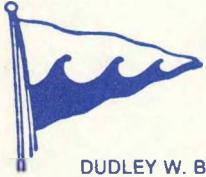


OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



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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 candidates to the Membership Committee.

All such communications will be strictly confidential and should be mailed to:

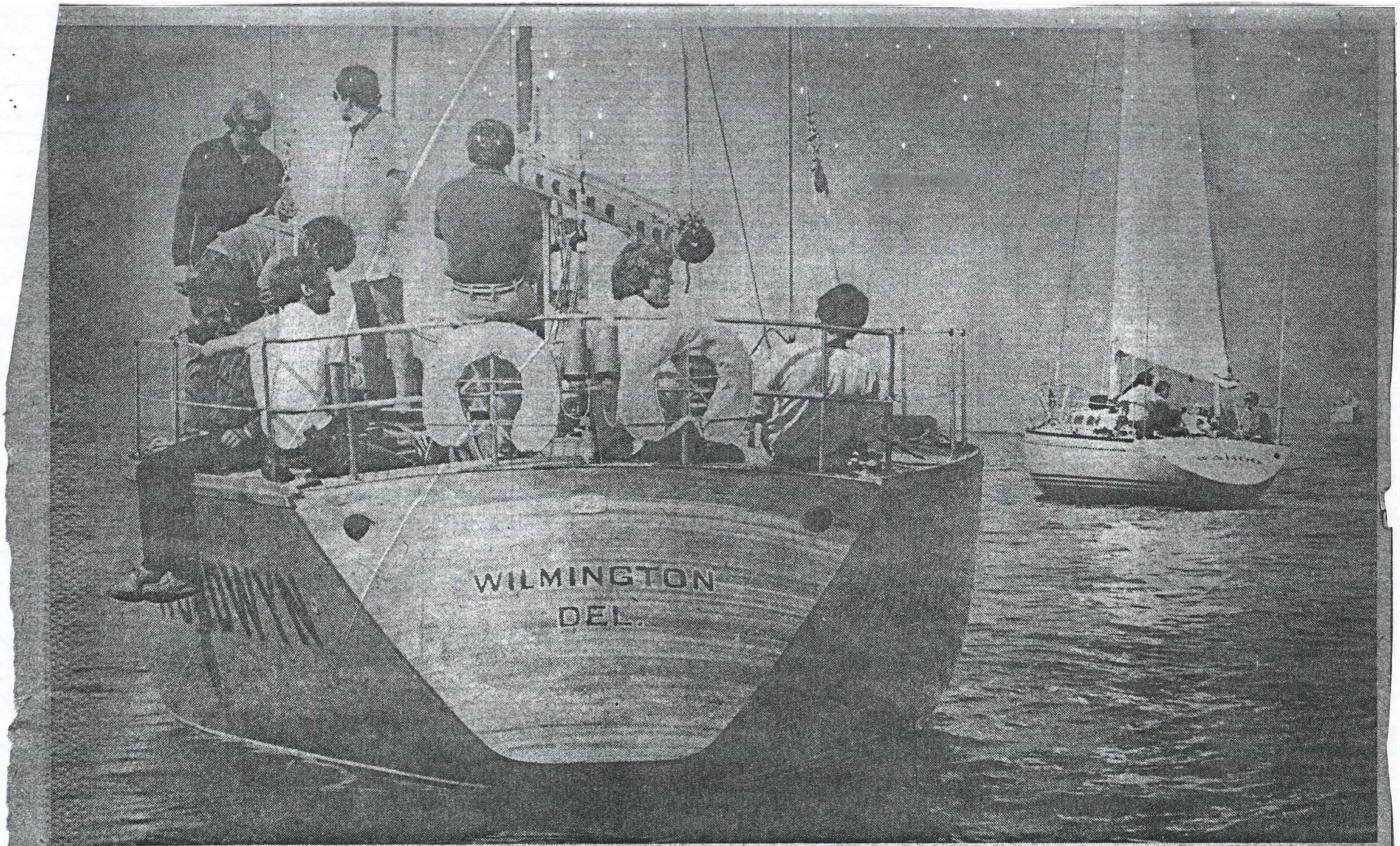
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No action will be taken on the following applicants until at least thirty days from the date of this notice.

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>NAME OF BOAT</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDEES</u>
Henry Godfrey Thorpe Main Street Middle Haddam, CT 06456	"Caprice"	Fredric I. Fischbein	Curtiss S. Johnson Jr. Searle Welling
John Lee Bunce Schutz 149 Vineyard Point Road Guilford, CT 06437	"C & C 41"	Peter H. Johnson	E. H. Fisher Stanley Barnes
Trent Joseph Repko 609 B Nauyaug N. Mason's Island Mystic, CT 06355	"Paradox"	Durward C. Woodman	Felix Tromer John Pequignot

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Chairman Membership Committee

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Wind watch

(Day photo by Jack Sauer)

Skippers and crews aboard yachts starting this morning's Off Soundings Club Spring series at the mouth of the Thames

River, were lacking one thing — wind. Here, the crew of Woodwyn, owned by Chris McLaughlin of Mystic, relaxes on

the deck at the starting line. There was virtually no wind, but the boats did get under way toward Shelter Island — very

slowly. About 200 yachts are participating in two days of competition, the 43rd year for the event. Story on Page 8.

Off Soundings Race off to slow start

NEW LONDON — More than 200 yachts got under way slowly at the mouth of the Thames River this morning as almost no wind was blowing at the start of the 43rd annual Spring race series of the Off Soundings Club.

The races to Shelter Island, N.Y. today and around Gardiner's Bay Saturday have attracted sailors from Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island.

There was virtually no wind blowing at 9:30 this morning under sunny skies as the yachts got started. Weather forecasts indicate continued pleasant weather for the weekend, a far cry from the first day of last September's fall Off Soundings race from Stonington to Block Island, R.I.

On that day, heavy rains and wind gusts clocked at better than 40 knots

buffeted the fleet, dismasting several yachts, snapping halyards and blowing out sails. As a result of last year's experience, the race committee has strengthened safety requirements, calling for a heavy weather jib and reefing equipment for the mainsail to allow yachts to cope with high winds.

The race is by invitation only. The club is made up of men only, although for the second year, at least one woman skipper has been invited as a guest.

Friday's long course of 24.6 miles was to send the fleet to Race Point, Cerberus Shoal and the Ruins, then to the finish line off Ram Island in Gardiner's Bay. Smaller yachts and cruising vessels choosing not to fly spinnakers were to sail an abbreviated 16.2-mile course to the finish line.

Off Soundings spring races get underway

By Peggie Ford
Day Sports Writer

SHELTER ISLAND, N.Y. — Go West; young man, was the wrong advice Friday morning as the 200-yacht Off Soundings fleet began its 43rd annual spring race series with a race from New London to Gardiner's Bay, Long Island.

Delayed for an hour by lack of wind, the first class was started at 10:30 a.m. The current was flowing east and the yachts which sailed east toward Fishers Island on route to the mark, at Valiant Rock, were the successful ones. Those who which went west expecting the 8-to-10-knot southerly wind, to shift to west-southwest, finished out of the money.

Most yachts carried spinnakers from Valiant to the finish, where the wind rose to 16 knots.

The race's grand prize, if one existed, should have gone Friday to Ed Raymond. He is skipper of Chanteyman, a fibreglass mold of a wooden ketch he bought in 1935.

A retired sailmaker from Rowayton, he crossed the finish line sixth overall, beating a number of new racing machines, and winning Class B-1.

"We stayed to Fishers Island to keep out of the floodtide. Walt Strang beat us to Valiant, but we caught him at Gull Island Light. My boat reaches like crazy," Raymond said.

The big-boat racing class, C-1, was won by Dennis Posey of Essex aboard Firebrand. He, too, sailed toward Fishers Island.

Posey said Firebrand lost wind at Valiant Rock, but so did all the other boats. Nonetheless, Firebrand won its class by five minutes elapsed time and three-and-a-half minutes corrected time.

Because of the late start and the tame wind, the entire fleet was sent on a short course of about 16 miles to Valiant, then to the finish line off Ram Island in Gardiner's Island Bay. But several yachts failed to notice the signal for the short course and instead, to their skippers' chagrin, sailed the 24-mile long course.

Friday's results by yacht name, skipper's name, are:

Class A-1 — Tynaje, Peter C. Ross, first; Dulcinea, Howard Bidwell, second; Salty, H. P. Garvin, third; Bonnie Lassie,

A. Wilson Jr., fourth.

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Day photo by Jack Sauer

Off Soundings begins

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Class A-2 — Xaipe, Thomas S. Wadlow Jr., first; Heritage, Chester B. Humphrey, second; Blueflower, Samuel Hird, third; Tumbler, Kenneth B. Tate, fourth.

Class B-1 — Chanteyman, Ed Raymond, first; Paramour, Walter D. Strang, Jr., second; Jaeger, Mark A. Turner, third; Ladybug, William E. Fortmann, fourth.

Class B-2 — Fantasy, Lochlin G. Syme, first; Piki, Joe and Rex Walden, second; Velerio, Reinhard Sarges, third; Marionette, Thomas R. Marston, fourth.

Class C-1 — Firebrand, Dennis Posey, first; Rampage, Robert L. Boger, second; Wahoo, James R. Sweet, third; Blixtar, Danforth Miller Jr., fourth.

Class C-2 — Risk, F. S. Carter Gowrie, first; Jet Stream, Jack Willis, third second; Wind Lass, Richard Shulman, third; Leprechaun, C. Paul Le Beau, fourth.

Class C-3 — Magic Dragon, Fred W. Prella Jr., first; Kachina, B.G. Tremaine, second; Ruby Begonia, Alfred Fritzsche, third; Anticipation, Harold C. Elson Jr., fourth.

Class C-4 — Ain't Misbehavin', Bob Evelyn, first; Ragtime, Rodney S. Johnstone, second; Daddy Wagon, Bill Healy, third; Teddy Bear, John Pequignot, fourth.

Cruising Canvas Class — Shady Lady, John B. Johnstone, first; Spindrift, William Rich Jr. and William Rich III, second; Rights of Man, Samuel J. Geiger, third; Persephone, John M. Mills, fourth.

