OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

WILLIAM L. AMES, Race Secretary
9 Gravel Street
Mystic, Connecticut 06355

15 April 1983

46TH ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

1983

JUNE 10TH & 11TH

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Roster of Off Soundings Club Measurers
3. ORC Minimum Equipment & Accommodations Standards - Category 4 (as adapted by OSC, January 1981)
4. General Information and Reservations Sheet
5. Membership Chairman's Posting of Membership Candidates*

*(Members only)

This spring, Off Soundings will again sail from New London to Dering Harbor on Friday, June 10th, and will race on selected courses on Saturday, June 11th, in Gardiner's Bay. Both evenings we will rendezvous at the Shelter Island Yacht Club in Dering Harbor.

As noted in the Commodore's letter of February 1983, the Board of Governors in January 1983 decided that PHRF handicapping will be used for all classes in 1983. There will again be three "A and B" Classes, five "C" Classes and a Cruising Canvas Class.

PHRF ratings will be based on the work of the PHRF of Long Island Sound (the PHRF group of the Eastern Connecticut Yacht Racing Association), information from regional areas with PHRF experience, and additional information which may be developed by the OSC Chief Measurer. The adjustment factors will be in accordance with the PHRF of LIS procedures. A valid Off Soundings Club rating certificate is required, from which necessary yacht dimensional information may be taken. Owners of yachts of a class type (such as a Tartan 41 or Morgan 34, etc.) must inform the Race Secretary of any substantial modifications to the yacht which might affect the speed potential but which might not be evident on the Off Soundings Club rating certificate. Examples of such modifications are added keel ballast and lightened interior joiner work. This request must be treated in a true Corinthian spirit. Those entrants who apply for and receive a rating certificate from the PHRF of LIS are requested to submit a copy of that certificate with their entry, but this does not waive the requirement to have a valid Off Soundings measurement certificate.

The logistic particulars for this series are outlined on the enclosed General Information and Reservations Sheet. Information on docking, moorings, shore facilities, meals, lodging, transportation, medical facilities, etc. are included therein and you are requested to make whatever reservations you wish direct and early.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

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

1. Complete the enclosed Entry Blank and send by First Class Mail, postmarked on or before May 19th to William L. Ames, Race Secretary, 9 Gravel Street, Mystic, Connecticut 06355. Your entry will be acknowledged by return postcard.

2. In order to determine perpetual trophy winners accurately and assign handicap penalties equitably, it will be necessary to confirm the ownership or charter arrangement of all entered yachts for each race series. Please list the names of all owners or charterers, whether or not also listed as master(s), in the space provided on the Entry Blank.

3. Please be reminded that our rules require that at least one of the persons in whose name the yacht is entered, i.e., master(s), must be on board for both races and must be in command of the yacht, and must be an Off Soundings Club member or a 1983 guest.

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

4. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old, i.e., with an original date of June 11, 1980 or later. Please read and complete the Entry Blank carefully. If the yacht does not have a valid measurement 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 Norman E. Rabe, Off Soundings Club Chief Measurer, 53 Oswegatchie Road, Waterford, Connecticut 06385, postmarked not later than May 19, 1983. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

The closing date of May 19, 1983 for entries and measurement certificates is the latest possible date and will be rigidly adhered to. Absolutely no exceptions will be made.

The U. S. Postal Service has been known to lose entries and non-receipt of entries due to postal problems will not be an exception to the closing date. If you have not received an acknowledgment card from the Race Secretary prior to the deadline, please call to inquire. In addition, sending entries by certified mail can help.

Also, do not hold up your entry waiting for measurements, etc. Get the entry in and expedite the measurement separately. However, please note that measurements are also subject to the closing date.

An additional note of caution: Since postmarks govern on entry deadlines, be advised that the U. S. Postal Service often picks up outlying office or drop box mail and transfers it to a main station for cancellation. This can cause a delay in postmarking that could invalidate your last minute entry. If you are close to the deadline, ask your post office to handcancel your entry envelope immediately to insure proper postmarking.

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 15, 1983
Closing Date		August 25, 1983
Race Dates		September 16 and 17, 1983

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ENTRANTS

Your contribution is vital to allow continuation of the services rendered which have made our races so successful. Please note that this year in order to assign actual expenses more equitably, there is a $15.00 contribution per yacht plus $6.00 per person on board. 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 23, 1983 for both the Spring and Fall Series. No more guests may be invited for 1983 racing.

Only two invitations will be issued to any acceptable non-member to participate in our racing events, each invitation being sufficient for two consecutive race series, such as Spring '83 and Fall '83. The Board of Governors may under certain circumstances elect to waive the two invitation limit.

YACHT ELIGIBILITY

1. For handicapping purposes, the maximum PHRF base boat number will be 300.

2. The minimum L.O.A. of yachts which may race in the OSC Annual Race Series is 23.75 feet. Yachts smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race, nor will yachts in excess of 62 feet L.O.A.

3. Excepted from this ruling are yachts owned by members which fall outside the limits of 2 above, but which have raced in a series prior to this date. These yachts will be permitted to race using ratings shown on the yacht's valid rating certificate, so long as there is no change in yacht ownership.

4. To qualify to race in Off Soundings Club races, your yacht must meet all Offshore Rating Council (ORC) Category 4 requirements of January 1981 (as adapted by OSC) including lifelines and pulpits. It is your responsibility to meet these requirements. A copy of the ORC Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standards is enclosed.

   You will note that the entry blank requires you to sign a certification that your yacht meets the Category 4 requirements in all respects and that you agree to the waiver contained on the reverse thereof. As a Corinthian yachtsman, your certifying signature is the verification needed to assure that all entrants have complied and are racing fairly and truly.

5. Board of Governors action has defined Cruising Canvas Class requirements as follows:

   a. Only Off Soundings Club members may enter. You must mark the appropriate box on the entry form to enter.

   b. Spinnakers (including mizzen spinnakers) may not be used.

   c. Spinnaker poles may be used as whisker poles.

   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.

6. United States Yacht Racing Union requirements regarding sail numbers are mandatory for Off Soundings participation. Class insignia, however, may be displayed.

7. 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 on the pulpit. This is of great assistance to all participants while racing, and aids the Race Committee as it finishes over 200 yachts.

   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

   Those owners unsure of their yacht's class may call me (203-536-7700) after May 25th (time will be short - do not write).

RADIO NOTICE

Race Committee communications will be carried on VHF-FM Channel 9.

OTHER RACING INFORMATION

Handicap penalties for winners are 15% for first place, 10% for second place, and 5% for third place, with a maximum penalty of 45%. Present penalties will be carried over if a class changes for any reason.

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.

If a yacht is acquired by a person not associated with the acquisition of the penalty, the penalty will be dropped from the yacht. If the owner then purchases or charters a non-similar yacht he will also not continue to carry the penalty. It is the responsibility of the entrant to contact the Race Secretary prior to the entry closing date if there is any question regarding the dropping of a penalty.

CLUB TIES AND PATCHES

Club members may obtain our club tie for $10.00, a cloth blazer patch for $3.00, a gold bullion pin-on blazer patch for $10.00, a tie clasp for $8.00, and cap button for $5.00 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,

Bill Ames

William L. Ames
Race Secretary
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OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB MEASURERS

GODFREY F. ALLEN, 210 Terrace Avenue, Riverside, Rhode Island 02915
WILLIAM L. AMES, 9 Gravel Street, Mystic, Connecticut 06355
ROBERT BLUMENSTOCK, R.R. 1, South Bald Hill Road, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840
RICHARD D. CARLSON, Box 310 Division Street, Sag Harbor, New York 11963
ALAN A. GILBERT, 133 Reid Avenue, Port Washington, New York 11050
VARICK D. HARRISON, 88 North Main Street, Essex, Connecticut 06426
GORDON S. HUNTER, 90 Old Black Point Road, Niantic, Connecticut 06357
STEEN KOKBORG, 99 Ridgewood Drive, Mystic, Connecticut 06355
LESTER E. NICHOLSON, P.O. Box 4550, Riverside, Rhode Island 02915
RONALD K. NOE, 554 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511
LAWRENCE H. REYBINE, Pete's Hill Road, Orient, New York 11957
NORMAN E. RABE, 53 Oswegatchie Road, Waterford, Connecticut 06385
RICHARD H. ROBERTS, 60 Dart Street, New London, Connecticut 06320
CHARLES T. STURGESS, Pine Orchard Road, Branford, Connecticut 06405

You may have your yacht measured by one of the above measurers, your yacht club measurer, Yachting Association measurer, or USYRU (IOR or MHS) measurer.

Off Soundings Club measurers have copies of the Measurement Certificate.

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ORC MINIMUM EQUIPMENT & ACCOMMODATION STANDARDS - CATEGORY 4
(as adapted by the Off Soundings Club for its use)

STRUCTURAL FEATURES:

1. (6.1)* Hatches, companionways and ports must be essentially watertight, that is, capable of being strongly and rigidly secured. Cockpit companionways, if extended below main deck level, must be capable of being blocked off to main deck level. When such blocking arrangements are in place the companionway, or hatch, shall continue to give access to the interior of the hull. Hatches shall be permanently fitted so that they can be closed immediately. Centerboard and daggerboard trunks shall not open into the interior of the hull.

2. (6.21) Cockpits shall be structurally strong, self-draining and permanently incorporated as an integral part of the hull. They must be essentially watertight, that is, all openings to the hull below the main deck level must be capable of being strongly and rigidly secured.

3. (6.23) The maximum cockpit volume below lowest coamings shall not exceed 9% LOA times Beam times Freeboard in way of the cockpit. The cockpit sole must be at least 2% LOA above the waterline. If you are unsure of meeting this requirement, ask your measurer to verify it.

4. (6.31) Cockpit drains adequate to drain cockpit quickly but not less in combined area (after allowance for screens, if attached) than the equivalent of two one-inch diameter drains.

5. (6.51) Sea cocks or valves on all through-hull openings below LWL, except integral deck scuppers, shaft log, speed indicators, depth finders and the like, shall be provided. Does not apply to yachts built before 1-1-76.

6. (6.52) Soft wood plugs, tapered and of various sizes.

7. (6.54) Sheet winches shall be mounted in such a way that no operator is required to be substantially below deck.

8. (6.6) Lifelines and pulpits:

   Yachts of 35 feet LOA and above shall have bow pulpits and 24-inch double lifelines in accordance with Paragraphs (6.61) and (6.62).

   Yachts less than 35 feet LOA shall have bow pulpits and at least 18-inch single lifelines in accordance with Paragraphs (6.61) and (6.63).

   Yachts whose shrouds are so placed that genoas must be sheeted outside lifelines when closehauled may drop forward lifelines to a lower attachment point.

   Note that stern pulpits are not required, provided that lifelines of the required height and construction as above are carried aft to at least the mid point of the cockpit and thereaft are arranged as to substitute adequately for a stern pulpit.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

9. (7.12) Toilet, securely installed, or fitted bucket.

10. (7.2) Bunks, securely installed.

11. (7.42) Galley facilities.

12. (7.53) Suitable containers for water.

GENERAL EQUIPMENT:

13. (8.1) Fire extinguishers, readily accessible and of the type and number required by the country of registry, provided there be at least one in yachts fitted with an engine or stove.

14. (8.23) One manual bilge pump.

15. (8.24) Two buckets of stout construction suitable for bailing.

16. (8.32) One anchor and cable.

17. (8.42) At least one flashlight, water resistant, with spare batteries and bulb.

GENERAL EQUIPMENT (continued):

18. (8.5) First Aid Kit and manual.

19. (8.6) Foghorn.

20. (8.7) Radar reflector.

21. (8.9) Shutoff valves on all fuel tanks.

NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT:

22. (9.1) Compass, marine type, properly installed and adjusted.

23. (9.6) Lead line or echo sounder.

24. (9.8) Navigation lights, to be shown as required by the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea, mounted so that they will not be masked by sails or the heeling of the yacht.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT:

25. (10.22) Heavy weather jib of suitable strength and size, and reefing equipment for the mainsail.

26. (10.23) Any heavy-weather jib if designed for a seastay or luff-groove device shall have an alternative method of attachment to the stay or a wire luff.

27. (10.24) No mast shall have less than two halyards each capable of hoisting a sail.

28. (10.4) Tools and spare parts, including means to disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the hull in case of need.

29. (10.62) Radio receiver capable of receiving weather bulletins.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

30. (11.1) Life jackets, one for each crew member.

31. (11.51) Life ring(s), at least one horseshoe-type life ring equipped with a waterproof light and drogue within reach of the helmsman and ready for instant use.

32. Visual distress signals to be stowed in a waterproof container, and meeting the following requirements of U. S. Coast Guard Regulations effective January 1, 1981:

Any one of the following:

Number marked on device	Device description	Accepted for use	Quantity required to be carried
160.021	Hand red flare distress signals	Day and night (1)	3
160.024	Pistol-projected parachute red flare distress signals	Day and night (2)	3
160.036	Hand-held rocket-propelled parachute red flare distress signals	Day and night	3
160.066	Distress signal for boats, red aerial pyrotechnic flare	Day and night (3)	3

(1) These signals must have a date of manufacture of October 1, 1980 or later to be acceptable.
(2) The signals require use in combination with a suitable launching device approved under 46 CFR 160.028.
(3) These devices may be either self-contained or pistol launched, and either meteor or parachute assisted type. Some of these signals may require use in combination with a suitable launching device approved under 46 CFR 160.028.

33. (11.7) Heaving line (50 foot minimum length) readily accessible to cockpit.

* Numbers in parentheses refer to Paragraphs in the Offshore Racing Council's "Special Regulations Governing Equipment and Accommodation Standards" dated January 1, 1980.

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESERVATION SHEET

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1983

Burr's Yacht Haven at New London has agreed to give Off Soundings participants a special rate of $15.00 per yacht per day for Thursday night and/or from the preceding weekend for dockage or moorings. Please contact the dockmaster upon arrival for docking and/or rafting instructions. It is not necessary, but, to be on the safe side, if you wish to make advanced reservations at Burr's, contact Burr's, 244 Pequot Avenue, New London, CT 06320. Telephone: (203) 443-8457. Launch service will be available and adequate space for anchoring is available. The launch service is available up until 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening. If you expect to require service after that hour, you should make your own arrangements. Dock space is also available at New London's City Pier at $10.00 per day.

Marine supplies are available at Burr's. Groceries, a package store and restaurants are within easy walking distance. Lighted municipal parking is located a block away for weekend parking.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1983

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

Docking and Mooring

Moorings will be available on a first-come first-serve basis as assigned by the harbor master at the Club. A charge of ~~$10.00~~ $12.00 per night will be made for each yacht on a club-assigned mooring, whether directly moored or rafted. ~~This charge will help defray the cost of the launches.~~ Anchoring is always acceptable and there is good holding in sandy mud.

Launch Service

There will be launches flying the Shelter Island Yacht Club burgee available for transportation ashore, from 7 AM to 1 AM. FRI & SAT & on SUNDAY A.M.: PLEASE NOTE LAST FERRY FROM GROTON IS MIDNIGHT & LAUNCH SCHEDULE IS RUGO.

Refreshments

The familiar spigotted crocks will be arranged north of the clubhouse and may be readily identified by the code flags properly arrayed. White wine will be substituted for Rye. Timely finishes permitted, mainbrace splicing will commence at 1730. Please assist in keeping the grounds neat and tidy by using the trash barrels available.

Dinner

Friday evening from 6:00—9:00 p.m. the Shelter Island Yacht Club is putting on a steak dinner for the first 200 reservations at ~~$14.95~~ $15.00 per person, including tax and tip. Reservations for dinner (with check enclosed, payable to Shelter Island Yacht Club) should be made in writing, in advance, to facilitate planning. Please specify a preferred time. Address to: Mr. James W. Eklund, Shelter Island Yacht Club, Shelter Island Heights, New York 11965. Tickets will be mailed directly to you, by return mail, time permitting.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1983

Dinner

Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinner, buffet style, for unlimited reservations will be available at the Yacht Club for ~~$10.95~~ $11.00 per person, including tax and tip, beginning directly after the awards presentation. Advance reservations may be made with Mr. Eklund as per Friday night instructions. (Do not forget to enclose payment.)

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