

Club Ties and Patches

Club members may obtain our new tie for \$8.00 and Club blazer patch for \$3.00 from your 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

July 16, 1971

## 34th ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES

1971  
September 17th & 18th

### 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 \*

\*(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 yours 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 August 26, to Donald P. Robinson, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut 06355.

### PLEASE NOTE PROCEDURAL AND DATE CHANGES

3. Have a valid measurement certificate. A valid measurement certificate is one that is less than three years old, as of September 18, 1971, i.e. valid during both days of racing, providing, of course, that no alterations have been made which affect the measured factors entering into the rating. If your certificate will expire before the above date, your yacht must be re-measured and the new certificate sent to T. M. Russell, III, Off Soundings Club Chief Measurer, Cedar Drive, North Stonington,

Connecticut, 06359, postmarked on or before the closing date of August 26, 1971.

Your yacht must be measured by one of the measurers shown on the enclosed list of OSC Measurers, your yacht club measurer, or a Yachting Association Measurer. The certificate must be completed in triplicate, one to the measurer, as indicated above, one for your measurer's file, and the third for yourself.

Please note that revisions to certificates for individual or specific changes do not extend the original measurement date.

4. 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

We currently contemplate no changes in any of the arrangements followed in this Spring's Series. We will, however, move the Committee Boat in shore of the bell at the finish of the first day to clear the ferry's path.

The start and finish will be off Watch Hill and the entrance to Great Salt Pond respectively the first day.

The Friday and Saturday night rendezvous will be held at "The Oar" adjacent to the Block Island Marina.

You should make your own reservations for slips, etc. early and directly.

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

### NAYRU Sail Numbers

North American Yacht Racing Union requirements regarding sail numbers are mandatory for Off Soundings Race participation. A NAYRU Number for your vessel may be obtained from the NAYRU Office, 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.

### 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.