

This will be of great assistance to all participants while racing, and will aid the Race Committee as it finishes over 200 boats. Failure to fly the pennant is not a reason for disqualification.

The following International Code flags will be used as class pennants:

A-1	Alpha
A-2	Echo
B-1	Juliet
B-2	Kilo
C-1	Papa
C-2	Romeo
C-3	X Ray

Other Racing Information

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

Handicap penalties will be carried for three race series. To work off a penalty you must start both races and either be identified as a finisher or submit a written withdrawal as soon as possible to the Race Secretary.

The division of classes will be announced in the FINAL NOTICE.

Club Ties and Patches

Club members may obtain our new tie for \$8.00, and Club blazer patch for \$3.00 from your Treasurer, Leo A. Geyer, 78 Bay Drive, Huntington, L.I., N. Y. 11743. A handsome hand stitched tie may still be ordered from Mrs. Howard Smith, Mason's Island, Mystic, Connecticut 06355 for \$6.00 each. Club tie clasps may be ordered from outlets carrying Commodore Nautical Supplies or directly from them at 396 Broadway, New York, New York 10013.

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

Cordially,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



Donald P. Robinson
Race Secretary

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OFFICE OF
RACE SECRETARY
MYSTIC SEAPORT
MYSTIC, CONN. 06355

Area Code 203 536-2631

July 12, 1973

36th ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES

1973
September 14th & 15th

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate, 1973 Rule
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Membership Chairman's Posting of Membership Candidates *
*(to members only)

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Because of the large number of boats participating in our races, it becomes imperative that any boat withdrawing make contact as soon as possible with either the Race Committee Boat or the Block Island Marina, advising the name and skipper of the boat that has withdrawn.

This matter is of so much importance that, unless these instructions are followed to the letter, it will be necessary for the Board of Governors to withdraw invitations for both guests and members who fail to comply with this requirement.

This ruling is for your safety and to assist the Coast Guard in rescue operations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Herbert W. Owen".

Herbert W. Owen
Commodore
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

Entry Procedure

(Note closing date is Monday rather than Thursday, as in previous years.) Off Soundings Club races are open to those members and guest vessels which qualify in all respects to the provisions outlined in this FIRST NOTICE.

1. Please be reminded that our rules require that at least one of the persons in whose name the vessel is entered must be on board for both races and must be in command of the yacht.

For reasons of space please do not list more than two names! If your's is a syndicate boat and you wish to list the syndicate name indicate the skipper's name only.

2. Complete the enclosed entry blank and send by First Class Mail postmarked on or before Monday, August 20th, to Donald P. Robinson, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut 06355.
3. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old, as of September 15, 1973, providing no alterations have been made which affect the measured factors entering into the rating. Please read and complete your entry blank carefully. It has been changed! Note that the 1972 & 1973 rerating, transmitted to you via postcard, (if your rating was valid for the Spring Series) does in no way alter the normal expiration date of your certificate. 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 Richard H. Roberts, Off Soundings Club Measurer, 60 Dart Street, New London, Connecticut 06320, postmarked not later than Monday, August 20, 1973. Your Measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

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

Contributions from Entrants

Your contribution of \$4.00 per person is vital to the continued success of our Off Soundings Races. Please make your check payable to the Off Soundings Club and enclose it with your Entry Blank.

Guest Vessel Invitation

To prevent our Off Soundings classes from getting dangerously large, the closing date for guest invitations was set at March 30th, for both the Spring and Fall Series. No more guests may be invited for 1973 racing.

Only two invitations will 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 Spring '74 and Fall '74.

Yacht Eligibility

- I. The minimum rating for any yacht sailing in the OSC Annual Race Series is 18 feet. Yachts whose ratings calculate lower than this 18-foot minimum shall race using this 18-foot rating.
- II. The minimum L.O.A. of vessels which may race in the OSC Annual Race Series is 23.75 feet. Vessels smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race, nor will vessels in excess of 62 feet L.O.A.
- III. Excepted from this ruling are vessels owned by members which fall below these minimums but which have raced in a series prior to this date. 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.
- IV. Stars, 110's, 210's, Atlantics and certain other similar yachts will not be eligible.

Preliminary Racing and Rendezvous Information

The fleet will again race in Block Island Sound waters this Fall. The start will be off Watch Hill and the finish off the entrance to Great Salt Pond the first day. Changes instituted in the Spring Race will also apply for the Fall Series.

The Friday and Saturday night rendezvous will be held at "The Oar" adjacent to the Block Island Marina.

You should make your own reservations for slips, etc. early and directly.

NAYRU Sail Numbers

North American Yacht Racing Union requirements regarding sail numbers are mandatory for Off Soundings participation. Class insignia, however, may continue to be displayed. A NAYRU number for your vessel may be obtained by writing North American Yacht Racing Union, 37 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036.

Racing Equipment

Your vessel must meet NAYRU Category 4 requirements; the requirement for life lines and pulpits has been waived for the 1973 Races, but will be required at a later date.

Class pennants will be required.

- a) You must fly a class pennant at all times during the race. This pennant 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.

If your vessel does not have a pulpit (and only in this circumstance) it must be flown from your backstay approximately 5 feet above the deck.