

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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THIS IS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ORGANIZATION

June 3, 1983

FINAL NOTICE

Enclosed in the envelope are the following:

1. This booklet - including:
 - a. Sailing instructions
 - b. Rating Sheets
2. Membership Chairman's posting of Membership Candidates*
*(Members only)

With the memories of the Fastnet Race, the Fall '79 thrash to Block Island, and the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race in 1983, it seems appropriate to remind those of you who have entered our races of your sole and direct responsibility for the seaworthiness of your boat and the competence of your crew. It is appropriate, also, to remind you of the importance of being certain your boat is equipped as required by ORC Category 4 safety requirements, as adapted by OSC in January 1981, as a minimum. In your entry you certified your compliance with those requirements.

Off Soundings traditionally races in some rather severe weather conditions. On occasions participants have clocked gusts in excess of 50 knots across the deck. Sound, well-equipped boats with competent crews can handle this and more. The essential point is that you can not assume because we are running a race we have somehow determined that it is safe for you to sail. That is your decision, and yours alone, and in entering the race you assume full and sole responsibility for the safety of your boat and crew.

We are out there to have fun, not to prove anything. If you withdraw because you do not like the conditions, you will have the respect of all of us for using your judgment.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Committee Boat will again be the 64-foot motor yacht EMPRESS.
2. The auxiliary race committee boat will be the FRANNIE W. owned by Bob Worsley.
3. All classes will be handicapped using PHRF, at least for 1983. Course lengths used for handicapping may vary from the rhumb-line distance.
4. The regulations for racing in the Cruising Canvas Class are published below. Note that to insure racing in the true spirit of the Cruising Canvas Class, the intent of the "no spinnaker" rule has been more explicitly stated.
 - a. Only Off Soundings Club members may enter.
 - b. Spinnakers (including mizzen spinnakers) may not be used. All headsails

must be attached along their length to the headstay by means of either hanks or a slotted headstay. This does not exclude roller-furling headsails. Headsail girths measured from the luff to leech must be no greater than their proportional distances from the head.

- c. Spinnaker poles may be used as whisker poles. Whisker pole length is limited to 80% of LP or spinnaker pole length, whichever is greater.
 - d. Only one sail at a time, other than forestaysails on standard double-head rigs, may be tacked forward of the mainmast (foremast on schooners). This does not prohibit a transient condition (i.e., during a sail change evolution).
 - e. Use of other sails, such as mules, mizzen staysails, is permitted.
 - f. Yachts must meet all Off Soundings eligibility requirements.
5. Please be reminded that our Off Soundings rules require that at least one of the persons in whose names that yacht is entered (Master) must be on board for each race and be in command of the yacht. In the case of guests, only the guest himself can be Master and must be aboard and in command for each race.

PRIZES

Four prizes will be awarded in each class.

As is customary during Club races, all prizes are given on a "corrected time" basis computed from the results of two days of racing.

Handicaps are added to former prize winners. Any yacht winning a first, second, or third prize will carry a penalty until the yacht and master have participated in three additional race series, at which time the oldest incurred penalty will be removed. The penalties are 15% for first place, 10% for second, and 5% for third, with a maximum of 45% total penalty. Penalties under PHRF are calculated from the basic relationship of USYRU time allowance to rating, with the appropriate substitution of PHRF number for the linear rating.

Handicap penalties may be worked off in three race series. To work off a penalty, you must start both races in each series and either be identified as a finisher or submit a written withdrawal as soon as possible to the Race Secretary. Handicap penalties will be removed after five race series, sailed or not.

After each day's race, tentative results will be announced. Complete results will be mailed later to all members and guests. Prizes will be mailed to winners if not picked up at the prize ceremony Saturday night. All prizes are donated by the Off Soundings Club.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES (Awarded to members only)

The following perpetual trophies will be awarded at the winter shore party for the yacht and master with the best corrected time in the year's races.

Penalties for the former prize winners are not used in establishing the winners. These trophies are held for one year; however, the winner is given a suitable plaque. Second and third places are also awarded plaques.

<u>TROPHY NAME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TROPHY NAME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Stan Bradford	A-1	Henry B. duPont Memorial	C-3
Kenneth B. Millett	A-2	MAGIC Trophy	C-4
Samuel Pepys	B	Charles J. Koch	C-5
Beauford H. Reeves Memorial	C-1	CHANTEYMAN Trophy	Cruising Canvas
Byron N. Durfee	C-2		

Three additional trophies will be awarded as follows: (1) the G. W. Blunt White Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the best combined results, Spring and Fall, for two consecutive years in Classes A-1 and A-2. The award will be made this year on the basis of the results for the years 1982 and 1983.

The NOR'EASTER Trophy, (2), will be awarded to the yacht with the best combined results, Spring and Fall, for two consecutive years in Classes C-1 and C-2. The award this year will be made on the basis of the results for the years 1982 and 1983.

(3) The MADRIGAL Trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the best combined results, Spring and Fall, for two consecutive years in Classes C-4 and C-5. The award this year will be made on the basis of the results for the years 1982 and 1983.

RENDEZVOUS

Thursday, June 9

Dock and mooring space is available at Burr's in New London at a special rate of \$15.00 per yacht. Please contact dock master on arrival for mooring or rafting instructions. Dock space is also available at New London's City Pier on a space availability basis at \$10.00 per yacht.

Ram Island Yacht Club has generously offered its facilities to members of the fleet on Thursday night.

Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11

The rendezvous will be at the Shelter Island Yacht Club at Dering Harbor, Shelter Island, New York.

Moorings will be available on a first-come first-served basis from the harbor master at the cost of \$10.00 per night per yacht whether directly moored or rafted. This charge will help defray the cost of the Club launches. Anchoring is acceptable and there is good holding in sandy mud.

There will be several launches flying the Shelter Island burgee available for transportation ashore.

The familiar spigotted crocks will be north of the clubhouse and may be readily identified by the code flags properly arrayed. Please assist in keeping the grounds neat and tidy by using the trash barrels available.

RADIO TELEPHONE INSTRUCTIONS

As an aid to participants, announcements are planned, if necessary, via radio telephone. For those yachts without radio telephones or other marine receivers, it should be noted that all appropriate signals will be shown on the Committee Boat and take precedence and are in effect whether or not they are transmitted via radio telephone.

Frequency to be used is 156.45 MHz, Channel 9 VHF-FM.

Harbor Start Broadcast: At 0800 Friday and Saturday, the Race Committee will broadcast "Off Soundings Club Harbor Start" on Channel 9 VHF-FM to signify the Committee Boat is underway for the Starting Area. Should there be an advance postponement of the day's start, this will be broadcast instead. Please stay tuned to Channel 9 VHF-FM until 0815 to receive any special race instructions or other information that may be transmitted during this 15-minute period.

Finish Broadcast: At approximately five minutes after the time limit, there may be announced from the Committee Boat, on Channel 9 VHF-FM, a statement of the classes which had no finishers before the deadline and therefore for which there is no race that day. Contestants are directed not to call the Committee Boat for such information, and the Committee Boat is relieved of any obligation to respond to any such queries. This would in no way preclude emergency procedures which properly should be made on 2182 kHz or 156.8 MHz - Channel 16.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

There will be a physician on board the patrol boat as well as several physician members "on call" throughout the fleet. Should you have a medical emergency on your boat, call the Committee Boat, which will be monitoring Channel 9, and they will dispatch assistance. While at Shelter Island call:

Greenport Emergency Room 516-477-1000

For Shelter Island Rescue Squad, call
Shelter Island Police Department 516-749-0600

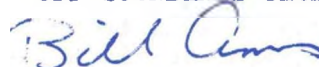
CLUB TIES AND PATCHES

Club members may obtain our new tie for \$10.00, a cloth blazer patch for \$3.00, a gold bullion pin-on blazer patch for \$10.00, a rhodium-plated tie clasp with enameled burgee for \$8.00, and cap buttons for \$5.50 from your Treasurer, Walter D. Strang, Jr., 85 Tyler Avenue, Groton, Connecticut 06340.

Good Sailing, and we shall look forward to seeing you at Shelter Island.

Cordially yours,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



William L. Ames
Race Secretary

P.S. NOR'EASTER IS BACK
New Owner John Helm has
given us use of NOR'EASTER
as Patrol Boat.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
START SIGNALS

Class flags will be hoisted at the dip of each class' Preparatory Signal and will be two-blocked at each class' Start Signal. Class flags will be lowered one minute after each class' Start Signal.

The shapes listed below will be lowered one minute before the hoisting of the next shape.

The Start Signal for a class will be the Warning Signal for the next class.

All times are Eastern Daylight Time.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

CLASS A-2

9:20	Warning Signal	White Shape
9:25	Preparatory Signal	Blue Shape; Echo at dip
9:30	Start Signal	Red Shape; Echo two-blocked

CLASS B

9:35	Preparatory Signal	Blue Shape; Kilo at dip
9:40	Start Signal	Red Shape; Kilo two-blocked

CLASS C-1

9:45	Preparatory Signal	Blue Shape; Papa at dip
9:50	Start Signal	Red Shape; Papa two-blocked

CLASS A-1

9:55	Preparatory Signal	Blue Shape; Alpha at dip
10:00	Start Signal	Red Shape; Alpha two-blocked

CLASS C-2

10:05	Preparatory Signal	Blue Shape; Quebec at dip
10:10	Start Signal	Red Shape; Quebec two-blocked

CLASS C-3

10:15	Preparatory Signal	Blue Shape; Foxtrot at dip
10:20	Start Signal	Red Shape; Foxtrot two-blocked

CLASS C-4

10:25	Preparatory Signal	Blue Shape; Zulu at dip
10:30	Start Signal	Red Shape; Zulu two-blocked

CLASS C-5

10:35	Preparatory Signal	Blue Shape; Juliet at dip
10:40	Start Signal	Red Shape; Juliet two-blocked

CRUISING CANVAS CLASS

10:45	Preparatory Signal	Blue Shape; Charlie at dip
10:50	Start Signal	Red Shape; Charlie two-blocked

PLEASE NOTE: All bearings given in this circular are magnetic.

COURSES FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1983

Starting line will be between the Committee Boat and Stake Boat. The Committee Boat will be located approximately 0.3 miles bearing 14° from Sarah Ledge Can "1A". The Stake Boat will be flying an Off Soundings Club burgee and will be lying to the eastward of the Committee Boat. Orange flags on each vessel will indicate the starting line.

Finish line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and BW Bell 1½ miles northeast of Ram Island, Gardiner's Bay. The Committee Boat will be southerly of the BW Bell.

Restriction: Yachts shall not pass between Little Gull Island and Plum Island.

Classes A-1, A-2, C-1, C-2, and C-3 - Long Course, 24.6 miles

Cross starting line; thence to Race Point Nun "2", leaving to port; thence to Cerberus Shoal Whistle "9", leaving to starboard; thence to Bell "1GI" off the Ruins, leaving to port; thence to the finish line.

Classes B, C-4, C-5, and Cruising Canvas - Short Course, 16.2 miles

Cross starting line; thence to Valiant Rock Bell "1A", leaving to starboard; thence to finish line, passing to the northward of Bell "1GI" off the Ruins. For the short course, Bell "1GI" is exempt from the identification requirement.

COURSES SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1983

Starting line will be between the Committee Boat and Stake Boat. The Committee Boat will be located approximately one-half mile southerly of Mark "A". The Stake Boat will be flying an Off Soundings Club burgee and will be lying to the northward of the Committee Boat. Orange flags on each vessel will indicate the starting line.

Finish line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and Mark "A". The Committee Boat will be southerly of Mark "A".

Marks for Saturday's races are designated as follows:

- "A" BW Bell $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Ram Island
- "B" Special Off Soundings mark 1.4 miles bearing 222° from Bell "1GI"
- "C" Num "14" at Crow Shoal
- "D" BW Bell off Three Mile Harbor entrance
- "E" Num "2" northeast of Cedar Point

Mark "B", the special Off Soundings mark, is an inflatable orange buoy. In the event that Mark "B" is not on station, a power boat flying an Off Soundings Club burgee and Code Flag "M" will serve as the turning mark.

Courses will be indicated by numeral pennants #1, #2, #3, #4, or #5 flying from the Committee Boat. Code Flag "R" will be used to indicate reversal of courses. Course lengths average 20.2 miles for the long course and 16.2 miles for the short course.

Classes A-1, A-2, C-1, C-2 and C-3 Long Course

<u>Course #1</u>	<u>Course #2</u>	<u>Course #3</u>	<u>Course #4</u>	<u>Course #5</u>
Start	Start	Start	Start	Start
"B" stbd	"D" port	"C" stbd	"B" stbd	"B" stbd
"E" port	"C" port	"D" stbd	"E" port	"D" port
"C" stbd	"A" port	"A" port	"B" port	"B" port
"D" stbd	"D" port	"D" stbd	Finish	Finish
Finish	Finish	Finish		

Classes B, C-4, C-5 and Cruising Canvas Short Course

<u>Course #1</u>	<u>Course #2</u>	<u>Course #3</u>	<u>Course #4</u>	<u>Course #5</u>
Start	Start	Start	Start	Start
"B" stbd	"D" port	"C" stbd	"B" stbd	"B" stbd
"C" stbd	"C" port	"D" stbd	"C" port	"C" port
"D" stbd	"A" port	"A" port	"B" port	"B" port
Finish	"E" port	"E" port	Finish	Finish
	Finish	Finish		

FOR THE STARTS

1. An orange "stand-off" buoy with flag may be anchored twenty yards, more or less, from the Committee Boat and/or Stake Boat. No STARTING yacht may touch it or pass between it and the Committee Boat or Stake Boat, as the case may be, without restarting by rounding the Committee or Stake Boat to cross the line in the proper manner. Yachts so restarting shall forfeit all rights, as though they had started early.

This is a stand-off buoy and may not be exactly on the starting line. The ends of the line are the orange flags on the Committee and Stake Boats.

2. Yachts not starting must keep well clear of the Starting Area until after the Warning Signal for their class.

The Starting Area is defined as that area extending from 100 yards in front of, to 500 yards behind, the starting line in depth and 250 yards beyond each end of the starting line in width. Please respect the other classes' clear starts so you may enjoy a clear Starting Area for your own class.

Note that the Race Committee can and will protest yachts for infractions of this rule.

3. Individual recall signal will be Code Flag "X-Ray", in accordance with USYRU Rules 4.1 and 8.2(b). Race Committee will attempt to identify early starters by sail number or to broadcast "ALL CLEAR" on Channel 9 VHF-FM. A yacht starting early and failing to restart properly will be penalized by having thirty minutes added to her elapsed time.
4. General Recall will be signalled by flying Code Flag First Repeater and firing two guns and indicates the class is recalled for a new start. The class recalled will start after the last scheduled class has started, and in the event of recalls in more than one class, the recalled classes will start in the order recalled. The Starting Signal for the prior class will be the Warning Signal for the class restarting. The restarting signals will be those normally identifying that particular class.
5. Postponements
 - a. Postponements before Warning Signal for the first class will be for an indefinite number of 15-minute periods and will be signalled by flying the Answering Pennant. Attention to this signal will be called by two guns. The Warning Signal (white shape) for the first class will be made one minute after lowering the Answering Pennant. Attention to the lowering of the Answering Pennant will be called by one gun.
 - b. Postponements after the Warning Signal for the first class will be for an indefinite number of 5-minute periods and will be signalled by flying the Answering Pennant. Attention to this signal will be called by two guns. One minute after the lowering of the Answering Pennant, the Warning Signal (be it the White Shape or the Start Signal of the previous class) will be made, thus resuming the normal starting sequence. Attention to the lowering of the Answering Pennant will be called by one gun.

FOR THE STARTS (continued)

6. Advance Postponements

If the Race Committee chooses to postpone a start before leaving a harbor, it will do so by following the procedure of 5.a. above, with the exception that the end of the Postponement will be the Harbor Start.

The Race Committee, upon lowering the Answering Pennant, will then broadcast to the fleet by radio on Channel 9 VHF-FM the end of the Postponement and will announce "Off Soundings Club Harbor Start," as provided under Radio Telephone Instructions.

7. Race Cancelled

If the Race Committee elects to cancel a race it will do so by firing three guns and flying "N" over "First Repeater" before the Warning Signal for the first or any class. If the race is cancelled on Friday, participants should proceed as will to Shelter Island for Saturday's races, conditions permitting. The Race Committee will endeavor to broadcast over 156.45 MHz, Channel 9, "Race Cancelled" as soon as the decision to cancel is reached and again at 15-minute intervals and on the hour for as long as deemed necessary to "pass the word." If possible, "Race Cancelled" will be announced at time of Harbor Start.

8. Short Courses - Friday and Saturday

If, in the discretion of the Race Committee, a class or several classes normally sailing the Long Course will, in all probability, not finish within the time limit, the Short Course will be signalled. The Short Course is that sailed by Classes B, C-4, C-5, and the Cruising Canvas Class.

Sierra will be hoisted before or simultaneously with a Warning Signal. This signal will apply to the next class to start and to all subsequent classes.

9. Shortened Courses - Saturday

The Race Committee may elect to shorten the course at any rounding mark, as provided by USYRU Rules 5.1(b) and 4.1"S"(c). In this event, the Committee Boat will be on the proper side of the mark for yachts approaching as if to make a normal (unshortened) rounding.

FOR THE RACES

1. You must fly a class flag at all times during the race. This flag shall be no smaller than size "0" i.e., 12" x 15". It should be flown vertically, as far forward as possible, from the pulpit. If your yacht has a pulpit waiver (and only in this circumstance), it must be flown from your backstay approximately five feet above the deck.

This is of great assistance to all participants while racing and aids the Race Committee as it finishes over 200 yachts. Failure to fly the flag is not a reason for disqualification in this Race Series.

FOR THE RACES (continued)

The following International Code Flags will be used as class flags:

A-1	Alpha
A-2	Echo
B	Kilo
C-1	Papa
C-2	Quebec
C-3	Foxtrot
C-4	Zulu
C-5	Juliet
Cruising Canvas	Charlie

2. Government marks may be disregarded except for those marking the course being sailed, unless otherwise indicated in this Final Notice.
3. In case of thick weather, yachts rounding course marks must see and identify each mark being rounded, unless otherwise specified in this Final Notice. It is not sufficient to assume that a mark has been rounded by the yacht's presumed position.
4. In the event that a mark of the course is not on station, every effort will be made to have a boat flying Code Flag "M" and an Off Soundings Club burgee serve as the turning mark.
5. USYRU Numbers. United States Yacht Racing Union requirements regarding sail numbers are mandatory for Off Soundings participation. Class insignia, however, may continue to be displayed. Failure to conform may be cause for disqualification.
6. Yachts equipped with permanently installed radar are required by Federal Law to operate it during times of low visibility, or be subject to liability charges in the event of collision, etc. Consequently, the Off Soundings Club cannot prohibit the use of radar, but in the interest of fair racing, owners of yachts so equipped are urged not to use it to their advantage.
7. 1981-84 USYRU Yacht Racing Rules shall apply throughout the race unless altered by Off Soundings notice, and except when meeting non-racing yachts at which time Rules of the Road shall govern. Alternative penalties in Appendix 3 do not apply.
8. Time Limit: Regardless of time of start, the time limit for each class is 1700 each day. If any yacht finishes by that time, it is a race for her class. However, the Race Committee Boat may remain on station only one hour after the time limit. Yachts finishing after that time should take their own time and report it to the Race Committee Chairman as soon as possible. After the Committee Boat has left station, time will be taken when the yacht is close aboard the finish mark.
9. Finish on Friday: If the Race Committee Boat EMPRESS cannot reach the finish line in Gardiner's Bay in time, the finish line will be established by an auxiliary race committee boat.
10. Because of the large number of yachts participating in our races, it becomes imperative that any yacht withdrawing make contact as soon as possible with

FOR THE RACES (continued)

either the Race Committee Boat or the Shelter Island Yacht Club, giving the name and skipper of the yacht that has withdrawn.

Notice of withdrawal may be made directly to the Committee Boat on Channel 9 VHF-FM.

PROTESTS

1. In the unfortunate event you find it necessary to start the protest procedure, immediately display a red flag in the starboard rigging and inform the protested yacht, if possible, that you intend to protest.
2. Verbally inform the Race Committee on the Committee Boat immediately after crossing the finish line.
3. This year, in order to speed-up the protest hearing and settlement procedure, it is important that the protester submit his protest to the Protest Committee as soon as possible ashore utilizing special OSC Protest Forms. Supplies of this form may be obtained from the Race Committee Boat EMPRESS when she comes in, from the Race Secretary's yacht BLACK ARROW, from the Protest Committee Chairman's yacht CHANTEYMAN, from the Entertainment Committee's headquarters ashore, or the Shelter Island Yacht Club Manager's office. If you desire, for some reason, to have this form before the races they will be aboard EMPRESS at Burr's, BLACK ARROW at Ram Island Yacht Club, and CHANTEYMAN.

Remain within ear-shot of the public address system to hear where and when the protest meeting will be held. The Chairman of the Protest Committee will announce the time and place of the meeting.

4. The Off Soundings Club Constitution does not allow Protest Committee decisions to be appealed.

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
 SPRING RACE SERIES 1983

					PHRF Number	TIME ALLOWANCE IN MINUTES	
<u>CLASS A-1 (Alpha)</u>						<u>1st Day</u>	<u>2nd Day</u>
11550	BAGHEERA	S/S CTM 58	Dk Bl	J. Robert Gunther, Jr.	58	23.78	19.53
4273	KATRINKA	TRP CTM 48	White	Frank Winder	108* 15%	31.98	26.26
30003	PURITAN	LHB 38	White	Donald P. Robinson	123* 15%	38.13	31.31
22535	NEPENTHE	PSN 39 Y	White	Robert W. Read	135* 20%	38.95	31.98
1414	SEPTEMBER SONG	CBI 44 K	White	Howard Bidwell	130* 15%	41.00	33.67
22544	ARIEL TOY	PSN 40	White	Howard L. Reichart, Jr.	108	44.28	36.36
21924	IRRESISTIBLE	TAR 37	White	James B. Slimmon, Jr.	128* 10%	44.28	36.36
365	SILVERGIRL	MCR 44	White	Joseph H. Rhodes, Jr.	124* 5%	46.74	38.38
655	WHIMBREL	OFS 47 Y	Blue	J. E. English	114	46.74	38.38
US 31680	FANCY	BST 41.1	Buff	Robert Thomas	120	49.20	40.40
3617	TUMBLER	MOR 38	Lt Grn	Kenneth B. Tate	150* 15%	49.20	40.40
31999	ASTRI	IRW 40	Ivory	W. Kenneth Foss	129	52.89	43.43
31129	SKYE	TAR 37	White	Herbert S. Pasternak	129	52.89	43.43
2222	TYNAJE	OHL 38	Dk Grn	Peter C. Ross/Robert S. Jones	139* 5%	52.89	43.43
31511	LORRAINE	TAR 37	White	Richard H. Starr	130	53.30	43.77
4717	DOLPHIN	NPT 29	White	John H. Lockwood	147* 5%	56.17	46.12
3932	LIMBO	OHL 38	White	Bim Holt	141	57.81	47.47
2669	PASSPORT	OHL 38	Blue	R. E. Thorne	147	60.27	49.49
22921	HERITAGE	ALB 37	White	Chet Humphrey	161	66.01	54.20
21960	FREEDOM	OFS 41 Y	White	Harry B. Elliott	162	66.42	54.54
10686	RANDOMAR	TAR 37	White	Ralph W. Halsey	167	68.47	56.22
1326	CHIVAREE	CON 40 Y	White	John B. Parsons	168	68.88	56.56
706	MATINICUS	CON 40 Y	White	Elizabeth E. Meyer	179	73.39	60.26

*Before adjustment for penalty