



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

OFFICE OF
RACE SECRETARY
MYSTIC SEAPORT
MYSTIC, CONN. 06355

Area Code 203 536-2631

April 19, 1967

30TH ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

1967

June 9th & 10th

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank ✓
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate, 1966 Rule -
Three Copies ✓
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers ✓
4. Reservation Information Sheets ✓
5. Membership Chairman's Posting of Membership Candidates ✓
(to members only)
6. Special Notices ✓

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 May 18 to Donald P. Robinson, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut 06355. ✓
2. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old as of May 18, 1967, 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, Connecticut, post-marked not later than May 18, 1967. 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, June 9th, will be at 8:50 a.m. EDT and on Saturday, June 10th, also at 8:50 a.m. EDT. Class B-1 will be the first to start on June 9th (as in all recent series). However, as the first leg of both short and long courses on June 10th are the same, Class A-1 will be the first to start on Saturday.

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".

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.

You will note that there is something new added to the entry blanks. This is a more accurate description of your Class or type vessel. Too often in the past certain individuals have inadvertently misrepresented their vessels and it is increasingly difficult for the measurer to properly classify the yachts, so please fill out the detailed description of your vessel. Please don't forget your sail number.

When sending the Race Secretary letters requesting that a guest be extended an invitation to race, will you please include his correct name and address. This omission happens repeatedly and only delays the invitation for the proposed guest in question.

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.

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 directly from Crow's Nest, 16 E. 40th Street, New York City, and Off Soundings Club ties may be purchased from Mrs. Howard Smith, Mason's Island, Mystic, Connecticut, for \$5.00 each.

We shall look forward to seeing you in New London, Thursday evening, June 8th.

Cordially,

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Donald P. Robinson
Race Secretary

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REVISION TO OFF SOUNDINGS CLASSES

In the interest of providing the best racing for all under our present simple rule, the Board of Governors has decided to institute a partial new concept for classification of Class C. Yachts considered by the Classification Committee to rate outside of the present norm under the rule due to considerations of displacement, wetted surface, stability or unconventional rigs, hull forms or arrangements will be classified into the new Class. There will be at least a Class C-1 and C-2 racing the long and short course respectively, divided by the Off Soundings measurement rating number.

In order for the new Class to start fresh, all penalties previously won will be removed from any yacht presently in this Class, or moving into the new class. Also, any penalties on yachts moving out of the former Class C into Class A or B, due to this change of concept, will be removed.

TROPHIES FOR ONE-DESIGN YACHTS

By decision of the Board of Governors, special awards will be made for One-Design vessels racing within their own Off Soundings class if six or more of a single One-Design class finish within it. The awards will be given based on the best boat-for-boat, two-day performance.

You will only be eligible if you indicate the class of your vessel in the appropriate space on the Entry Blank.

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EFFECTIVE AT THIS TIME

- I. The minimum rating for any yacht sailing in the O.S.C. Annual Race Series is established at 17 feet. Yachts whose ratings calculate lower than this 17 foot minimum, shall race using this 17 foot minimum.
- II. The minimum L.O.A. of vessels which may race in the O.S.C. Annual Race Series is established at 23.75 feet. Vessels smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race.
- III. Excepted from this ruling are vessels which fall below these minimums but which have raced in a series prior to this date, owned by members or participating guests. 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. The 1966 Measurement Rule has been amended to prohibit the use of high setting light sails in addition to the spinnaker.

GUESTS

The Off Soundings Club Board of Governors have for some time been carefully considering the matter of a definitive policy insofar as the number of times any given individual may be invited to participate in our racing series, and after careful deliberation of the problem, a decision was reached that only two invitations would 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, Fall '66 and Spring '67 or Spring '67 and Fall '67.

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RESERVATION INFORMATION

Thursday, June 8th

Burr's at New London will accept reservations for slips through June 4th for vessels arriving the 2, 3, or 4th or earlier. After that date, slips will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. Other facilities available at Burr's are: a new restaurant and cocktail lounge, package store, groceries and marine supplies.

Friday, June 9th

The Maidstone Marina at Three Mile Harbor, East Hampton, New York, will host the rendezvous. Mrs. Stephen A. Palmer, cordial hostess to previous rendezvous, will receive directly reservations for dinner and docking until June 7th in writing. Her telephone is 516-324-1650 or 2650. Taxi service is available.

Docking and Mooring: Harbor channel controlling depth 10 ft; fair water and good holding ground in mooring area. Dock space at \$2.50/night (fleet rate) must be reserved in advance. (Maximum recommended draft 5½ feet at Marina Dock.) Maidstone Marina is building a new gas dock, widening and deepening the entrance channel which will relieve congestion on the fleet's arrival and departure. Also new this season is a sizeable landing float. Guests are requested to use this facility when arriving from and debarking to boats lying at anchor. This will be more convenient and eliminate the possibility of any crew member being stranded ashore.

Dinner: A choice of country fed Barbeque Chicken at a cost of \$3.95/person or Lazy Lobster, fresh from Montauk, \$4.95/person. Reservations for dinner (with payment enclosed) must be made in writing in advance to facilitate planning. Reservations will be confirmed; people with reservations will be served first.

Accommodations: The following establishments have offered special low rates. Make reservations directly by June 5th accompanied by a down payment of 50%.

Huntting Inn:

\$10 single; \$12 double

John Phillips

Huntting Inn, East Hampton, New York,
New York (28 rooms) 516-324-0410

Sea Spray Inn:

\$10 single; \$15 double. Mr. Ralph
Bailey, Sea Spray Inn, Ocean Avenue,
East Hampton, New York (125 rooms)
516-324-0475

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1770 House:	\$10.50/person, two per room; Kent Van Wegen, East Hampton, New York (11 rooms) 516-324-1770
East Hampton House	\$20.00 double. Mr. Watson East Hampton House, Montauk Highway, New York (30 rooms) 516-324-4300

Saturday, June 10th

As in the past years we will rendezvous Saturday night in Dering Harbor, Shelter Island and again Shelter Island Yacht Club has opened its doors to us. The club did such an excellent job for us last year that they will again furnish us with an excellent hot roast beef dinner complete with all the trimmings at the rate of \$5.50 per person including tips, so please make your reservations with the Shelter Island Yacht Club directly, keeping in mind that these reservations are limited to the first 175 received because of the lack of space and that acceptance of reservations will close June 5th. (See enclosed card.)

The Chequit Inn also has excellent facilities for dinner, the cost running from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per person for complete sit-down dinners. There are also good rooms available at a special Off Soundings rate of \$5.00 per person.

For any additional information concerning reservations, we suggest you contact Mr. Carletto Franzoni at the Chequit (Phone 516 SH 9-0018 or SH 9-0561. for room or dinner reservations. There will be bus service from the Yacht Club to Chequit Inn. Make all reservations directly with Mr. Franzoni as soon as possible, although he will make every effort to accommodate you, with or without reservation. There's music in the bar and the "Off Soundings Glee Club" is welcome to bring musical instruments as usual.