

April 8, 1960



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

23RD ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

1960

JUNE 10-11th

FIRST NOTICE

OFFICE OF  
RACE SECRETARY  
194 LOWER BOULEVARD  
NEW LONDON, CONN.

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Three copies - Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate (New)
3. Reservation Information Sheet
4. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers

Courses for the 1960 Spring Off Soundings Race Series will be comparatively new and are designed so as not to finish against a strong tide. We are sure this will meet with approval from everyone. In order to do this, the rendezvous the first night, June 10th, will be held at Three Mile Harbor and shore facilities will be those of the Maidstone Marina. We feel that Three Mile Harbor will provide a different rendezvous and will result in an improvement in the courses on both days. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Palmer, owners and operators of the Maidstone Marina, can very capably take care of our shore needs. Enclosed you will find a reservation information sheet. Please meet the deadlines for the reservations, both at the inns and with Mrs. Palmer. Saturday night's rendezvous will be in Dering Harbor; make your reservations with the Chequit Inn.

You will all be pleased to know that Mr. Alex Gest, Jr. has consented to serve as a special advisor to our Race Committee for the spring races. His particular concern will be the optimum setting of both starting and finishing lines for the two day race series.

Mr. Prescott Gustafson, our Club Measurer since 1957, submitted his resignation due to the pressure of business and also because he felt that he has served the Club in this capacity a sufficient length of time. The Board of Governors has extended their sincere thanks to Prescott for his very efficient work and helpfulness to us over the past years as measurer. We are fortunate indeed in having as our new measurer, W. L. Ames of Mystic, who takes over this spring.

These races are open to Off Soundings Club members and by invitation to members of recognized yacht clubs providing letters are received by the Race Secretary from three Off Soundings Club members requesting that such invitation be issued, and who fulfill the following requirements:

1. Complete the enclosed entry blank and mail it by MAY 19 to the Race Secretary, John B. McPherson, 194 Lower Boulevard, New London, Connecticut.

2. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid certificate is one less than three years old on date entries close (May 19, 1960) providing alterations have not been made which affect the factors entering into the measurement. If your yacht does not have a valid certificate, it must be measured by your Yacht Club Measurer, Yachting Association Measurer or one of the measurers shown on the enclosed list. All three copies of the measurement certificate should be completed with one copy being sent to the Off Soundings Club Measurer, William L. Ames, 9 Gravel Street, Mystic, Connecticut, postmarked not later than May 19, 1960. Your measurer should keep one copy and the other copy is for your files.

This year a majority of the Off Soundings Club measurement certificates expire with the larger portion expiring prior to the entry date for the fall race series. Please check the date of your measurement certificate and if you find that it does expire prior to our entry dates in spring and fall, have your boat remeasured promptly in order to meet the deadline of May 19th for the spring and August 25th for the fall races.

As you know, this year the Bermuda race takes place with the start off Brenton Reef Saturday, June 18th. We expect to have an added number of boats this spring due to the Bermuda race entrants and also entrants in the King of Sweden transatlantic race starting at Bermuda. It is anticipated that there will be well over 200 boats involved in the spring race series.

The Race Secretary and Measurer have a great deal of work to do in preparation for these races. The dates set are the latest practical ones possible, and will be adhered to, so do not ask for or expect exceptions from these dates. They will not be granted. Final postmarked date for entry blanks and measurement certificates to be submitted is MAY 19th, first class mail only.

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, June 10th will be 7:50 A.M. Eastern Daylight time. The starting signal for B-1 on Saturday, June 11th will be 8:50 A.M.

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

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.

We are continuing this year with the use of two shore launches, generously provided by the Saybrook Marine Service. On Friday night, there will be in addition to these two launches, two boats provided by the Maidstone

Marina which should give us ample launch facilities. We do, however, urge you to bring a dinghy if it is possible. We again suggest a payment of 25¢ per head to go from boat to boat or from shore to boat.

Trophies will not be presented to the winners at the shore parties. They will be engraved and mailed at a later date. Tentative winners, however, will be announced at Shelter Island subject to final correction. This is necessary to give the committee time to settle protests and for final verification of the results.

In the past, most of you have been generous in contributing to the cost of running our races. If each skipper participating will contribute his share of running these races, our financial situation will then be placed on a sound basis. We, therefore, ask that when you send us your contribution, that it be figured on a "minimum" basis of \$3.00 per each person per boat. Please be sure to make your check payable to the OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB and enclose it with your entry blank by May 19th. Please be sure to sign your contribution check. Last year we received three checks unidentifiable because of lack of signature.

When sending the necessary three letters of invitation to the Race Secretary requesting that certain guests be issued an invitation to race with the Off Soundings Club, PLEASE include in your letters the correct address and spelling of the guest's name. We are not clairvoyant.

To help you in planning your summer racing activities, please find listed below important dates for the Off Soundings Club race schedule for both the spring and fall series:

Spring Series

First Notice	April 8
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES	May 19
Final Notice	June 3
Race Dates	June 10-11

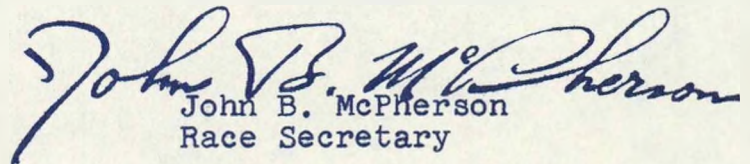
Fall Series

First Notice	July 22
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES	August 25
Final Notice	September 9
Race Dates	September 16-17

Looking forward to seeing you all in New London Thursday evening, June 9th, I am,

Cordially,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

  
John B. McPherson  
Race Secretary