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Race Secretary, Off Soundings Club

Dear Dick,

Bob Almeida of Niantic Bay Yacht Club read my letter to you of Feb 8, 2000 and had the following additional suggestions. He, Almeida, agreed with my letter. Here are his additional suggestions.

1. Return to the 10 minute interval for starting. With all or at least many boats near the starting line and the committee boat results in a complicated situation when coupled with a 5 minute interval.

2. Have a "stand-off" boat a hundred yards or so behind the starting line. No yacht should be between this boat and the starting line until 10 minutes before the class of the boat starts.

3. Have any special instructions on the stand-off boat so that yachts would not have to go to the committee boat and the starting line to find out the race courses.

4. List the race courses by number in the race circular and have the course number for the class on the stand off boat or committee boat.

5. Have one flag with a course number rather than a board with many numbers as we do at present. The one flag with the number is much simpler and easier to understand than a board with many numbers.

If the foregoing suggestions are accepted no boat will be needed at the other end of the starting line. This

(I think 50 yds is enough interval)

boat can be the stand-off boat,

Also Alameda noted that now the racing type yacht "bullies"

win because we let them get away with being "bullies"

We should have more protests and protests against "bullies"

should be encouraged.

Incidentally Alameda has a Tartan 34-

My final word is that you seem to be determined

to have courses with special marks which complicated

the circuit. For forty years O.S.C. used existing buoys

and had a ten minute starting interval and the race

circuit was much less complicated than the present

circuits.

Your truly,

Russ