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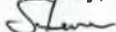
Dear Dick:

I am writing to support the changes that have been made by the Off Soundings Club Race Committee to our race series. Handicap yacht racing faces challenges today to hold on to current participants and to encourage others to join us. I applaud the changes that have been made and hope that you will continue to support innovation.

I also would like to suggest a couple of areas that I hope the committee will consider in evaluating the current program. First, I strongly feel that the overall results for all series should be changed from combined total time to a low point system. Total combined time would be used to break ties. I feel that this would be a fairer system than using combined time. Extremely large time differences can result from light air conditions. If a yacht wins by a large time difference on day one of a series, the second day results are irrelevant. The outcome is determined by the first day. Time differences tend to be greater on light air days. This favors boats that excel in light air. If a yacht fails to finish a race due to withdrawal she is eliminated from series contention. By using a low points system, meaningful weekend and series participation could continue.

I applaud the Club's willingness to consider changes to improve our racing. Thanks for considering these suggestions.

Sincerely,



Steve Anderson

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Richard H. Roberts, Race Secretary  
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Dear Dick,

You were kind enough to ask for comments on the year's racing so here goes:

I am unalterably opposed to the concept of two races on Saturday. I find no benefit whatever and the risk of a starting line foul is increased. Moreover, a second race does not give an opportunity to improve one's standing because when the final standings are on the basis of accumulative time, there is no difference between any spans of time on the race course. One can improve his standing at any time by sailing better, even if dead last. The number of starts and finishes is totally irrelevant to the final scores in an Off Soundings series, including the perpetual prizes. On the downside, too much time is wasted with two starts even though the Race Committee has done a fabulous job with the problem.

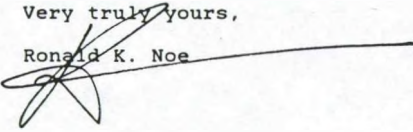
Do not invite the Twelve Meters to Off Soundings. In their lone appearance they demonstrated that their interests are totally different from ours. If any of our members want to race with them, let them go to that venue.

Time on time scoring seems to have worked well but I make the following observation. It is possible, because the scoring system accounts for it, to justify a shortened race which takes so much time to complete that the average speed falls in the 2 knot range or less. I would question whether this represents a fair race.

Let me emphasize that I find the OSC series to be the best racing in our area and that is in no small part due the the fine work of our Race Committee and to the resolve of our officers. You can depend on my support and participation.

Very truly yours,

Ronald K. Noe



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Mr. Allen N. Anderson, Commodore  
Off Soundings Club

Dear Andy,

In reply to your letter concerning the possible merger of Classes A-1, A-2 and B, I can report the following:

1. I have contacted 10 owners of boats in Class B. They are unanimous in their opinion to keep Class B separated from A-2 and to leave things as they are now.
2. Class B has been strengthening and will continue the efforts to bring in new members.
3. Last Saturday's race was evidence of the tight competition in the class, as the lead exchanged hands five times on the downwind leg. All boats finished closely together, despite the light and shifty winds. We want to preserve this level of competition.

In general, then, we prefer that you leave things as they are. We also appreciate the opportunity to be consulted in this way. Let's keep up the communication!

Thanks,





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OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

Richard H. Roberts, Race Secretary  
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Dear Dick:

During the past several years the Off Soundings Race Committee has requested recommendations for changes and/or improvements to the racing program. I would like to suggest two areas that would help the program remain strong while drawing new membership.

Please consider eliminating the combined time scoring system in favor of a low-point system. This would be a fairer scoring system, in that, a light air day would not negate the overall performance of any yacht for the combined two days.

I would strongly recommend that we race both the Spring and Fall series to Block Island, with the Spring series remaining the same as it is now, while the Fall series would start at New London on Friday, perhaps race to Cerebus Shoal, thence to Block Island. The second day would be an around-the-island race, as we now have. I guarantee that more people would remain for the closing ceremonies on Saturday for the following reasons: Block Island is friendlier, has better room accommodations, much better restaurants, more and better docking and mooring facilities, and, they seem to genuinely want the Off Soundings Club there! (My several years on the entertainment committee with Carl Fast gave me a clear perspective on the Shelter Island Yacht Club: They gave me the impression that they were doing a favor to accommodate us rather than enjoying having us there. In the true Corinthian spirit of sailboat racing, this is not a good attitude to show towards those having good, clean fun, and who bring a substantial business to the area for a weekend.)

Dick, please present these ideas to the Committee, and thanks to you and to them for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Marron