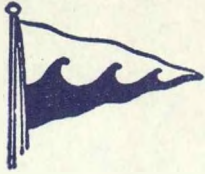


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OFFICE OF  
RACE SECRETARY  
8 CHESTNUT HILL SQUARE  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

25TH ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

1962

June 8th-9th

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate, 1962 Revision - Three copies
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Reservation information sheet for Three Mile Harbor
5. Notice from Secretary regarding safety seamanship
6. Membership Chairman's posting of membership candidates (to members only)

The 1962 Spring Race Series will mark the 25th year of Off Soundings Club Racing. To commemorate this anniversary, the Board of Governors voted on April 7, 1962 to present to the skipper of each participating boat an engraved plaque suitable for bulkhead mounting. These will be mailed to the participants with the Final Results of the Spring Series.

Off Soundings Club races are open to Club members and, by invitation, to those skippers in whose name letters from three Club members recommending the invitation are received by the Race Secretary, and who are members of recognized yacht clubs.

1. Complete the enclosed entry blank and send by First Class Mail postmarked by May 20 to Rodney Paige, Race Secretary, 8 Chestnut Hill Square, Groton, Connecticut.
2. Have a valid measurement certificate. (For special instruction relative to the 1961 Revision to the OSC Measurement Rule, see page 3 of this notice). A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old as of May 20, 1962, providing no alterations have been made which affect the measured factors entering into the rating. 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 William L. Ames, Off Soundings Club Measurer, 9 Gravel Street, Mystic, Connecticut, postmarked not later than May 20, 1962. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

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

The division of classes will be announced later. Stars, 110s, 210s, and certain other yachts at the discretion of the Race Committee will not be eligible. Classes B-1, B-2 and C-2 will start before the larger classes on both days. The warning signal for B-1 on Friday, June 8th, will be at 7:50 A.M. EDT and on Saturday, June 9th, at 8:50 A.M. EDT.

Your attention is called to NAYRU Rule No. 25 (Revision of 1961) pertaining to racing numbers being required on spinnakers as well as on mainsails. This will be a requirement for all future Off Soundings Club Races as voted by the Board of Governors, April 8, 1961.

Please also note that by resolution of the Board of Governors on April 8, 1961, only properly entered boats are to be in the vicinity of the starting line or the race courses during the races. No matter how good the intentions, it is almost impossible for a non-competitor to keep completely clear of the competing boats, when trying to race "unofficially".

Revisions to the OSC Measurement Rule adapted by the Board of Governors on April 7, 1962, are included in the revised OSC Measurement Certificate enclosed. Two changes were adopted which in essence are:

1. The factors that are used in defining a ketch were altered, together with the ketch rig allowances.
2. The penalties for excess spinnaker width or excess spinnaker pole length were reduced effecting vessels whose foretriangles are small in relation to the area of their mainsails.

These changes require no measured information that is not already included on a valid measurement certificate. Hence, if your certificate is valid, the Chief Measurer can compute your rating change, if any, from the certificate on file with him.

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

As in the past, the cost of running the races and the shore parties will be offset by your contributions. Most skippers have been prompt and generous. We ask that this spirit continue so that our finances can remain on a sound basis. Please base your contribution on a minimum of \$3.00 per person per boat, making your check payable to the Off Soundings Club, and enclose it with your entry blank. (A slight increase in the size of your donation would help defray the cost of the 25th anniversary plaques.)

Courses and rendezvous for the 1962 Spring Off Soundings Race Series will be essentially the same as for the 1961 Series.

Friday's races will finish at the BW Bell off Montauk Harbor. The Friday night rendezvous will be in Montauk Harbor with the shore party being held on the lawn of the Deep Sea Club. Sleeping accommodations in the area are plentiful and there will be taxi and bus service available. You are asked to make your reservations for sleeping accommodations directly to the following motels: Rendezvous, Flamingo, or Snug Harbor. Restaurants in the vicinity of the Yacht Club and Fishing Dock are: Salivers, Gosmans, Flamingo, West Lake Inn, and in Montauk: Bill Inn, Blue Marlin, Shagwong Tavern, Bohlers, Montauk Diner, and Circle Restaurant. Make your reservations directly and early. Questions pertaining to docking, mooring, etc. should be directed to Robert Darenberg, Dock Master, Deep Sea Club, Montauk, L.I.

Saturday's races will finish at the BW Bell off Three Mile Harbor with the Saturday rendezvous in Three Mile Harbor, using the shore facilities of the Maid Stone Marina. Enclosed reservations information sheet is for your use in lining up accommodations in advance. Again, make your reservations directly and early.

We are continuing this year with the use of two shore launches from the Saybrook Marine Service. In addition, local launches will be running. We do, however, urge that you bring a dinghy if possible. We suggest a fee for launch service of \$25 per head between shore and boat or between boats.

Tentative race results will be announced at Montauk and at Three Mile Harbor, subject to final correction. This is necessary to give the committee time to settle protests and for final checking and verification. Trophies will be engraved and mailed to the winners at a later date.

Off Soundings Club members may still purchase a sterling tie clasp with colored enamel Club Burgee by mailing a check for \$5.00 to the Race Secretary. Off Soundings Club cap buttons may be purchased directly from Crow's Nest in New York City, and Off Soundings Club ties may be purchased from Mrs. Howard Smith, Mason's Island, Mystic, Connecticut, for \$4.50 each.

Important If you have not previously advised the Club Measurer (either by new measurement certificate or by post card) of the area of the largest headsail you will have aboard while racing, fill out and mail to him the coupon on the next page. Without this information your vessel's foretriangle rating under the revised measurement rule cannot be calculated and you will not be eligible to race.

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I am looking forward to seeing you in New London, Thursday evening, June 7th.

Cordially,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

*Rodney Paige*  
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Race Secretary

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