rating for any yacht sailing in the O.S.C. Annual Race Series is established at 17 feet. Yachts whose ratings calculate lower than this 17 foot minimum, shall race using this 17 foot minimum.
- II The minimum L.O.A. of vessels which may race in the O.S.C. Annual Race Series is established at 23.75 feet. Vessels smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race.
- III Excepted from this ruling are vessels which fall below these minimums but which have raced in a series prior to this date, owned by members or participating guests. These vessels will be permitted to race using ratings shown on the Vessel's Valid Rating Certificate so long as there is no change in vessel's ownership.

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GUESTS

The Off Soundings Club Board of Governors have for some time been carefully considering the matter of a definitive policy insofar as the number of times any given individual may be invited to participate in our racing series, and after careful deliberation of the problem a decision was reached that only two invitations would be issued to any acceptable non-member to participate in our racing events, each invitation being sufficient for any two (2) consecutive race series, such as, Fall '63 and Spring '64 or Spring '64 and Fall '64. For purposes of implementing this policy, invitations issued in 1963 will be included in determining eligibility for additional invitations in the future.



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Peter H. Comstock
Chairman Membership Committee
Pratt, Read & Co.
Ivoryton, Conn.

To the Members:

The following have been proposed and seconded for membership in the Off Soundings Club. Their names are submitted for your CAREFUL SCRUTINY AND CONSIDERATION. Members acquainted with the candidates should send any information they possess, or recommendations they have concerning the candidate to the Membership Committee.

All such communications will be STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and should be mailed to the Membership Committee:

c/o Peter H. Comstock, Chairman
Pratt, Read & Co., Inc.
Ivoryton, Connecticut

No action will be taken on the following applicants until at least thirty days after the date of this notice.

NAME & ADDRESS

PROPOSER

SECONDEES

H. Peter Converse
Pilot Rock Lane
Riverside, Conn. 06878

Gilbert L. Wolfe

William W. Jenkins
Dr. H. M. Rozendaal

Sincerely,

Peter H. Comstock
Chairman-Membership Committee