

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
April 1, 2006

Report of the Race Secretary

I apologize for being unable to attend this meeting.

- The house for the Race Committee is reserved.
- Confirmation of launch service for the Spring Series at regular rates has been received from Oldport Marine, and the NOR has been changed accordingly.

Schedule: Friday afternoon 'til 1 a.m. Saturday, 7 a.m. Saturday 'til 1 a.m. Sunday, 7 a.m. Sunday.

Fare: \$2.00 per person each way.

- The Spring NOR will go to the printer on April 7 for mailing on April 14. Please notify me immediately if there is any business at this meeting that will affect its contents, particularly, of course, a change of venue and the particulars of how you would like any changes worded, schedules, facilities, locations, etc.
- The Race Committee Chairman has expressed some concern about adequately assuring Federal and State authorities that we are requiring proper safety equipment and conduct while racing; he will discuss this in his report. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will read as follows unless I am otherwise instructed:

13. Equipment Standards

Off Soundings Series are often sailed in exposed waters and difficult weather conditions. The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Master who has entered her in a Race Series and the responsibility for a yacht's decision to start in a race or to continue racing is the Master's alone.

It is expected that each Master will recognize the importance of ensuring the safety of his crew and vessel and the safety of others, will in his own interests fulfill applicable USCG and state equipment and safety requirements, and will do his/her best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate familiarization with the capabilities, workings, and peculiarities of the vessel and its equipment and are physically fit to face bad weather. The Master must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging and all gear, and must ensure that safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew will know where it is kept and how it is used.

The Off Soundings Club believes that the equipment and other standards recommended for Monohulls and Multihulls in the International Sailing Foundation Special Regulations for Race Category 4 are appropriate for use in the conditions likely to be encountered in its Race Series and recommends that entrants consider them minimum

guidelines for outfitting their vessels for participation in Off Soundings events. The Category 4 standards are available for download from the ISAF and U.S. Sailing websites and in hard copy.

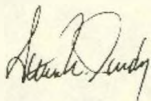
In accordance with Rule 1.2 competitors are individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions.

- I have also deleted reference to equipment standards in the CERTIFICATION AND WAIVER both in the NOR and on the back of the Entry Form so that it now reads:

CERTIFICATION AND WAIVER

I hereby certify that I have read and agree to the above titled CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY. I also agree to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and other rules and regulations that govern this event as listed in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

Sincerely yours,



Steven M. Purdy
Race Secretary