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My antenna has been picking up some complaints about using the long course for the Off Soundings Large Cruising group. I feel the long course decision for that class was an excellent idea. We should have done it years ago. An extra start was probably a big reason for not doing it but now that you have a five minute interval the problem went away. I had been hoping for it for many years so don't have any sympathies at all with those who want to put it back into the short course category.

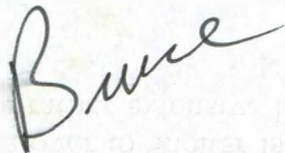
In the past we usually were one of the last classes to start and quite often were among the first to finish. This was sort of dull since the course had less legs and challenge. It also permitted a long snooze after the race waiting for the party. We go to sail and race. Snoozing can be done at other times much more effectively.

The fact that some of us found some extra North wind on the recent Friday race over to Shelter Island from New London while others spent a few hours in a rather extensive hole might be generating some of these desires to return to the good old race course of yesteryear.

For what it's worth those are my thoughts.

Many people really appreciate your participation in running these races and I would like to add my voice to that line of thinking - Thank you - it certainly is not easy and the real pay is rather low.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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