

Stakeboat. White flags on both vessels will indicate the starting line. This starting line will also serve as the finish line to be crossed in a north to south direction for all courses. If the Stake Boat cannot be on station, it will be replaced with a buoy with a white flag.

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

Cross starting line, thence in a north northeasterly direction to Nebraska Shoal Nun "2NS", leaving to starboard; thence in an east southeasterly direction to the Point Judith Whistle R "2", leaving to starboard; thence to the finish line, between the white flags on the Committee Boat and Stake Boat located in the starting area. Yachts must pass to the westward of "1-BI" on the first and third leg of the course. "1-BI" is exempt from the identification requirement.

Classes B-2 and C-3 -----Short Course

Cross starting line, thence in a northeasterly direction to Bell "4" off the southwest corner of the Harbor of Refuge, leaving to starboard; thence to the finish line, between the white flags on the Committee Boat and Stake Boat located in the starting area. Yachts must pass to the westward of "1-BI" on both legs of the course. "1-BI" is exempt from the identification requirement.

Course #2
Start and Finish Line

The line will be between the Committee Boat and Stake Boat, located approximately 0.6 miles southwest by west from the outer end of the Breakwater at Great Salt Pond. The Committee Boat will be to the westward of the Stake Boat. White flags on both vessels will indicate the starting line. This starting line will also serve as the finish line, to be crossed in a southerly to northerly direction. If the Stake Boat cannot be on station, it will be replaced with a buoy with a white flag.

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

Cross starting line; thence in a southwesterly direction to (FlR) "2" bell at Southwest Ledge, leaving to port; thence in a east southeasterly direction to Mo(A) whistle, leaving to port; thence in a northwesterly direction to (FlR) "2A" whistle, leaving to starboard; thence to the finish. Yachts must pass to the westward of Bell "4" near Southwest Point on the first and fourth leg of the course. Bell "4" is exempt from the identification requirement.

Classes B-2 and C-3 -----Short Course

Cross starting line, thence in a southwest by southerly direction to (FlR) "2A" whistle, leaving to port; thence in a southeasterly direction to Mo(A) whistle, leaving to port; thence in a northwesterly direction to (FlR) "2A" whistle, leaving to starboard;

later than May 17, 1973. 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 30th, for both the Spring and Fall Series. No more guests may be invited for 1973 racing.

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 '74 and Fall '74, or Fall '74 and Spring '75.

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. 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.

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

Your vessel must meet NAYRU Category 4 requirements (see Paragraph 5, Page 3). This list is available from NAYRU at \$.10 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 12, 1973

Closing Date August 20, 1973

Race Dates September 14 & 15, 1973

Other Racing Information

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.

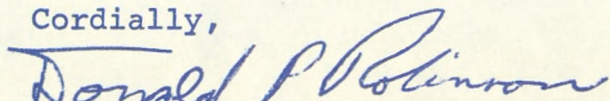
The division of classes will be announced in the FINAL NOTICE.

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.

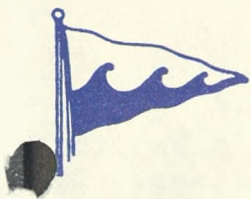
Good sailing, and we shall look forward to seeing you at Block Island.

Cordially,


Donald P. Robinson

Race Secretary, Off Soundings Club

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



OFFICE OF
RACE SECRETARY
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April 12, 1973

36th ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

1973
June 8th & 9th

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate, 1973 Rule
3. List of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Membership Chairman's Posting of Membership Candidates *
5. Block Island Chamber of Commerce Flyer
*(to members only)

Your Board of Governors has been working hard this winter to provide even better racing. The following changes have been made:

1. Class C-1 will start before Class A-1 and Class C-3 before B-2.
2. Courses for Saturday racing have been altered as follows:

Please Note: To provide better racing, with various wind directions, the old Short Course turning mark has been changed and alternate courses have been established for both the Long and Short Courses. There will be a different starting area location for Course #1 and Course #2.

Numeral pennants #1 and #2 will be used to indicate the North and South courses respectively. These pennants will be hoisted as soon as a course has been chosen. Code Flag "Lima" will be hoisted in the event a course change is necessary. Please note there is a provision for a reverse course for both courses #1 and #2. Course lengths are 18.5 miles for the Short Course and 22.7 miles for the Long Course.

Course #1

Starting Line. The starting line will be between the Committee Boat and Stake Boat, located approximately 0.5 miles northeast of Bell R "2". The Committee Boat will lie to the westward of the