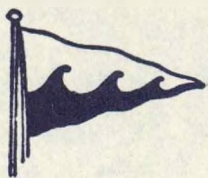


July 15, 1961



OFFICE OF  
RACE SECRETARY  
8 CHESTNUT HILL SQUARE  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB  
24TH ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES

1961

SEPTEMBER 15 - 16TH

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate,  
1961 Revision - Three copies
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Reservation information sheet for Three Mile  
Harbor

Courses and rendezvous for the 1961 Fall Off Soundings Race Series will be the same as for the Spring Series. We fervently hope the weather is not!

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 mail it post-marked by August 26 to Rodney Paige, Race Secretary, 8 Chestnut Hill Square, Groton, Connecticut.
2. Have a valid measurement certificate. (For special instruction relative to the changeover to the revised OSC Measurement Rule see page 4 of this notice). A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old as of August 26, 1961, 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 August 26, 1961. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

Please check the date of your measurement certificate and if you find it will expire before the fall entry date, have your boat remeasured promptly in order to meet the deadline of August 26.

The Measurer and the Race Secretary have a great deal of work to do in preparation for these races. The closing date set for entries is the latest practical date possible and will be rigidly adhered to. No exception will be made so please do not ask, or expect, to have a late entry accepted.

Final postmarked date for entry blanks and new measurement certificates (if required) is August 26, 1961, and they must be sent by first class mail.

The division of classes will be announced later. Stars, 110's, 210's 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, September 15th, will be at 7:50 A.M. EDT and on Saturday, September 16th, at 8:50 A.M. EDT.

Please 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".

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 will be offset by your contributions. Most skippers have been prompt and generous. We ask that this spirit continue so that our finances can be on a sound basis. Please base your contribution on a minimum of \$3.00 per person per boat, make your check payable to the Off Soundings Club, and enclose it with your entry blank.

Friday's races will finish at the BW Bell off Montauk Harbor ("Lake Montauk" on some charts). The Friday night rendezvous will be in Montauk Harbor. The channel is 12 feet in depth and flags will be put out marking the shoal area off the Montauk Yacht Club. Dock space in front of the Yacht Club will be on a first come first served basis. Accommodations 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, Bohlars, Montauk Diner,

and Circle Restaurant. Make your reservations directly and early. Questions pertaining to docking, mooring, etc. should be directed to Montauk Yacht Club, Rolland D. Watterman.

The smaller boats are urged to proceed further in to the south, past the Yacht Club dock area to reserve the deeper water for the larger boats.

Rafting will have to be resorted to as dock space and moorings are limited. When rafting up, be sure to put down a sufficient number of anchors of good size to prevent dragging, and resulting damage, should a stiff breeze come up during the night.

Saturdays 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 generously provided by the Saybrook Marine Service. The Montauk Yacht Club and the Maid Stone Marina will provide additional launches. 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.

For your information, Off Soundings Club members may still purchase a solid silver 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 postcard) of the area of the largest headsail you will have aboard while racing, fill out and mail to him the coupon below. Without this information your vessel's foretriangle rating under the revised measurement rule cannot be calculated and you will not be eligible to race.

I am looking forward to seeing you in New London Thursday evening, September 14th.

Cordially,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

*Rodney Paige*

Rodney Paige  
Race Secretary

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Mr. William L. Ames, Measurer  
9 Gravel Street  
Mystic, Connecticut

The area of the largest headsail I will have aboard while racing is ..... square feet. This has been measured as instructed in the Measurement Certificate, 1961 Revision.

OWNER.....

VESSEL.....