

### Entry Procedure

Off Soundings Club races are open to those members and guest vessels which qualify in all respects to the provisions outlined in this FIRST NOTICE.

1. Please be reminded that our rules require that at least one of the persons in whose name the vessel is entered must be on board for both races and must be in command of the yacht.

For reasons of space please do not list more than two names! If your's is a syndicate boat and you wish to list the syndicate name indicate the skipper's name only.

2. Complete the enclosed entry blank and send by First Class Mail postmarked on or before May 18th, to Donald P. Robinson, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut 06355.
3. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old, as of May 18, 1972, providing no alterations have been made which affect the measured factors entering into the rating. Please read and complete your entry blank carefully. It has been changed! Note that the 1972 rerating, transmitted to you via postcard, does in no way alter the normal expiration date of your certificate. 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 T. M. Russell, III, Off Soundings Club Measurer, Cedar Drive, North Stonington, Connecticut, postmarked not later than May 18, 1972. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

The closing date for entries is the latest practical date and will be rigidly adhered to. No exceptions will be made.

### Contributions from Entrants

Your contribution of \$4.00 per participant is vital to the continued success of our Off Soundings Races. Please make your check payable to the Off Soundings Club and enclose it with your Entry Blank.

### Guest Vessel Invitation

To prevent our Off Soundings classes from getting dangerously large, the closing date for guest invitations was set at March 31st, for both the Spring and Fall series. No more guests may be invited for 1972 racing. All 1972 Bermuda Entrants will be invited this Spring, a longstanding tradition.

Only two invitations will be issued to any acceptable non-member to participate in our racing events, each invitation being sufficient for any two (2) consecutive race series, such as Spring '73 and Fall '73, or Fall '73 and Spring '74.

### Yacht Eligibility

- I. The minimum rating for any yacht sailing in the OSC Annual Race Series is 18 feet. Yachts whose ratings calculate lower than this 18-foot minimum shall race using this 18-foot rating.
- II. The minimum L.O.A. of vessels which may race in the OSC Annual Race Series is 23.75 feet. Vessels smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race, nor will vessels in excess of 62 feet L.O.A.
- III. Excepted from this ruling are vessels owned by members which fall below these minimums but which have raced in a series prior to this date. These vessels will be permitted to race using ratings shown on the vessel's valid rating certificate, so long as there is no change in vessel's ownership.
- IV. Stars, 110's, 210's, Atlantics and certain other similar yachts will not be eligible.

### Preliminary Racing and Rendezvous Information

The fleet will again race in Block Island Sound waters this year. Your Board of Governors, after a thoughtful review, have voted to maintain the courses used in 1971. The start will be off Watch Hill and the finish off the entrance to Great Salt Pond the first day.

The Friday and Saturday night rendezvous will be held at "The Oar" adjacent to the Block Island Marina.

To assist in making your personnel reservations, we have included a flyer listing available services on the Island. Please retain this for the race, it will not be enclosed in the Final Notice.

You should make your own reservations for slips, etc. early and directly.

We have been asked to report that the large rusty permanent mooring balls are no longer safe for use!

### NAYRU Sail Numbers

North American Yacht Racing Union requirements regarding sail numbers are mandatory for Off Soundings participation. Class insignia, however, may continue to be displayed. A NAYRU number for your vessel may be obtained by writing North American Yacht Racing Union, 37 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036.

### Racing Equipment

It is urged but not required that Off Soundings yachts conform to the NAYRU Off Shore Equipment List for Class Four (4) events. This list is available from NAYRU at \$.25 per copy.

Fall Entries

The incidence of late, misplaced or forgotten entries for the Fall Race Series is always substantially higher than for the Spring Series. To minimize this problem, if you plan to be away during the entry period, please write your Race Secretary in advance and request a Fall Entry Blank and return it immediately.

First Notice (including Spring results) July 14, 1972

Closing Date August 24, 1972

Race Dates September 15 & 16, 1972

Other Racing Information - New "C" Class & Perpetual Trophy

In recognition of the increasing numbers of "new design" yachts participating in Off Soundings, a third "C" Class has been established.

Past Commodore Jack English has graciously presented a Perpetual Trophy - "The Henry B. du Pont Memorial Trophy" to be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Governors. For the present, it will be awarded to the member who is the season winner of the new "C" Class.

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

Handicap penalties will be carried for three race series. To work off a penalty you must start both races and either be identified as a finisher or submit a written withdrawal as soon as possible to the Race Secretary.

The division of classes will be announced in the FINAL NOTICE.

Club Ties and Patches

Club members may obtain our new tie for \$8.00, and Club blazer patch for \$3.00 from your Treasurer, Leo A. Geyer, 78 Bay Drive, Huntington, L. I., N. Y. 11743. A handsome hand stitched tie may still be ordered from Mrs. Howard Smith, Mason's Island, Mystic, Connecticut 06355 for \$6.00 each. Club tie clasps may be ordered from retail outlets carrying Commodore Nautical Supplies or directly from them at 396 Broadway, New York, New York 10013. The quoted price is \$9.50 with a three to four week delay.

Good sailing, and we shall look forward to seeing you at Block Island.

Cordially,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



Donald P. Robinson  
Race Secretary

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OFFICE OF  
RACE SECRETARY  
MYSTIC SEAPORT  
MYSTIC, CONN. 06355

Area Code 203 536-2631

April 14, 1972

## 35th ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

1972  
June 9th & 10th

### FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate, 1972 Rule
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Membership Chairman's Posting of Membership Candidates \* *NOT 2-thee!*
5. Block Island Chamber of Commerce Flyer  
\* (to members only)

### Message from Commodore Ames

As you are probably already aware, our Measurement Rule Committee, after study of factors in our rule which experience has shown should be changed to help equalize the modern designs with the older designs, recommended lessening the benefits of extreme beam and handicapping high mainsail aspect ratios. In January 1972, the Board of Governors adopted this recommendation by changing the Beam Correction (BC) from (Beam - .25 LOA) x 4 to (Beam - .25 LOA) x 2 and adding the quantity (P - 2B) to the main-sail measured area.

The changes do not require any actual boat measurements not already included in Off Soundings Measurement Certificates and our Measurer has changed all valid certificates in his file (less than 3 years old), according to the new factors. He also has sent cards to all certificate holders giving the new ratings which will be used this year as long as your existing certificate remains valid (3 years). Any new certificate sent to our Chief Measurer to update expired certificates, to report changes in boat or rig measurements, or newly measured yachts, should use the new certificate form enclosed.