

# OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



April 16, 1966

OFFICE OF  
RACE SECRETARY  
4 PROSPECT ST.  
MYSTIC, CONN.

## 29TH ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

1966

June 10th & 11th

### FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate,  
1966 Revision - Three Copies
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Reservation Information Sheets
5. Membership Chairman's Posting of Membership Candidates  
(To members only)
6. Special Notice

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. This being both a Bermuda and TransAtlantic Race year, the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club voted to invite all entries in those races. Further, it was voted, depending on the number of entries, to establish a special "oversize class" for those yachts wishing to participate, who are longer than the maximum 62 feet overall length established by the Club Board of Governors.

1. Complete the enclosed entry blank and send by First Class Mail postmarked by May 20 to James L. Christy, Race Secretary, 4 Prospect Street, Mystic, Connecticut 06355
2. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old as of May 20, 1966, 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, 1966. 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.

The warning signal for the first class to start on Friday, June 10th, will be at 8:50 a.m. EDT and on Saturday, June 11th, also at 8:50 a.m. EDT. Class B-1 will be the first to start on June 10th (as in all recent series.) However, as the first leg of both short and long courses on June 11th are the same, the Oversize Class followed by Class A-1 will be the first to start on Saturday.

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".

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

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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.

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Friday's races will finish at the BW Bell off Three Mile Harbor. The Friday night rendezvous will be at the Maidstone Marina.

Saturday's races will finish at the BW Bell off the entrance to Greenport and Dering Harbor with the Saturday night rendezvous at the Shelter Island Yacht Club.

Please consult the enclosed Reservation Information and make whatever reservations you wish directly and early.

You will note that there is something new added to the entry blanks. This is a more accurate description of your Class or type vessel. Too often in the past certain individuals have misrepresented their vessels and it is increasingly difficult for the measurer to properly classify the yachts, so please fill out the detailed description of your vessel. Please don't forget your sail number.

When sending the Race Secretary letters requesting that a guest be extended an invitation to race, will you please include his correct name and address. This omission happens repeatedly and only delays the invitation for the proposed guest in question.

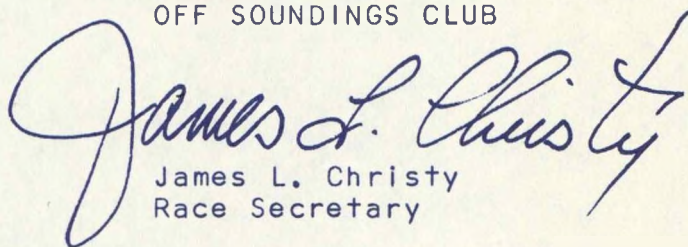
Tentative race results will be announced at Three Mile Harbor and at Shelter Island, subject to final correction. This is necessary to

give the Committee time to settle protests and for final checking and verification.

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, 16 E. 40th Street, New York City, and Off Soundings Club ties may be purchased from Mrs. Howard Smith, Mason's Island, Mystic, Connecticut, for \$4.50 each.

We shall look forward to seeing you in New London, Thursday evening, June 9th.

Cordially,  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

A large, elegant handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James L. Christy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J".

James L. Christy  
Race Secretary

April 16, 1966

SPECIAL NOTICE

EFFECTIVE AT THIS TIME

- I. The minimum rating for any yacht sailing in the O.S.C. Annual Race Series is established at 17 feet. Yachts whose ratings calculate lower than this 17 foot minimum, shall race using this 17 foot minimum.
- II. The minimum L.O.A. of vessels which may race in the O.S.C. Annual Race Series is established at 23.75 feet. Vessels smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race.
- III. Excepted from this ruling are vessels which fall below these minimums but which have raced in a series prior to this date, owned by members or participating guests. 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. The 1966 Measurement Rule has been amended to prohibit the use of high setting light sails in addition to the spinnaker.

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GUESTS

The Off Soundings Club Board of Governors have for some time been carefully considering the matter of a definitive policy insofar as the number of times any given individual may be invited to participate in our racing series, and after careful deliberation of the problem, a decision was reached that only two invitations would 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, Fall '65 and Spring '66 or Spring '66 and Fall '66.

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RESERVATION INFORMATION

Friday, June 10th

The Maidstone Marina at Three Mile Harbor, East Hampton, New York, will host the rendezvous. Mrs. Stephen A. Palmer, cordial hostess to previous rendezvous, will receive directly reservations for dinner and docking until June 7th. (See enclosed card). Her telephone is 516-324-1650 or 2650. Taxi service is available.

Docking and Mooring: The fifteen 300 pound mushroom moorings are on a first-come, first-served basis (\$2.50/night). Harbor channel controlling depth 10 ft; Fair water and good holding ground in mooring area. Dock space at \$2.50/night (Fleet rate) must be reserved in advance. (Maximum recommended draft 5-1/2 feet at Marine Dock, though extensive dredging is being done this spring.)

Dinner: A choice of Barbecue Chicken at a cost of \$3.95/person or Lazy Lobster, fresh from Montauk, \$4.95/person. Reservations for dinner (with payment enclosed) must be made in advance to facilitate planning. Reservations will be confirmed; people with reservations will be served first.

Accommodations: The following establishments have offered special low rates. Make reservations directly by June 5th accompanied by a down payment of 50%.

Osborne Resident:        \$12 single; \$15.00 double  
Mrs. E. Monroe Osborne,  
Three Mile Harbor, East Hampton, N.Y..  
(5 rooms) 516-324-1686

Huntting Inn:            \$10 single; \$12 double  
John Phillips  
Huntting Inn, East Hampton, L.I.  
New York (28 rooms) 516-324-0410

Sea Spray Inn:            \$10 single; \$15 double. Mr. Arnold Bailey  
Sea Spray Inn, Ocean Ave., East Hampton,  
New York (125 rooms) 516-324-0475

1770 House:              \$9.50/person, two per room;  
\$10.50 single with breakfast.  
Donald Huntting, East Hampton, N.Y.  
(10 rooms). 516-324-1770

East Hampton House:     \$17.50 double. Mr. Watson, East Hampton House  
Montauk Highway, East Hampton, N.Y.  
(50 rooms). 516-324-4300.

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RESERVATION INFORMATION

Saturday, June 11th

As in past years we will rendezvous Saturday night in Dering Harbor, Shelter Island and again Shelter Island Yacht Club has opened its doors to us. The club did such an excellent job for us last year that they will again furnish us with an excellent hot roast beef dinner complete with all the trimmings at the rate of \$5.00 per person including tips, so please make your reservations with the Shelter Island Yacht Club directly, keeping in mind that these reservations are limited to the first 175 received because of the lack of space and that acceptance of reservations will close June 5th. All reservations should be accompanied by a check for same. (See enclosed card.)

The Chequit Inn also has excellent facilities for dinner, the cost running from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per person for complete dinner. There are also good rooms available at a special Off Soundings rate of \$5.00 per person.

For any additional information concerning reservations, we suggest you contact Mr. Carletto Franzoni at the Chequit (Phone 516 SH 9-0018) for room or dinner reservations. There will be bus service from the Yacht Club to Chequit Inn. Make all reservations directly with Mr. Franzoni as soon as possible, although he will make every effort to accommodate you, with or without reservation. There's music in the bar and the "Off Soundings Glee Club" is welcome to bring musical instruments, as usual.