



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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TO: Commodore Allen N. Anderson
FROM: Race Secretary Richard H. Roberts
SUBJECT: Race Secretary's Report

1. The results of the Fall Race Series and the combined, perpetual trophy results were mailed to the members and guests on October 16th, as scheduled. The change in the date for the Annual Dinner was missed (see Item 3, below). Perhaps a correction could be included in the Commodore's Winter Newsletter.

2. Continuing the statistical work began when you were Race Secretary, I've added 1998 information to the attached table of Race Entry Statistics, together with some financial information for earlier years, and the enclosed table is provided for your study.

3. I have attached a tabulation of the dates for Off Soundings Club events, showing the dates approved for 1999 and the proposed dates for 2000. Those 2000 dates are scheduled for review and approval at the Board meeting on January 22, 1999. Note that the date for the 1999 Annual Meeting and Dinner has been recently changed by a week, to April 17th.

4. We have been following the new Guest Invitation policy approved by the Board. I accepted "Early-Decision" Guest Invitation Applications up to April 2nd (the Thursday prior to the April Board meeting), in lieu of the previous mid-March date, and at that meeting distributed the proposed guest list to the Board for its review and approval. The Guest Invitation Cut-Off is now two weeks prior to the race entry closing (either Spring or Fall). The resulting additions to the guest list were then circulated to the Board, with objections to be raised by any Board member on the eighth day prior to the race entry closing. (None was raised.) Race entry packages were then mailed to those guests seven days before the race entry closing.

For our 1998 races, these are the Guest Invitation Application statistics:

Received April 2 or earlier*	5	Entered:	3 (Spring)	0 (Fall) (2 were rejected as late)
Received April 3 - May 7*	7	Entered:	6	3
Received May 8 - August 13*	3	Entered:		3

*Does not include Membership Committee invitees. Does not include the Service Academies.

5. This year we continued with an Alternative Penalty scheme, where the penalty is 10 minutes added to the boat's Corrected Time. Just one boat elected to accept an Alternative Penalty in 1998: FOXFIRE (C-2) in Friday's race in the Fall. The 10-minute penalty moved FOXFIRE from 9th to 15th in that race.

6. Last year, a High Performance Class was established and assigned as Class C-3. That class, with a PHRF range of 83 to 129, contains such boats as Tripp 37, Quest 30, Evelyn 32-2, J 80, J-29, J 27, Santana 30/30 and the like. This year, another High Performance Class was established as Class C-4, with a PHRF range of 130 to 180, to ease the pressure on Class C-5. Petitions to be added to or removed from these classes are reviewed by the Classification Committee Chairman, the Chief Measurer and the Race Secretary.

7. Over the coming winter, the Race Secretary plans to review the forwarding letter in the Final Notice (the Race Booklet), especially the Special Notes section, with an eye toward removing material that no longer needs to be included. The Sailing Instructions, themselves, will also be reviewed to see if simplifications can be made.

8. The Race Committee benefits to some extent where a competitor notifies that his boat will not be participating in a Race Series. For such boats, the calculation cards can be put aside and the spotters need not continue to search the fleet for them. To encourage boats to make such notification, it is recommended that the current unofficial policy regarding refunds of entry fees be made official and announced in the Commodore's Winter Newsletter, as follows.

Notification that boat will not participate made to the Race Secretary before the Race Booklet goes to the printer. (Boat removed from the Scratch Sheet.)

Entire Entry Fee refunded

Notification that boat will not participate made to the Race Secretary on or before Thursday, the day before Race Friday.

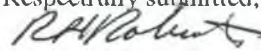
Party portion of the Entry Fee refunded

Of course, the party portion would not be refunded if the boat's crew does attend the party.

9. Concern remains about the decrease in participation by the full-keel boats, particularly Classes A-2 and B. The following table illustrates that:

CLASS ---->	<u>ENTERED</u>				<u>STARTED</u>			
	<u>A-1</u>	<u>A-2</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>A-1</u>	<u>A-2</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Total</u>
1992 S	14	12	12	38	13	9	12	34
1992 F	13	12	13	38	13	12	11	36
1993 S	15	13	13	41	15	11	12	38
1993 F	15	11	16	42	12	8	13	33
1994 S	16	8	15	39	16	8	14	38
1994 F	15	9	15	39	14	8	13	35
1995 S	17	12	8	37	17	10	8	35
1995 F	12	11	8	31	11	11	8	31
1996 S	17	11	11	39	15	11	10	36
1996 F	15	8	11	34	13	7	10	30
1997 S	15	8	10	33	14	7	8	29
1997 F	10	10	12	32	10	8	9	27
1998 S	13	5	8	26	12	5	7	24
1998 F	9	6	10	25	8	6	9	23

It seems to me that we have enough A/B boats to make two classes, say Class A and Class B, as was recommended a year ago. Of course, we would have to reconfigure some of the Perpetual Trophies (the Blunt White and Kenneth Millet Trophies), but we could cope with that.

Respectfully submitted,

 Richard H. Roberts
 Race Secretary

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Race Entry Statistics

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Class	S 1992	S 1993	S 1994	S 1995	S 1996	S 1997	S 1998	X	F 1992	F 1993	F 1994	F 1995	F 1996	F 1997	F 1998
DESTINATION -->	BI	BI	BI	BI	BI	BI	BI		SI	SI	SI/PB	SI	SI	SI	SI
12-M						--	--					2	--	--	--
A-1	14	15	16	17	17	15	13		13	15	15	12	15	10	9
A-2	12	13	8	12	11	8	5		12	11	9	11	8	10	6
B	12	13	15	8	11	10	8		13	16	15	8	11	12	10
Sub (A-1 + A-2 + B)	(38)	(41)	(39)	(37)	(39)	(33)	(26)		(38)	(42)	(39)	(31)	(34)	(32)	(25)
C-1	17	19	11	18	16	18	13		17	17	14	14	20	20	13
C-2	17	19	11	16	17	17	18		15	15	11	12	20	18	20
C-3	16	16	12	18	13	16*	13*		15	15	15	19	12	13*	7*
C-4	16	15	14	17	14	16	16*		16	14	16	15	12	20	13*
C-5	16	15	17	18	17	20	16		17	15	17	16	15	15	13
CR, CR-1	31	15	17	11	11	17	16		26	16	19	14	10	17	14
CR-2		13	15	11	16	19	17			15	13	15	15	17	18
Totals	151	153	136	146	143	156	135		144	149	144	138	138	152	123
Crew Count	891	915	791	869	855	947	823		833	869	818	844	820	902	723
Crew per Boat	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.1		5.8	5.8	5.7	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9
Income, boat + crew	\$10,634	\$11,017	\$8,879	\$9,503	\$9,421	\$11,206	\$9826		\$10,039	\$10,622	\$9,390	\$9,005	\$9,058	\$10,912	\$8,612
\$ per boat	\$70.42	\$72.01	\$65.29	\$65.09	\$65.88	\$71.83	\$72.79		\$69.72	\$71.29	\$65.21	\$65.50	\$65.64	\$71.79	\$70.02
\$ Non-racers @ \$6	\$78	\$174	\$96	\$66	\$66	\$66	\$126		\$108	\$204	\$174	\$108	\$66	\$180	\$42
Fee, per boat	\$35	\$35	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$35		\$35	\$35	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$35
Fee, per crew	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6		\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6
Scratch, boats				3	6	5	2					5	5	6	4
Scratch, \$ refunded				\$138	0	\$168	\$54					\$162	0	\$216	\$90
Scratch, crew				23	39	28	9					27	26	36	15

Scratch data have not been subtracted from other statistics.

*High Performance Class

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DATES FOR OFF SOUNDINGS EVENTS

	<u>APPROVED</u> <u>1999</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>2000</u>
"Early-decision" Guest Invitation Cut-off *	April 15 ***	April 6
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	April 17 ***	April 8
SPRING RACE SERIES		
First Notice	April 23	April 21
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off **	May 6	May 4
Closing Date	May 20	May 18
Final Notice	June 4	June 2
Race Dates	June 11-12	June 9-10
Results of Spring Race Series	July 9	July 7
FALL RACE SERIES		
First Notice	July 9	July 7
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off **	August 12	August 10
Closing Date	August 26	August 24
Final Notice	September 10	September 18
Race Dates	September 17-18	September 15-16
Final Results	October 15	October 13
BOARD MEETINGS		
January	January 22	January 21
April	April 17 ***	April 8
October	October 23	October 28
REFERENCE DATES		
Easter	April 4	April 23
Bermuda Race (3rd? Fri in June)	June 18??	June 16??
Labor Day	September 6	September 4
Dyer Dhow Derby	October ___‡	October ___‡
US SAILING Meeting	October 27-31	October 11-15

NOTES

* Thursday prior to the Annual Meeting

** 14 days prior to the Closing Date

***Note revised date

‡ Seaport is considering scheduling so as to avoid US SAILING meeting