



## OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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TO: OFF SOUNDINGS MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

This has been an interesting year - two Fridays with wind; one Saturday with none, one absolutely glorious and a perfect course to boot! It's the wind, the decision to race and "policy ramifications", that prompts this writing.

First, those that started and finished....that started and cruised.... that started and withdrew....that didn't start or even leave the harbor.... all these Friday skippers are to be congratulated! Every master has the joy and strain of ultimate command, and those that chose not to follow the majority are particularly to be commended. Off Soundings was established for, and still exists for, "those who enjoy and participate in the sport of sailing". That's a heavy statement! The fleet is restricted to vessels that can handle 35 knots of wind and much more. The skipper has the decision whether and how hard to race (and for those Saturday races, whether to moor on a lee shore, too).

Basically I'm wondering how much we (Off Soundings and what it is) should regulate, infringe on individual decision, and be infringed upon through sharp-shooting our rule and the spirit of it and of Off Soundings. Surely there will be changes regarding "wing-nut"propellers! "Dropped life lines" will be reconsidered in the light of how much we should regulate "those who enjoy and participate in the sport of sailing". And more....

For example....our rule reads "..to work off a penalty you must start both races and either be identified..etc.."

A boat started Friday's race in the spring but didn't finish. The skipper properly notified withdrawal and returned to home port (not Block Island). The next day the rest of us started racing but no one finished within the time limit and there was "no race".

There are at least two possible interpretations under our rule.

1. The literal/technical, since there was no "race", the penalty was worked off (luckily).
2. The spirit of the rule requires every effort to race.

By a phone poll, very closely divided, the Governors have voted to abide by the spirit of the rule. So the penalty was not worked off, it applies to this fall series, and one vessel who was announced a winner isn't under this determination. This is particularly unfortunate and hard on the skipper because he was aware of the interpretation problem, inquired beforehand, did everything right, and now we've shot him down.

But that's the spirit of the rule! He has a fair shot at the over-all class trophy (no penalties!), and he's happy, and just for that, he'll probably win in the spring.

So we're working hard this winter, with the first Board of Governor's meeting scheduled October 25, to firm up those policies of what we really should be. Do you have a "beef" - or better, a plaudit? Let me read it (not hear it) please! We may be going forward backwards.

Certainly we're going to have good sailing fun next summer, with maybe a touch less of English weather. And thanks to you all for participating and making Off Soundings!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William B. White  
Commodore



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DUDLEY W. BUTLER  
Chairman Membership Committee  
c/o Advest Co., 1 Union Plaza  
New London, Conn. 06320

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16 April 1976

To The Members:

The following have been proposed and seconded for membership in the Off Soundings Club. Their names are submitted for your CAREFUL SCRUTINY AND CONSIDERATION. Members acquainted with the candidates should send any information they possess or recommendations they have concerning the candidate to the Membership Committee.

All such communications will be strictly confidential and should be mailed to:

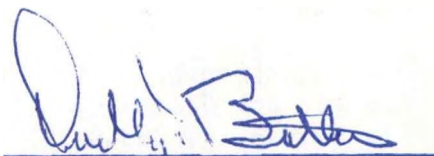
DUDLEY W. BUTLER, Chairman Membership Committee, Care of Advest Co.,  
1 Union Plaza, New London, CT 06320

No action will be taken on the following applicants until at least 30 days after the date of this notice.

<u>NAME &amp; ADDRESS</u>	<u>NAME OF BOAT</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDRS</u>
Martin James O'Meara 1900 Berlin Turnpike Box B Wethersfield, CT 06108	"SPIRIT"	Norman B. Peck, Jr.	Daniel L. Miller, III L. William Ferris, M.D.
Edward Clayton Smith 9 Surf Club Road Madison, CT 06443	O'Day 27	Samuel J. Geiger	Thomas Wadlow James Laney
Jonathan Lathrop RFD #1, Box #71 Fitchville, CT 06334	"ARABESQUE"	Burton Anderson	Bill Fortmann Bob Thorne
David L. Daggett 42 Island View Ave. Branford, CT 06405	"WINDFLOWER"	Joseph E. Buza	Waldo C. M. Johnston John J. Jacques
William Kemp Greene 70 No. Main Street Essex, CT 06426	"HIGH COTTON"	William K. Daniels	A. Justin Wasley Spencer C. Gowrie, Jr.
Daniel O. Reich P.O. Box 246 Shelter Island Heights New York 11965	"POLAR BEAR"	Samuel A. Hird	C. Wallace Tiernan John H. Lockwood

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Walter Hebbard Burden III 203 Front St. Greenport, NY 11944	Santana 25	Stephen L. Corkery	Jasper H. Kane James H. Rich, Jr.
Reinhard Sarges 1063 River Road Mystic, CT 06355	"VELERO"	Roland B. McGuire	Frank Cafaro Durward Woodman
William M. Stuek 4 Fox Ridge Lane Avon, CT 06001	"DETENTE"	Grant H. Rawding, Jr.	Bertil G. Olsson Burton S. Anderson
S. Carter Gowrie III 12 West Ave. Essex, CT 06426	"PASSION"	Dennis W. Walker	Edward W. Wetmore Alan Wasley
Jack R. McNeish 156 Brooksvale Ave. Hamden, CT 06518	"TEAL"	S. Barry Jennings Jr.	Gaddis Smith Al Perrins
Peter R. Hewes 153 Black Point Road Niantic, CT 06357		Edward Hellenbrecht	Christopher Noyes Peter Bergendahl
Joseph A. Bardenheier III Hemlock Lane Essex, CT	"FIRECRACKER"	Dennis W. Walker	A. J. Wasley Bruce Lockwood
Charles Vincent Cox, M.D. 11 Manor Road Barrington, RI 02806	"MARIAH"	Bryson Dawson	Prescott Gustafson Charles Dickerson



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