

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 T. M. Russell, III, Off Soundings Club Measurer, Cedar Drive, North Stonington, Connecticut, postmarked not later than May 20, 1971. 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. While expenses exceeded the contributions in 1970, the Board of Governors have voted not to increase the requested contribution this year. 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 26th for both the Spring and Fall Series. No more guests may be invited for 1971 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 '72 and Fall '72, or Fall '72 and Spring '73.

Yacht Eligibility

- I. The minimum rating for any yacht sailing in the OSC Annual Race Series is 17 feet. Yachts whose ratings calculate lower than this 17-foot minimum shall race using this 17-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.

While courses to be sailed are not finalized, the start and finish will tentatively be off Watch Hill and 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.

We have been asked to report that the large white permanent mooring balls are no longer safe for use!

NAYRU Numbers

North American Yacht Racing Union requirements regarding sail numbers, published over a year ago, are mandatory for Off Soundings participation. The following is quoted from the NAYRU Year Book as amended by the November 25, 1969 letter. "By January 1, 1970 class numbers must be replaced for yachts racing in off shore events by assigned NAYRU numbers which shall be affixed to mainsails, spinnakers, and all overlapping headsails; however, headsails whose "LP" measurement does not exceed 130% will not have to be numbered. 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

It is urged but not required that Off Soundings yachts conform to the NAYRU Off Shore Equipment List for Class Four (4) events. This list is available from NAYRU at \$.25 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 16, 1971

Closing Date August 26, 1971

Race Dates September 17 & 18, 1971

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.

Revision of Measurement Rule

In the interest of providing similar loading of yachts to be measured in the future for Off Soundings Measurement Rating, CCA Measurement Rating and others, certain changes were made in the April 1968 Off Soundings Measurement Certificate.

Since this change will normally make little difference in the final OSC rating and to avoid the necessity of a mass remeasurement of 500 yachts, this change is not retroactive but will apply to all yachts requiring normal measurement after July 14, 1967 due to time elapse (presently three years from date of measurement) or other change in rig, etc.

Club Ties and Patches

Club members may obtain our new tie for \$8.00, and Club blazer patch for \$3.00 from your new Rear Commodore William B. White, whose address is Greene Plastics Corporation, Hope Valley, Rhode Island 02832. 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,

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



Donald P. Robinson
Race Secretary



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OFFICE OF
RACE SECRETARY
MYSTIC SEAPORT
MYSTIC, CONN. 06355

Area Code 203 536-2631

April 16, 1971

34th ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES

1971
June 11th & 12th

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Entry Blank
2. Off Soundings Club Measurement Certificate, 1968 Rule - one copy
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)

Entry Procedure

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

1. Please be reminded that our rules require that at least one of the persons in whose name the vessel is entered must be on board for both races and must be in command of the yacht.

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

2. Complete the enclosed entry blank and send by First Class Mail postmarked on or before May 20th, to Donald P. Robinson, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut 06355.
3. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old, as of May 20, 1971, 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