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July 12, 1996

Enclosed are the following:

1. Notice of Race for the Fall Race Series
2. Fall Race Series Entry Form
3. General Information and Reservations Sheet
4. Results of the Spring Race Series

As in the Spring, what was called the "First Notice" has been revised and reconfigured to conform to the standard Notice of Race, as outlined in Appendix C2A of the Racing Rules. Some superfluous wording has been eliminated and some provisions which were lacking have been added.

I call your attention to the following:

1. The Off Soundings fleet will race from New London to Dering Harbor on Friday, September 13th. We will race in Gardiners Bay on Saturday, September 14th. Each evening we will rendezvous at the Shelter Island Yacht Club in Dering Harbor.

2. The innovations used in the 1995 Fall Race Series will be continued in 1996. Further, the Race Committee is developing some additional innovations, which have to do with easing congestion through the use of "leeward gate" marks for certain courses and a "windward offset mark" for certain courses.

3. We expect that the 12 Meter Association will race with us, joining us in Gardiners Bay on Saturday. We anticipate that they will have their own Class and will probably sail two short races. Be sure and bring your cameras. Note that we plan to have Classes C-1, C-2 and C-3 sail two races on Saturday.

4. The 1996 Race Series will use the Time-on-Time system of handicapping. In that system, each yacht's PHRF rating, as properly determined by the Chief Measurer and modified to reflect any penalty awarded to a prior winner, is converted to the yacht's Time Correction Factor (TCF). The Corrected Time for each yacht is then calculated by multiplying its Elapsed Time by its TCF.

5. The following changes have been made to the procedure for penalties awarded to prior winners:

- a. An awarded penalty will be removed after three Race Series, sailed or not.
- b. To reduce a bias against bigger boats, the formulation of TCF has been modified to include the penalty adjustment of 1.5% for each 5% of awarded penalty.

6. This year we will use an Alternative Penalty System, in lieu of disqualification for an infringement. Refer to pages 81-82 of the Rule Book. Important features are:
 - a. The infringement must have been of a Rule in Part IV (Right of Way Rules), must not have resulted in serious damage, and must not have given the infringing yacht a significant advantage;
 - b. The infringing yacht accepts the penalty by promptly displaying a yellow flag and then notifies the Race Committee at the finish, identifying the other yacht;
 - c. The penalty is 10 minutes added to the infringing yacht's Corrected Time.
7. The procedure for inviting guests has been modified so that:
 - a. We are now accepting Guest Applications for the Fall Race Series. The deadline for receipt of the signed Guest Invitation Application form for those Fall Guests is two weeks prior to the Closing Date. Thus, the postmark deadline is August 8th. On August 15th, the Race Entry Package (which is this Notice of Race package) will then be mailed to those Fall Guests approved by the Board of Governors
 - b. The Guest Invitation Applications approved for the 1996 Spring Race Series are automatically extended for the 1996 Fall Race Series.
 - c. The Guest Invitation Application form must be signed by a Sponsor and two Seconders. In using the term "Sponsor" instead of "Proposer," it is intended that the person who is the Sponsor bear more than a casual responsibility for the Guest. The Sponsor shall ensure that the Guest is appropriately aware of Off Soundings Club race procedures, is made to feel welcome and is introduced to other club members, and that the Guest conducts himself appropriately on and off the race course. Admonishment, or withdrawal of the Guest Invitation, will be done via the Sponsor.
 - d. A new Guest Invitation is required for each calendar year. Only two invitations will be issued to a Guest. The Board of Governors may elect to waive the two-invitation limit.
 - e. Guest Invitation Applications should be submitted only for a person who is a qualified racing skipper of good character and who is a member of a recognized yacht club.
 - f. Guest Invitation Application forms may be requested from the Race Secretary.
8. The "grandfathering" of existing 18-inch single lifelines is extended to the 1996 Spring and Fall Race Series.

Good sailing, and we look forward to seeing you at Shelter Island.

Cordially,

Richard H. Roberts
Race Secretary
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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59th ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES

1996

SEPTEMBER 13th and 14th

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The Race Series will be governed by the Constitution of the Off Soundings Club (which is concerned with NOR 14.0 of this Notice of Race), the 1993-1996 International Yacht Racing Rules (referred to herein as "Rules" or "Rulebook"), the Prescriptions of US SAILING and by the Sailing Instructions. The Series is classed as a Category A event, as described in Rule 18 and Appendix A3 of the Rulebook.
- 1.2 Yachts shall conform to the Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment & Accommodations Standard (Based on ORC Category 4), dated April 2, 1994, which was enclosed with the Notice for the 1996 Spring Race Series. Yachts 28 ft LOA to 35 ft LOA which conformed to the previous standard (at least 18-inch single lifelines) will be "grandfathered" for the 1995 Spring and Fall Race Series.
- 1.3 The Off Soundings Club will adhere to and enforce Rule 25 and Appendix B3 of the Rulebook regarding sail numbers.
- 1.4 Off Soundings Club rules require that at least one of the persons in whose name a yacht is entered (Master) must be on board for each race and in command of that yacht. In the case of guests, only the guest can be the Master and must be aboard and in command for each race.
- 1.5 These regulations apply to the Cruising Canvas Classes:
 - a. Only Off Soundings Club members may enter. You must mark the appropriate box on the Entry Form to enter.
 - b. Spinnakers (including mizzen spinnakers) may not be used. Headsails must be attached along their length to the headstay by means of either hanks or a slotted headstay. This does not exclude roller-furling headsails. Headsail girths measured from the luff to the leech must be no greater than their proportional distance from the head.
 - c. Spinnaker poles may be used as whisker poles. Whisker pole length is limited to 80% of LP or spinnaker pole length, whichever is greater.
 - d. Only one sail at a time, other than forestaysails on standard double-head rigs, may be tacked forward of the mainmast (foremast on schooners). This does not prohibit a transient condition (i.e., during a sail change evolution).
 - e. Use of other sails, such as mules, mizzen staysails, is permitted.
 - f. Yachts must meet all Off Soundings eligibility requirements.

2.0 Responsibility

- 2.1 The legal age for drinking in New York State is twenty-one. The "Captain's Responsibility" statement printed on the reverse of the Entry Form makes it clear that your signature denotes that, as Master/Captain, you shoulder the responsibility that your under-age crew members are advised of the prohibition on their drinking at Off Soundings Club events. Further, you take full responsibility for their actions.
- 2.2 Guest invitees who have not received prior communication please take note of this emphasis on the Master/Captain's responsibility.
- 2.3 You will note that the Entry Form requires you to sign a certification that your yacht meets the minimum equipment & accommodations standard of NOR 1.2 and that you agree to the waiver contained on the reverse thereof. As a Corinthian yachtsman, your certifying signature is the verification needed to assure that all entrants have complied and are racing fairly and truly.

3.0 Alterations of Racing Rules

- 3.1 A procedure for broadcasting corrections to the Sailing Instructions has been prescribed, under the requirement of Rule 3.4(b).
- 3.2 Visual signals have been added to Rule 4.1 to indicate where Saturday's race is to be sailed in the event that Friday's race is Abandoned.
- 3.3 A racing yacht starting early and failing to restart properly will be penalized by having thirty minutes added to her Corrected Time. Rule 51.1(b) is modified accordingly.
- 3.4 General Recall procedures are modified in that the recalled class is to re-start last. Rules 4.1 "First Substitute," 4.2(c) and 7.2(a) are modified accordingly.
- 3.5 The Scoring Penalty of Section 2 of Appendix B1 is modified in that the penalty will be 10 minutes added to the infringing yacht's Corrected Time.

4.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The Race Series is open to those members and invited guests whose yachts qualify in all respects to the provisions outlined in NOR 4.3, below.
- 4.2 The closing date for receipt of signed Guest Invitation Application forms for the 1996 Fall Race Series is August 8, 1996. Approval of Guests Invitations for the 1996 Spring Race Series is extended to include the 1996 Fall Race Series.
- 4.3 Yacht eligibility is defined as follows:
 - a. For handicapping purposes, the maximum PHRF base boat number will be 300.
 - b. The minimum L.O.A. of yachts which may race in the OSC Spring or Fall Race Series is 23.75 feet. Yachts smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race, nor will yachts in excess of 62 feet L.O.A. Yachts must have self-bailing cockpits and be capable of normal cruising (head, galley, bunks, etc.).
 - c. Excepted from this ruling are yachts, owned by members, which fall outside the limits of 4.3.b above, but which have raced in a series prior to this date. Those yachts will be permitted to race, using ratings based on the yacht's valid Measurement Data Certificate, so long as there is no change in yacht ownership.

- 4.4 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the enclosed Entry Form and sending it by First Class Mail to Richard H. Roberts, Race Secretary, 60 Dart Street, New London, CT 06320. Your entry will be acknowledged by return postcard. See NOR 8.0 for entry deadlines.
- 4.5 In order to determine perpetual trophy winners accurately and assign handicap penalties equitably, it is necessary to confirm the ownership or charter arrangement of all entered yachts for each race series. Please list the names of all owners or charterers, whether or not also listed as master(s), in the space provided on the Entry Form. For reasons of space, please do not list more than two names as Master. If yours is a syndicate boat and you wish to list the syndicate name, indicate the skipper's name only.

5.0 Schedule of Events

- 5.1 The Off Soundings fleet will race from New London to Gardiners Bay on Friday, September 13th, and will race on selected courses in Gardiners Bay on Saturday, September 14th. Each evening we will rendezvous at the Shelter Island Yacht Club in Dering Harbor.
- 5.2 The logistics particulars for this series are outlined on the enclosed General Information and Reservations Sheet. Information on docking, mooring, shore facilities, transportation, emergency facilities, etc., are included therein and you are requested to make whatever reservations you wish direct and early.
- 5.3 The First Warning will be at 0920 on Friday and on Saturday.

6.0 Contribution

- 6.1 Please note that, in order to assign actual expenses equitably, there is an expected \$30 contribution per yacht plus \$6 per person on board. Please make your check payable to the Off Soundings Club and enclose it with your Entry Form.
- 6.2 Non-racing members and guests are always welcome at our rendezvous parties, at the normal per-person contribution. We've included a place on the Entry Form for you to let us know how many non-racing people to expect, and for you to include payment for them.

7.0 Measurement

- 7.1 PHRF ratings will be used for all classes. PHRF ratings will be based on the work of the PHRF of Long Island Sound (the PHRF group of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association), information from regional areas with PHRF experience, and additional information which may be developed by the OSC Chief Measurer. The adjustment factors will be in accordance with the procedures used by PHRF of LIS.
- 7.2 Each yacht must have a valid OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB MEASUREMENT DATA CERTIFICATE, which is one that is less than three years old, i.e., with an original date of September 13, 1993 or later. If the yacht does not have a valid Measurement Data Certificate, it must be measured by one of the following: an Off Soundings Club approved measurer, your yacht club measurer, or a yachting association measurer. The Certificate should be completed in triplicate, with one copy being sent to Norman E. Rabe, Off Soundings Club Chief Measurer, 33 Valley Drive, Salem, Connecticut 06420. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.
- 7.3 In determining your Off Soundings Club PHRF rating, necessary yacht dimensional information will be taken from your valid Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate. Owners of a class type (such as Tartan 41 or Morgan 34, etc.) must inform the OSC Chief Measurer of any substantial modifications to the yacht which might affect the

speed potential but which might not be evident on the Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate. Examples of such modifications are added keel ballast or lightened interior joiner work. This request must be treated in a true Corinthian spirit.

- 8.0 Entry Deadline** -- The following deadlines will be adhered to. No exceptions will be permitted, Postal Service foibles notwithstanding.

Entries (together with contribution check) must be received by the Race Secretary, postmarked on or before **August 22, 1996**.

Measurement Data Certificates must be received by the Chief Measurer, postmarked on or before **August 22, 1996**.

- 9.0 Classes** -- There will be three "A" and "B" classes, five "C" classes and two Cruising Canvas Classes. Where appropriate, classes will be grouped generally based on PHRF rating and the rating break point for any of the classes cannot be determined until after all entries have been received.

10.0 Class Flags

- 10.1 You must fly a class flag at all times during each race. This flag shall be no smaller than size "0", (i.e., 12" x 15"). It should be flown vertically, as far forward as possible, on the pulpit.

- 10.2 The following International Code Flags will be used as class flags:

A-1	Alpha
A-2	Echo
B	Kilo
C-1	Papa
C-2	Oscar
C-3	Foxtrot
C-4	Zulu
C-5	Juliet
CR-1	Uniform
CR-2	Golf
T (Twelve Meters)	Tango

- 10.3 Class assignments will be mailed with the Sailing Instructions. Owners needing to know their yacht's class flag sooner may call R. H. Roberts after August 29th..

- 11.0 Sailing Instructions** -- The Sailing Instructions, together with the Entry List, by class, are scheduled to be mailed to members and invited guests on Friday, September 6, 1996.

12.0 Scoring

- 12.1 All Classes will be handicapped using the time-on-time system. Each yacht's Time Correction Factor (TCF) will be based on its PHRF rating and penalty adjustment, if any. A yacht's Corrected Time is obtained by multiplying its Elapsed Time by its TCF.

- 12.2 As is customary for Club races, standings are given on a "Corrected Time" basis computed from the combined results of two days of racing. After each day's racing, tentative results will be announced and posted. Complete results will be mailed later to members and guests.

12.3 A yacht winning a first, second or third place will be awarded a penalty for three additional race series. The penalties are 15% for each first place, 10% for each second place and 5% for each third place, for a maximum of 45% total penalty. The formulation of TCF includes the penalty adjustment of 1.5% for each 5% of awarded penalty. Existing penalties will be carried over if a class changes for any reason.

12.4 Penalties will be removed after three race series, sailed or not.

12.5 If a yacht is acquired by a person not associated with the acquisition of the penalty, the penalty will be dropped from the yacht. If the owner then purchases or charters a non-similar yacht, he also will not continue to carry the penalty. It is the responsibility of the entrant to contact the Race Secretary prior to the entry closing date if there is any question regarding the dropping of a penalty.

13.0 Alternative Penalty

13.1 The Off Soundings Club has established an Alternative Penalty, for use in lieu of disqualification, for the 1996 Race Series.

13.2 The Scoring Penalty of Section 2 of Appendix B1 of the Rulebook will apply, modified in that the penalty will be 10 minutes added to the infringing yacht's Corrected Time. Note that Section 1 (720° Turns) does not apply.

13.3 The infringing yacht shall signal her acceptance of the Alternative Penalty by displaying a yellow rectangular flag, or Code Flag "I," for the remainder of the race. She shall comply with the other provisions of Section 2 of Appendix B1.

13.4 You are reminded that the infringement must have been of a Rule in Part IV (Right-of-Way Rules), must not have resulted in serious damage, and must not have given the infringing yacht a significant advantage.

14.0 Decisions of the Jury -- The decisions of the Protest Committee (jury) will be final, in accordance with the Off Soundings Club Constitution, which does not allow the decisions of its Protest Committee to be appealed.

15.0 Radio Communications -- The Coast Guard First District has advised that, effective April 1, 1992 and within its jurisdiction, VHF Channel 9 is to be used as the calling channel, reserving the use of Channel 16 for distress communications. Off Soundings Race Committee communications will be carried out on VHF Channel 72.

16.0 Prizes

16.1 Four prizes will be awarded in each class. Please arrange for someone to collect your trophy in your behalf if you will not be present to receive your award at the prize ceremony Saturday night. Un-claimed prizes will be held by Rear Commodore Frank Bohlen (860-536-1908) pending a call from the recipient to arrange for pick-up of the prize. All prizes are donated by the Off Soundings Club.

16.2 Perpetual trophies will be presented at the winter shore party for the yacht and Master with the best corrected time, without penalties, in the year's races in several categories. Winners, and second and third places, will be awarded keeper plaques.

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESERVATION SHEET

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Burr's Yacht Haven in New London can provide dock space for Thursday night or from the preceding weekend at the normal rate of \$1.50 per foot. Please contact the dockmaster upon arrival for docking instructions. Reservations are suggested -- contact Burr's, 244 Pequot Avenue, New London, CT 06320. Telephone: 203-443-8457. Lighted municipal parking is available a short block away for weekend parking. Please do not use Burr's in-yard parking for the entire weekend, as that is reserved for their regular clientele.

Thamesport Marina, 260 Pequot Avenue in New London (formerly Marster's), has new docks and offers overnight transient dockage for \$0.99 per foot (pre-pay at \$0.99, first come, first served). Dockage includes captain's meal (long dog, fries, soda) and bag of ice. Call for reservations at 203-442-1151 or 203-447-7022 or 800-882-1151, or contact dockmaster on arrival. Lighted municipal parking is available nearby for weekend parking. Thamesport is the first marina on the west bank of the Thames; look for the Gulf sign.

Friday and Saturday, September 13 & 14, 1996

The Shelter Island Yacht Club at Dering Harbor, Shelter Island, New York will be the site of the weekend rendezvous.

MOORINGS AND ANCHORING

Moorings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis as pointed out by the Shelter Island Yacht Club launch operators. A charge per night of \$25.00 will be made for each yacht within Dering Harbor, whether moored, anchored or rafted. While the mooring fee will be collected by Shelter Island Yacht Club, it is your responsibility to see that you are paid up before you leave.

LAUNCH SERVICE

There will be launches flying the Shelter Island Yacht Club burgee available for transportation ashore from 1400 to 0130 on Friday, 0700 to 0130 Saturday and on Sunday morning. Please note that the last ferry from Greenport is at midnight. The launch schedule is rigid, so plan accordingly.

REFRESHMENTS

Spigotted crocks will be arranged north of the clubhouse and may be readily identified by the code flags properly arrayed. Timely finishes permitting, mainbrace splicing will commence at 1730. Please assist in keeping the grounds neat and tidy by using the trash barrels available.

DINING

For Off Soundings Club race participants, the Shelter Island Yacht Club will put on a Chicken BBQ Friday night and a Steak Roast Saturday night, both buffet style. Reservations are suggested, and can be made by calling 516-749-1500 no later than Monday, September 9th. Shelter Island Yacht Club may arrange for music on Friday night for everyone's enjoyment. In addition, you may arrange for box lunches the evening before you need them.

CLUB TIES, BURGEES, ETC.

The Off Soundings Club has arranged with The Club House to offer an expanded line of ties, burgees, patches, pins, shirts, hats and jackets for sale. Inquire directly at The Club House, 29 Soundview Road, Unit 5, Guilford, CT 06437; 203-453-8366 or 800-453-3224 or (fax) 203-453-8364. Some of the merchandise will be available at the Shore Party.

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