

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB  
LONG RANGE PLANNING REPORT  
APRIL 8, 2000

1. RACE PARTICATION SURVEY ( from Mudhead & ECSA data)  
Data Sheet Attached

The Mudheads questionnaire data was provided by Carol Connor and the ECSA information by Judy Gibbs. This data was combined somewhat and expressed in percentages by Long Range Planning for simplicity and reduction. Although the questionnaires were directed to single day racing which varies from Off Soundings "Weekend-Away from Home Venue" there is considerable applicability.

Respondents preferred Time on Time scoring, one to two races per day, 5 minutes between starts, 3 to 5 hour races, variety of race courses and morning start times all of which Off Soundings offers. In addition, our mix of the type of boat raced is indicative and our careful classification effort goes a long way in providing good competition. Course length appears to be the only notable divergence from survey results except that size/ speed are taken into consideration with our long and short courses.

2. ACTIVE CONSIDERATIONS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION

There presently are two innovations under active consideration to boost participation as early as this year.

- a. An "Introductory Class" made up of non-member boat owners in the area who might want to try racing but feel intimidated due to lack of experience. As envisioned this class would race a separate course. Currently the Mudheads and ECSA have a similar approach under consideration.
- b. An attempt is underway to entice a one-design class of J-29's and another of multi-hulls to expand participation.

Long Range Planning Committee

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# WEEKEND RACE QUESTIONNAIRE

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		MUDHEADS SEPT 99		ECSA
		46 <u>Skippers</u>	118 <u>Crew</u>	46 total <u>42 Skippers</u>
1) Preferred Race Day -	no preference	39%	45%	54%
	Saturday	48	41	35
	Sunday	13	14	11
2) Start Time -	10 AM & 11 AM	78	78	91
	12PM or later	22	22	9
3) Course Length -	12 or less	65	74	61
	12 to 20	28	23	39
	20 to 24+	7	3	0
4) Race Course -	variety	37	40	0
	windward-leeward	37	28	35
	gov't buoys-triangle	9	13	39
	Olympic	11	8	17
	point to point/ round island	6	11	9
5) Hours Racing (hours)-	less than 3	24	34	7
	3 to 5	76	66	93
6) Minutes Between Starts -	5 min.	74	66	76
	10 min.	26	34	24
7) Kind of Boat Raced -	one design	22	33	11
	racer	26	27	17
	racer/cruiser	46	34	61
	cruiser	6	6	11
8) Clubs Host Races Sat & Sun -	yes	64	58	48
	no	36	42	52
9) Races per Day -	1	48	54	54
	2	33	37	46
	3	19	9	0
10) Scoring -	time on time	-	-	74
	time on distance	-	-	26