

July 29, 1963



OFFICE OF
RACE SECRETARY
8 CHESTNUT HILL SQUARE
GROTON, CONNECTICUT

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

26TH ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES

1963

SEPTEMBER 13th - 14th

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
5. Membership Chairman's posting of membership candidates
(to members only)

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 August 24 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 August 24, 1963, 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, Conn., postmarked not later than August 24, 1963. 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, September 13th, will be at 7:50 a.m. EDT and on Saturday, September 14th, at 8:50 a.m. EDT. Class B-1 will be the first to start on September 13th (as in all recent series). However, as the first leg of both short and long courses on September 14th are the same, Class A-1 will be the first to start on Saturday.

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".

No changes were made to the OSC Measurement Rule since last year. Revisions adopted by the Board of Governors on April 7, 1962, 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 affecting 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.

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.

We are continuing this year with the use of shore launches from 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 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. 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 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.

I am looking forward to seeing you in New London, Thursday evening, September 12.

Cordially,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB


Rodney Paige
Race Secretary

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, 1962 Revision.

OWNER _____

VESSEL _____
