



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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TO: Commodore Paul C. van Dyke
FROM: Race Secretary Richard H. Roberts
SUBJECT: Race Secretary's Report

I submit this to the Board of Governors through the Commodore, because I will be unable to attend the October 24th Board of Governors meeting. My previous commitment is to attend the Annual Meeting of the United States Sailing Association, where I represent Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association and have some other responsibilities.

1. The results of the Fall Race Series and the combined, perpetual trophy, results have been mailed to the membership on October 20th. This was later than scheduled (October 16th) due to a misunderstanding on the part of the printer.
2. Continuing the statistical work done by Andy Anderson, I've added 1992 information to the table, together with some earlier financial information, and the enclosed Race Entry Statistics table is available for study. Our new approach in providing a place on the entry form for non-racers to sign up for the party met with some success, 13 people in the Spring and 18 in the fall used this approach. However, that did cause some confusion in that some checked both places and looked as if they owed more money. We straightened those cases out, using the acknowledgement post card, and those problems will disappear as time goes on.
3. With regard to our destinations for the over-night rendezvous, I see no reason to change from our practice of going to Block Island in the Spring and Shelter Island in the Fall. Should there be dissent, I propose we discuss this issue in January. Note that 4, below, introduces the possibility of an alternative to Dering Harbor.
4. Some comment was requested on the race courses. First, the Friday courses are pretty much set -- you have to get there from here, and, unless we go to a new rendezvous site, we're stuck with the existing courses. A short course has been added to the Block Island Saturday menu, to be used after a lengthy postponement. We could explore the use of drop marks to try and improve the Block Island courses, and that might be worthy of study. For Gardiner's Bay, Norm Rabe and I were involved in laying out the courses we use, and the criteria are difficult to satisfy:
 - a. Start near the R/W "N".
 - b. Long courses should be approximately 20 miles and short courses 16 miles.
 - c. There should be a common mark about 2/3 through the course to allow for shortening. To shorten at separate marks would require two Committee Boats, two clocks, guns, flags, horns and sets of people
 - d. One of the legs should be relatively long and provide a windward leg, directly or reversed.
 - e. Competitors should round any mark in the same direction.
 - f. Use existing, Government marks. Then, the use of Mark "B" was viewed as a complication. Now, drop marks approach the routine.

One possibility is to locate a drop mark to the North, near Long Beach. That's a pretty short first leg, however. An attractive solution to many problems may be to locate the Committee Boat

roughly in the center of Gardiner's Bay and develop courses around that. However, that violates "a" above, making the trek to the Start from Dering Harbor even longer. That may now be acceptable. Going to a new rendezvous in Gardner's Bay (say Threemile Harbor) or elsewhere (say Lake Montauk) would make the task interesting. I expect that you (the Commodore) will want to appoint a small study group to work on this project -- suggest Roberts, Maxwell and Rabe, to start with.

5. I have already make known to you my feelings on the idea of creating an Off Soundings procedure to award a reduction in elapsed time to our "physicians on call" when they have responded to a request for medical assistance. My position is that the Rules (specifically Rule 69(b) and Rule 74.2) adequately cover the situation, for anyone rendering assistance, and no special Off Soundings Club procedure is needed. We should, however, make sure that those physicians on the Fleet Surgeon's "on-call" list are aware of the existing procedure in the Rules.

6. I have attached a separate package having to do with the dates for Off Soundings Club events. It includes: a) the page showing the approved 1993 dates and the proposed 1994 dates, and includes two changes I'd like to make in the 1993 dates; b) a tabulation of the basis for the dates, developed after some study of our past events; and c) the result of the application of that Basis table to the years out to 2000, done for my amusement. The dates for some of the events that influence us are not established very far ahead (Bermuda Race, Dyer Dhow Derby, and the like) and maybe we shouldn't become slaves to those events. US SAILING establishes its Annual Meeting dates and locations well in advance because of the necessity of making facility (hotel and meeting room) arrangements before the spaces are reserved by others. I note that our Vice Commodore arranges for our Annual Meeting but he's hardly in office early enough to really have a choice. Perhaps he and the Rear Commodore should work jointly on the Annual Meeting dates and location reservations -- up to four years out should help. I'm sure they both will have comments at the January meeting on the Date Package. Comments on the Basis table are welcomed, and I should point out that the Basis table is intended only to be a guide -- practical adjustments will have to be considered, as well, in any given year.

7. It seemed to me that a large number of skippers who had intended to race in Cruising Canvas Class in the Fall had neglected to put a check (✓) in the box indicating that intention. I caught most of them, where they had raced earlier in Cruising Canvas, and asked them on the acknowledgement post card if that was intentional. Most said they did want to be in Cruising Canvas and were thankful. In the case of two members, I wasn't smart enough to realize that I should have asked them, as well, and they were unhappy that they couldn't compete in that class. I plan on modifying the post card so that it is clear that the entrant did or did not check the box to enter Cruising Canvas Class.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Roberts

Richard H. Roberts
Race Secretary

Race Entry Statistics

Class	S 1986	S 1987	S 1988	S 1989	S 1990	S 1991	S 1992	X	F 1986	F 1987	F 1988	F 1989	F 1990	F 1991	F 1992
DESTINATION	SI	SI	BI	BI	BI	BI	BI		BI	BI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
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A-1	15	20	15	13	12	19	14		19	14	17	10	15	16	13
A-2	17	13	11	14	14	15	12		16	15	12	16	14	15	12
B	15	14	11	9	9	11	12		13	11	11	10	13	16	13
C-1	16	28	28	23	23	22	17		25	26	24	23	18	16	17
C-2	22	31	22	19	21	16	17		22	25	20	12	15	18	15
C-3	16	19	15	17	13	18	16		13	14	14	15	19	13	15
C-4	13	16	16	19	16	13	16		14	15	14	21	17	12	16
C-5	14	19	14	17	18	15	16		17	16	15	14	17	11	17
CR	37	33	29	28	24	27	31		31	19	26	27	26	23	26
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Totals	165	193	161	159	150	156	151		170	155	153	148	154	140	144
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Crew Count				909	882	903	891					844	846	805	833
Crew per Yacht				5.7	5.9	5.8	5.9					5.7	5.5	5.8	5.8
Income, yacht + crew				\$8,630	\$10,583	\$10,800	\$10,634					\$8,024	\$10,505	\$9,700	\$10,039
\$ Non-racers @ \$6							\$78								\$108
\$ per yacht				\$54.30	\$70.55	\$69.23	\$70.42					\$54.22	\$68.21	\$69.29	\$69.72
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Fee, per yacht	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$20	\$35	\$35	\$35		\$15	\$15	\$20	\$20	\$35	\$35	\$35
Fee, per crew	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6		\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6

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DATES FOR OFF SOUNDINGS EVENTS

	<u>APPROVED</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>1994</u>
Guest Invitation Cut-off	March 17**(March 18)	March 17
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	April 3	April 2 #
SPRING RACE SERIES		
First Notice	April 16	April 15
Closing Date	May 20	May 19
Final Notice	June 4	June 3
Race Dates	June 11-12	June 10-11
Results of Spring Race Series	July 9	July 8
FALL RACE SERIES		
First Notice	July 9	July 8
Closing Date	August 26	August 25
Final Notice	September 10	September 9
Race Dates	September 17-18	September 16-17
Final Results	October 8*(October 15)	October 14
BOARD MEETINGS		
January	January 15 (3rd Friday)	January 14 (2nd Friday)
April	April 3	April 2 (1st Saturday)
October	October 16	October 15 or 29
REFERENCE DATES		
Easter	April 11	April 3
Bermuda Race start	---	---
Labor Day	September 6	September 5
Dyer Dhow Derby	_____	_____

NOTES

Request that these changes be made to the previously approved 1993 schedule:

* Should be changed to October 15, to allow the normal 4 weeks after Race Friday.

** Should be changed to March 18, so that all cut-off dates will fall on a Thursday.

Consider these issues for 1994: (1994 date approval is scheduled for the January meeting.)

April 2 is Easter Eve. We've scheduled it that way in the past. The real governing item is the facility availability for the selected date.

BASIS FOR SELECTION OF DATES FOR OFF SOUNDINGS EVENTS

The following describes the Basis for the Race Secretary's selection of each season's dates. This Basis table is intended only to be a guide, a starting point -- practical adjustments will have to be considered, as well, in any given year.

Following selection, the dates for a season are proposed to the Board of Governors for approval.

Guest Invitation Cut-off	Thursday, 16 days before the Annual Meeting
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	First Saturday in April. Except April 1st? Easter Eve? Constitution specifies to be held in Feb, Mar or Apr.

SPRING RACE SERIES

First Notice	Friday, 13 days after the Annual Meeting
Closing Date	Thursday, 22 days before Race Friday
Final Notice	Friday before Race Friday
Race Friday	Sometimes, Bermuda Race minus one week (even years)
Results of Spring Race Series	Friday, 4 weeks after Race Friday

FALL RACE SERIES

First Notice	With the results of the Spring Race Series
Closing Date	Thursday, 22 days before Race Friday
Final Notice	Friday before Race Friday
Race Friday	11 days after Labor Day
Final Results	Friday, 4 weeks after Race Friday

BOARD MEETINGS

January	Second Friday in January (Sometimes 3rd Friday)
April	Afternoon of the Annual Meeting
October	Saturday. Often coincides with Dyer Dhow Derby. Often, also conflicts with US SAILING's Annual Meeting (dates of which are set, through 2000), which involves a few Governors.

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FORECAST DATES FOR OFF SOUNDINGS EVENTS

	APPROVED							
	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Guest Invitation Cut-off	March 18	March 17	March 23	March 22	March 20	March 19	March 18	March 23
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	April 3	April 2 #	April 8	April 6 #	April 5	April 4	April 3 #	April 8
Easter	April 11	April 3	April 16	April 7	Mar 30	April 12	April 4	April 23
SPRING RACE SERIES								
First Notice	April 16	April 15	April 21	April 19	April 18	April 17	April 16	April 21
Closing Date	May 20	May 19	May 25	May 23	May 22	May 21	May 20	May 25
Final Notice	June 4	June 3	June 9	June 7	June 6	June 5	June 4	June 9
Race Dates	June 11-12	June 10-11	June 16-17	June 14-15	June 13-14	June 12-13	June 11-12	June 16-17
Bermuda Race start	---	()	---	()	---	()	---	()
Results of Spring Race Series	July 9	July 8	July 14	July 12	July 11	July 10	July 9	July 14
FALL RACE SERIES								
First Notice	July 9	July 8	July 14	July 12	July 11	July 10	July 9	July 14
Closing Date	August 26	August 25	August 24	August 22	August 21	August 27	August 26	August 24
Final Notice	Sept 10	Sept 9	Sept 8	Sept 6	Sept 5	Sept 11	Sept 10	Sept 8
Race Dates	Sept 17-18	Sept 16-17	Sept 15-16	Sept 13-14	Sept 12-13	Sept 18-19	Sept 17-18	Sept 15-16
Labor Day	Sept 6	Sept 5	Sept 4	Sept 2	Sept 1	Sept 7	Sept 6	Sept 4
Final Results	Oct 15	Oct 14	Oct 13	Oct 11	Oct 10	Oct 16	Oct 15	Oct 14
BOARD MEETINGS								
January	Jan 15	Jan 14	Jan 13	Jan 12	Jan 10	Jan 9	Jan 15	Jan 14
April	Apr 3	Apr 2	Apr 8	Apr 6	Apr 5	Apr 4	Apr 3	Apr 8
October	Oct 16	Oct 29	Oct 28	Oct 26	Oct 25	Oct 17	Oct 16	Oct 28
Dyer Dhow Derby	()	()						
US SAILING Annual Meeting	Oct 20-24	Oct 19-23	Oct 18-22	Oct 16-20	Oct 15-19	Oct 21-25	Oct 20-24	Oct 18-22

Easter Eve