

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

RICHARD H. ROBERTS, Race Secretary
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April 17, 1998

Enclosed are the following:

1. Notice of Race for the Spring Race Series
2. Spring Race Series Entry Blank
3. Roster of Off Soundings Club Measurers
4. Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment & Accommodations Standard (Based on ORC Category 4), dated April 2, 1994
5. General Information and Reservations Sheet

What was called the "First Notice" has been revised and reconfigured to conform to the standard Notice of Race, as outlined in Appendix N of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Some superfluous wording has been eliminated and some provisions which were lacking have been added.

Your attention is called to the following:

1. The Racing Rulebook was changed last year. The new Rulebook is called *The Racing Rules of Sailing -- 1997 - 2000*. Members of the US Sailing Association have been sent a copy of the new Rulebook as a part of their membership services. Others should call 800-US-SAIL-1 to inquire about the new Rulebook or about becoming a member of US SAILING and obtaining a new Rulebook that way.
2. The innovations used in the 1995 Fall Race Series will be continued in 1998.
3. The 1998 Race Series will use the Time-on-Time system of handicapping. In that system, each boat's PHRF rating, as properly determined by the Chief Measurer and modified to reflect any penalty awarded to a prior winner, is converted to the boat's Time Correction Factor (TCF). The Corrected Time for each boat is then calculated by multiplying its Elapsed Time by its TCF.
4. This year we will use an Alternative Penalty System, in lieu of disqualification, for a breach of a Rule of Part 2. Refer to Rule 44.3 of the Rulebook. Important features are:
 - a. The breach must have been of a Rule in Part 2 (When Boats Meet), must not have resulted in serious damage, and must not have given the boat breaking a rule a significant advantage;
 - b. The boat breaking a rule accepts the penalty by promptly displaying a yellow flag and then notifies the Race Committee at the finish, identifying the other boat. (Note that Rule 44.3 no longer lists Code Flag "I" as an acceptable substitute for the yellow flag required to be displayed when accepting the alternative penalty in lieu of disqualification);
 - c. Rule 44.3(c) is changed in that the penalty is 10 minutes added to the Corrected Time of the boat breaking a rule.
5. The Race Committee will select and post on the Committee Boat the courses to be sailed. The procedures will be spelled out in the Sailing Instructions. A new and larger course board is under construction.

6. For this, the Spring Race Series, Classes C-1, C-2 and C-3 will sail one race on Saturday. Comments on this change from the two-race Saturdays of recent years for those Classes are solicited.

7. Boats shall conform to the Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment and Accommodations Standard (based on ORC Category 4), dated April 2, 1994 and enclosed with this Notice. Boats 28 ft LOA to 35 ft LOA which conformed to the previous standard (at least 18-inch single lifelines and pulpits) will be "grandfathered." Owners are strongly urged to upgrade their lifeline and pulpit installations to comply with the current ORC requirements for Category 4. NOTE that the provisions of the new US Sailing Prescription to the ORC Regulations regarding PFDs have not been incorporated into the Off Soundings Club Standard. However, Rule 1.2 always applies: "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions."

8. Where there are fewer than eleven boats entered in a class, the number of trophies to be awarded will be three.

Good sailing, and we look forward to seeing you at Block Island.

Cordially,

Richard H. Roberts
Race Secretary
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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61st ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES
1998
JUNE 12th and 13th

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The Race Series will be governed by the Constitution of the Off Soundings Club (which is concerned with NOR 14.0 of this Notice of Race), the Racing Rules of Sailing for 1997 - 2000 (referred to herein as "Rules" or "Rulebook"), the Prescriptions of US SAILING and by the Sailing Instructions. The Series is classed as a Category A event, as described in Appendix G.
- 1.2 Boats shall conform to the Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment & Accommodations Standard (Based on ORC Category 4), dated April 2, 1994, and enclosed with this Notice. Boats 28 ft LOA to 35 ft LOA which conformed to the previous standard (at least 18-inch single lifelines and pulpits) will be "grandfathered." Owners are strongly urged to upgrade their lifeline and pulpit installations to comply with the current ORC requirements for Category 4. NOTE that the provisions of the US Sailing Prescription to the ORC Regulations regarding PFDs have not been incorporated into the Off Soundings Club Standard. NOTE also that Rule 1.2 always applies: "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions."
- 1.3 The Off Soundings Club will adhere to and enforce Rule 77 and Appendix H regarding sail numbers.
- 1.4 Off Soundings Club rules require that at least one of the persons in whose name a boat is entered (Master) must be on board for each race and in command of that boat. In the case of guests, only the guest can be the Master and must be aboard and in command for each race.
- 1.5 These regulations apply to the Cruising Canvas Classes:
 - a. Only Off Soundings Club members may enter. You must mark the appropriate box on the Entry Blank to enter.
 - b. Spinnakers (including mizzen spinnakers) may not be used. Headsails must be attached along their length to the headstay by means of either hanks or a slotted headstay. This does not exclude roller-furling headsails. Headsail girths measured from the luff to the leech must be no greater than their proportional distance from the head.
 - c. Spinnaker poles may be used as whisker poles. Whisker pole length is limited to 80% of LP or spinnaker pole length, whichever is greater.
 - d. Only one sail at a time, other than forestaysails on standard double-head rigs, may be tacked forward of the mainmast (foremast on schooners). This does not prohibit a transient condition (i.e., during a sail change evolution).
 - e. Use of other sails, such as mules, mizzen staysails, is permitted.
 - f. Boats must meet all Off Soundings eligibility requirements.

2.0 Responsibility

- 2.1 The legal age for drinking in Rhode Island is twenty-one. The "Captain's Responsibility" statement printed on the reverse of the Entry Blank makes it clear that your signature denotes that, as Master/Captain, you shoulder the responsibility that your under-age crew members are advised of the prohibition on their drinking at Off Soundings Club events. Further, you take full responsibility for their actions.
- 2.2 Guest invitees who have not received prior communication please take note of this emphasis on the Master/Captain's responsibility.
- 2.3 You will note that the Entry Blank requires you to sign a certification that your boat meets the Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment & Accommodations Standard cited in NOR 1.2 and that you agree to the waiver contained on the reverse thereof. As a Corinthian yachtsman, your certifying signature is the verification needed to assure that all entrants have complied and are racing fairly and truly.

3.0 Changes to the Racing Rules

- 3.1 A procedure for broadcasting corrections to the Sailing Instructions has been prescribed, under the requirement of Rule 88.2(c).
- 3.2 Visual signals have been added to Rule 25 and to Race Signals to indicate where Saturday's races are to be sailed in the event that Friday's races are Abandoned.
- 3.3 A racing boat starting early and failing to restart properly will be penalized by having thirty minutes added to her Corrected Time. Rule 29.1 is changed accordingly.
- 3.4 General Recall procedures are changed in that the recalled class is to re-start last. Race Signals and Rule 29.3 are changed accordingly.
- 3.5 The Scoring Penalty of Rule 44.3(c) is changed in that the penalty will be 10 minutes added to the Corrected Time of the boat breaking a rule. Rule 44.2 will not apply.

4.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The Race Series is open to those members and invited guests whose boats qualify in all respects to the provisions outlined in NOR 4.3, below.
- 4.2 The closing date for receipt of Guest Invitations Application forms is May 7, 1998 (for both the Spring and Fall Race Series) and August 13, 1998 (for the Fall Race Series only).
- 4.3 Boat eligibility is defined as follows:
 - a. For handicapping purposes, the maximum PHRF base boat rating will be 300.
 - b. The minimum L.O.A. of boats which may race in the OSC Spring or Fall Race Series is 23.75 feet. Boats smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race, nor will boats in excess of 62 feet L.O.A. Boats must have self-bailing cockpits and be capable of normal cruising (head, galley, bunks, etc.).
 - c. Excepted from this ruling are boats, owned by members, which fall outside the limits of 4.3.b above, but which have raced in a series prior to this date. Those boats will be permitted to race, using ratings based on the boat's valid Measurement Data Certificate, so long as there is no change in boat ownership.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may be entered by completing the enclosed Entry Blank and sending it by First Class Mail to Richard H. Roberts, Race Secretary, 60 Dart Street, New London, CT 06320-4512. Your entry will be acknowledged by return postcard.

- 4.5 In order to determine perpetual trophy winners accurately and assign handicap penalties equitably, it is necessary to confirm the ownership or charter arrangement of all entered boats for each race series. Please list the names of all owners or charterers, whether or not also listed as master(s), in the space provided on the Entry Blank. For reasons of space, please do not list more than two names as Master. If yours is a syndicate boat and you wish to list the syndicate name, indicate the skipper's name only.

5.0 Schedule of Events

- 5.1 The Off Soundings fleet will race from Watch Hill to Block Island on Friday, June 12th, and will race on selected courses near Block Island on Saturday, June 13th. Each evening we will rendezvous at THE OAR (Block Island Boat Basin).
- 5.2 The logistics particulars for this series are outlined on the enclosed General Information and Reservations Sheet. Information and suggestions on docking, mooring, shore facilities, transportation, emergency facilities, etc., are included therein and you are requested to make whatever reservations you wish direct and early.
- 5.3 The First Warning will be at 0950 on Friday and 0850 on Saturday.

6.0 Contribution

- 6.1 Please note that, in order to assign actual expenses equitably, there is an expected \$35 contribution per boat plus \$6 per person on board. Please make your check payable to the Off Soundings Club and enclose it with your Entry Form.
- 6.2 Non-racing members and guests are always welcome at our rendezvous parties, at the normal per-person contribution. We've included a place on the Entry Blank for you to let us know how many non-racing people to expect, and for you to include payment for them.

7.0 Measurement

- 7.1 PHRF ratings will be used for all classes. PHRF ratings will be based on the work of the PHRF of Long Island Sound (the PHRF group of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association), information from regional areas with PHRF experience, and additional information which may be developed by the OSC Chief Measurer. The adjustment factors will be in accordance with the procedures used by PHRF of LIS.
- 7.2 Each boat must have a valid OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB MEASUREMENT DATA CERTIFICATE, which is one that is less than three years old, i.e., with an original date of June 12, 1995 or later. If the boat does not have a valid Measurement Data Certificate, it must be measured by one of the following: an Off Soundings Club approved measurer, your yacht club measurer, or a sailing association measurer. The Certificate should be completed in triplicate, with one copy being sent to Norman E. Rabe, Off Soundings Club Chief Measurer, 33 Valley Drive, Salem, Connecticut 06420. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy (original) is for your files.
- 7.3 In determining your Off Soundings Club PHRF rating, necessary boat dimensional information will be taken from your valid Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate. Owners of a class type (such as Tartan 41 or Morgan 34, etc.) must inform the OSC Chief Measurer of any substantial modifications to the boat which might affect the speed potential but which might not be evident on the Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate. Examples of such modifications are added keel ballast or lightened interior joiner work. This request must be treated in a true Corinthian spirit.

8.0 Entry Deadline -- The following deadlines will be adhered to. No exceptions will be permitted, Postal Service foibles notwithstanding.

Entries (together with contribution check) must be received by the Race Secretary, postmarked on or before **May 21, 1998**.

Measurement Data Certificates must be received by the Chief Measurer, postmarked on or before **May 21, 1998**.

9.0 Classes -- There will be three "A" and "B" classes, five "C" classes and two Cruising Canvas Classes. Where appropriate, classes will be grouped generally based on PHRF rating and the rating break point for any of the classes cannot be determined until after all entries have been received. Note that Class C-3 will be comprised of boats deemed by the Classification Committee to be "high performance."

10.0 Class Flags

10.1 You must fly a class flag at all times during the race. This flag shall be no smaller than size "0", (i.e., 12" x 15"). It should be flown vertically, as far forward as possible, on the bow pulpit.

10.2 The following International Code Flags will be used as class flags:

A-1	Tango
A-2	Echo
B	Kilo
C-1	Papa
C-2	Oscar
C-3	Foxtrot
C-4	Whiskey
C-5	Juliet
CR-1	Uniform
CR-2	Golf

10.3 Class assignments will be mailed with the Sailing Instructions. Owners needing to know their boat's class flag sooner may call the following, after May 27th: R. H. Roberts at 860-443-4621 (H) or N. E. Rabe at 860-859-0165 (H).

11.0 Sailing Instructions -- The Sailing Instructions, together with the Entry List, by class, are scheduled to be mailed to members and invited guests on Friday, June 5, 1998.

12.0 Scoring

12.1 All Classes will be scored using the time-on-time system. Each boat's Time Correction Factor (TCF) will be based on its PHRF rating and penalty adjustment, if any. A boat's Corrected Time is obtained by multiplying its Elapsed Time by its TCF.

12.2 As is customary for Club races, standings are given on a "Corrected Time" basis computed from the combined results of two days of racing. After each day's racing, tentative results will be announced and posted. Complete results will be mailed later to members and guests.

12.3 A boat winning a first, second or third place will be awarded a penalty for three additional race series. The penalties are 15% for each first place, 10% for each second place and 5% for each third place, for a maximum of 45% total penalty. The formulation of TCF includes the penalty adjustment of 1.5% for each 5% of awarded penalty. Existing penalties will be carried over if a class changes for any reason.

12.4 Penalties will be removed after three race series, sailed or not.

12.5 If a boat is acquired by a person not associated with the acquisition of the penalty, the penalty will be dropped from that boat. If that owner then purchases or charters a non-similar boat, he also will not continue to carry the penalty. It is the responsibility of the entrant to contact the Race Secretary prior to the entry closing date if there is any question regarding the dropping of a penalty.

13.0 Alternative Penalty

13.1 The Off Soundings Club has established an Alternative Penalty, for use in lieu of disqualification, for the 1998 Race Series.

13.2 The Scoring Penalty of Rule 44 will apply, and Rule 44.3(c) is changed in that the penalty will be 10 minutes added to the Corrected Time of the boat breaking a rule.

13.3 The boat breaking a rule shall signal her acceptance of the Alternative Penalty by displaying a yellow flag for the remainder of the race. She shall comply with the other provisions of Rule 44.3(a).

13.4 You are reminded that Rule 44.1 requires that the breach must have been of a Rule in Part 2 (When Boats Meet), must not have resulted in serious damage, and must not have given the boat breaking a rule a significant advantage.

14.0 Decisions of the Jury -- The decisions of the Protest Committee (jury) will be final, in accordance with the Off Soundings Club Constitution, which does not allow the decisions of its Protest Committee to be appealed.

15.0 Radio Communications -- The Coast Guard First District has advised that, effective April 1, 1992 and within its jurisdiction, VHF Channel 9 is to be used as the calling channel, reserving the use of Channel 16 for distress communications. Off Soundings Club Race Committee communications will be carried out on VHF Channel 72.

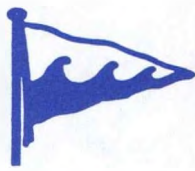
16.0 Prizes

16.1 Four prizes will be awarded in each class, except that, where there are fewer than eleven boats entered in a class, the number of trophies to be awarded will be three. Please arrange for someone to collect your trophy in your behalf if you will not be present to receive your award at the prize ceremony Saturday night. Un-claimed prizes will be held by Rear Commodore H. Wes Maxwell (860-535-3905) pending a call from the recipient to arrange for pick-up of the prize. All prizes are donated by the Off Soundings Club.

16.2 Perpetual trophies, for members only, will be presented at the winter shore party for the boat and Master with the best corrected time, without penalties, in the year's races in several categories. For the two-year awards, trophy winners will be calculated using the low point system of Rule A2, allowing one discard if eight or more races are completed. Winners, and second and third places, will be awarded keeper plaques.

17.0 Fall Race Series -- The following are the key dates for the Fall Race Series. If you plan to be away during the entry period please write the Race Secretary in advance to request a Fall Entry Blank.

Notice of Race (including Spring results)	July 10, 1998
Deadline, Fall Guest Invitation Applications	August 13, 1998
Closing Date	August 27, 1998
Race Dates	September 18 & 19, 1998



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
ENTRY BLANK
1998 Spring Series

RACE DATES: June 12 & 13, 1998
CLOSING DATE: May 21, 1998

(Please Print)

Name of Yacht Master(s).....

Name of all (check one) owners (): charterers ():

Length Overall Topside Color Member Guest

Assigned US SAILING Sail Number. . . Rig

Description of Yacht: If class boat — CC35 — Luders 33 — so state

If custom design: Give designer's name

For all yachts: Has your yacht been modified from a standard hull?
Check one Yes No

Show PHRF Numbers you hold:
..... PHRF - LIS Date

..... Other: Date

None

If yes attach an explanation of how.

Mail Entry To:
Richard H. Roberts, Race Secretary
60 Dart Street
New London, Connecticut 06320
Phone: (860) 443-4621

Note: If you need to have your Final Instructions **FOR THIS RACE** mailed to an address other than your normal OFF SOUNDINGS address, please indicate requested address below.

OFF SOUNDINGS MEASUREMENT DATA CERTIFICATE

Note that all yachts **must** have a valid Off Soundings Measurement Data Certificate. Check item #1 (enter certificate date) or item #2.

1. The above listed yacht has a valid measurement data certificate with "Date of Complete Measurement".....and each alteration affecting the factors entering the certificate made since that measurement has been reflected by revision to that certificate.

2. A new (or revised) measurement data certificate is being sent to the Off Soundings Club Measurer.

(This must be First Class Mail and postmarked not later than closing date shown above.)

Please Note: The original date of your certificate must be **June 12, 1995** or later. A revision to your certificate does not constitute remeasurement, which must be done every three years.

I WISH TO SAIL IN THE CRUISING CANVAS CLASS (Members Only)

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD DURING RACES: x \$6.00 =

YACHT ENTRY: + \$35.00

NUMBER OF NON-RACERS ATTENDING THE PARTIES: x \$6.00 =

Note: Please make donation checks payable to OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

TOTAL DONATION: =

I certify, as Master, that the above information is correct and that I conform and agree with the "Certification and Waiver" on the reverse side of this entry blank.

Signed Date

Home Telephone Office Telephone

(Space below line for committee use)

Entry No. Rating.

Boat Type. Penalty Penalty Rating

Class TA 1st Day Long Short

2nd Day Long Short

CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Off Soundings Club frequently races in severe weather conditions. However, the safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the captain, who must insure that the yacht is sound, sea-worthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit. The establishment of minimum equipment regulations in no way reduces or limits this responsibility. He must further insure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. It is also the sole and exclusive responsibility of the captain to decide whether or not to start or continue in any race. It is also the responsibility of the captain to take all reasonable precautions to prevent underage drinking by his crew members.

The organizers bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to yachts or their personnel arising from any cause during these races or related activities.

CERTIFICATION AND WAIVER

I hereby certify that I have read the above entitled CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY as well as the OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB MINIMUM EQUIPMENT AND ACCOMMODATIONS STANDARDS (based on ORC Category 4), dated April 2, 1994 which accompanied this entry form, that the yacht hereby entered conforms in all respects and that all required equipment will be on board at all times during these races.

I hereby agree that neither I nor any of my crew shall hold the Off Soundings Club nor any of its officers, governors, or committee members responsible for accidents, damage or injuries during the races or related activities. No crew member will be aboard my boat who has not consented to this waiver in his or her behalf.

Nothing herein shall waive any claim which I or my crew members may have against any officer or member of the Off Soundings Club acting in his individual capacity as a participant in the races as a captain or crew member of any yacht competing in these races.

It is suggested that you disclose this Certification and Waiver to your insurance carrier prior to the race.



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

JOHN F. BROOKS
Membership Chairman
P.O. Box 111
West Mystic, CT 06388
(860) 572-8066

16 April 1998

To the Membership:

The attached list of individuals have recently been proposed and seconded for membership in the Off Soundings Club. They are submitted for your careful consideration and scrutiny. Members well acquainted with the candidates may send any information they possess, or recommendations they have concerning the candidates to the Membership Committee.

All such communications will be strictly confidential. Please mail directly to me at the above address. No action will be taken on the proposed applicants until at least thirty days from the date of this notice.

Members desiring to propose additional candidates for the club should contact me at the above address to obtain application forms and instructions.

Sincerely,

John F. Brooks

Chairman, Membership Committee

NAME/ADDRESS	BOAT	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Peter E. Bergendahl 12 Sachem Road Noank, CT 06340	J-29 Tomahawk	Bruce Lockwood	Bill Canning Paul Bergendahl
George Cochran 67 Primrose Drive East Greenwich, RI 02818		Don Wilkinson	Dave Page Francis Murphy
William J. Healy 18 South Trail Niantic, CT 06357		David Peck	David Dickerson Carol Connor
David A. Kelly 8 Congress Drive Amston, CT 06231	J-27 Mast Transit II	John R. Bourget	Norm Peck, Jr. Bertil G. Olsson
Mark R. Kondracky 108 Coldspring Drive Westbrook, CT 06498	Pearson 26 Mentor	Robert Weinstein	Ed Birch Martin Abrams
Sean Leary 115 Sixth Avenue Pelham, NY 10803	Tartan 38 Impromptu	Robert M. Camerino	George Martin Wayne Morse
David S. Pelissier 15 Ascot Lane Old Lyme, CT 06371		Daniel L. Miller, III	Richard Steinhilber Nick Staub, III
John R. Saxe, Jr. 89 Alder Street Waltham, MA 02154		John R. Saxe	Fabyan Saxe Thomas Saxe
Joseph E. Sousa 29 Duffield Road Bristol, RI 02809	Frers 36 Insatiable	Thomas Saxe	Will Pease Bruce Cox
Paul von Maffei 461 Three Corners Road Guilford, CT 06437	Schock 35 Snowbird	Bruce Kuryla	E. Tyler, III Chuck Poindexter
Robert B. Wyllie 7 Ohio Drive Oakdale, CT 06370	Pearson 26 Dulcinea	Daniel L. Miller, III	Russell W. Brown Walter Whittaker

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB MEASURERS

William L. Ames	151 River Road	Mystic	CT	06355
Richard D. Carlson	Box 310, Division Street	Sag Harbor	NY	11963
J.G. (Tony) Dill, Jr.	804 Blue Spring Road	Princeton	NJ	08540
Varick D.Harrison	88 North Main Street	Essex	CT	06426
William A. Loweth	65 Little Gull Lane	Mystic	CT	06355
Lester E. Nicholson	24 Webster Street	Newport	RI	02840
Ronald K. Noe	17 Mack Lane	Essex	CT	06426
*Norman E. Rabe	33 Valley Drive	Salem	CT	06420
Richard H. Roberts	60 Dart Street	New London	CT	06320

You may have your boat measured by one of the above measurers, your yacht club measurer, a Sailing Association measurer, or a US SAILING (IOR/IMS) measurer. The US SAILING IOR/IMS measurers in our area include Ames and Nicholson, above, and:

Anthony L. Knowles	7 Baldwin Road	Middletown	RI	02842
David McClay	57 Maple Avenue	Northport	NY	11768

Additional US SAILING Measurers are listed on Page 49 of the 1998 US SAILING Directory.

*Off Soundings Club Measurers have copies of the Measurement Data Certificate forms. Requests for additional Measurement Data Certificate forms should be directed to Norman Rabe.

Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standard
(Based on Offshore Racing Council Special Regulations, Category 4)

STRUCTURAL FEATURES:

1. (6.1)* The hull, including deck, coach roof, windows, hatches and all other parts, shall form an integral, essentially watertight unit. Openings in it shall be capable of being immediately secured to maintain this integrity. Centerboard and daggerboard trunks shall not open into the interior of the hull.
2. (6.12) No hatch forward of the maximum beam shall open inwards, excepting those having an area less than 110 sq in. Hatches shall be arranged so as to be above the water when the hull is heeled 90° and shall be permanently fitted so that they can be shut immediately and will remain shut in a 180° capsized.
3. (6.13) Companionways extending below the sheerline shall be capable of being blocked off up to the level of the local sheerline, with the companionway continuing to give access to the interior. Blocking arrangements (washboards) shall be capable of being secured in position with the hatch open or shut and shall be tethered to the yacht.
4. (6.21) The cockpit shall be structurally strong, self-draining quickly at all angles of heel and permanently incorporated as an integral part of the hull. It shall be essentially watertight, that is, all openings to the hull must be capable of being strongly and rigidly secured. A bow, lateral or stern well is considered to be a cockpit.
5. (6.23) The maximum cockpit volume shall not exceed 9% LOA times Beam times Freeboard abreast of the cockpit. The cockpit sole must be at least 2% LOA above the waterline. If you are unsure of meeting this requirement, ask your measurer to verify it.
6. (6.25) Cockpit drains shall be readily accessible for cleaning and shall be not less in combined area (after allowance for screens) than the equivalent of four 0.75-inch diameter drains.
7. (6.51) Sea cocks or valves shall be fitted on through-hull openings below the waterline, except for integral deck scuppers, shaft log, speed indicators, depth finders and the like. However, a means of closing such openings shall be provided.
8. (6.52) Soft wood plugs, tapered and of various sizes, shall be attached or adjacent to the appropriate fittings.
9. (6.53) Sheet winches shall be mounted in such a way that an operator is not required to be substantially below deck.
10. Lifelines and pulpits: Lifelines shall be stranded stainless steel wire, minimum diameter of 1/8" for yachts under 28.0 ft LOA, 5/32" for yachts 28.0 to 43.0 ft LOA, or 3/16" for yachts over 43.0 ft LOA. A taut lanyard of synthetic rope configured to have at least the same breaking strength as the required wire may be used to secure a lifeline gap of not over 4 inches.

In accordance with Paragraphs (6.61 and 6.62), a yacht of 28 ft LOA and above shall have a bow pulpit and taut 24-inch double lifelines and a yacht less than 28 ft LOA shall have a bow pulpit and at least taut 18-inch single lifelines. Yachts shall also have a stern pulpit unless lifelines are arranged so as to adequately substitute for a stern pulpit.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

11. (7.12) Toilet, securely installed, or fitted bucket.
12. (7.2) Bunks, securely installed.
13. (7.4) Galley facilities.
14. Suitable containers with water.

GENERAL EQUIPMENT:

15. (8.1) At least two fire extinguishers, readily accessible and in different parts of the yacht.
16. (8.2) One manual bilge pump, handle to be fitted with a catch or to be tethered to the yacht. No bilge pump may discharge into the cockpit (unless the cockpit opens aft to the sea). Bilge pumps shall not be connected to cockpit drains.

* Numbers in parentheses refer to Paragraphs in the Offshore Racing Council's Special Regulations, dated 1994.

17. (8.2.6) Two buckets, each of at least 2 gallons capacity, of stout construction and with a lanyard.
18. (8.3) One anchor and suitable rode.
19. (8.42) Flashlight, water resistant, with spare batteries and bulb.
20. (8.5) First aid kit and manual.
21. (8.6) Foghorn.
22. (8.7) Radar reflector with minimum documented "equivalent echoing area" of 6 sq m (64.8 sq ft). Octahedral reflectors shall have a minimum diameter of 12 inches.
23. (8.9) Shutoff valves on all fuel tanks.

NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT:

24. (9.1) Compass, marine type, properly installed and adjusted.
25. (9.6) Lead line or echo sounder.
26. (9.8) Navigation lights, to be shown as required by the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea, mounted so that they will not be masked by sails or the heeling of the yacht.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT:

27. (10.21, 10.22) One heavy-weather jib of LP not greater than 100%, without reef points, or heavy weather sail in a yacht with no forestay, and reefing equipment for the mainsail.
28. (10.23) Any heavy-weather jib if designed for a seastay or luff-groove device shall have an alternative method of attachment to the stay.
29. (10.24) No mast shall have fewer than two halyards each capable of hoisting a sail.
30. (10.32) The crew must be aware of alternative methods of steering the yacht in any sea condition in the event of rudder loss.
31. (10.4) Tools and spare parts, including adequate means to disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the hull in case of need.
32. (10.63) Radio receiver capable of receiving weather bulletins.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

33. (11.1) One lifejacket, Coast Guard approved Type III, for each crew member.
34. (11.51) Lifebuoy with a drogue (or, Lifesling -- without a drogue), equipped with a self-igniting light, within reach of the helmsman and ready for instant use.
35. (11.6) Pyrotechnic signals conforming to SOLAS Regulations Chapter VII, Visual Signals, and not more than 6 years old stowed in waterproof container(s):

- Red hand flares -- SOLAS Regulation 36 Quantity 4
- White hand flares (recommended/optional). Specifications (except color and candela rating) should comply with SOLAS Regulation 36. Quantity 4
- Orange smoke flares -- SOLAS Regulation 37 Quantity 2

Note: For 1994, 50% of the flares may conform to pre-1994 OSC standards.

36. (11.7) Heaving line, minimum 50-foot length, minimum 1/4" diameter, floating, and readily accessible to the cockpit.

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESERVATION SHEET

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Docking and mooring space at Dodson's in Stonington is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Dockage or mooring charges will be \$10.00 per boat (a special and very reasonable rate for Off Soundings participants). Launch service will be available from 0800 till 2200. Dodson's can be reached at 860-535-1507.

Ram Island Yacht Club has generously offered its facilities to members of the fleet on Thursday night. The Committee Boat NOR'EASTER will be at the dock at Ram Island Yacht Club on Thursday night.

Friday and Saturday, June 12 & 13, 1998

THE OAR at Block Island Boat Basin in Great Salt Pond, Block Island, RI will be the site of the weekend rendezvous.

DOCKING AND MOORING

The Block Island Boat Basin has approximately 47 slips available varying in depth from 4 to 8 feet. Reservations for a slip must be made directly and as early as possible. The price is \$2.25 per foot and your reservation must be accompanied with a deposit of one night's dockage. Address and phone: Block Island Boat Basin, PO Box 369, Block Island, RI 02807; phone 401-466-2631. For reservations before June 1st, use address: 125 Steamboat Avenue, North Kingston, RI 02852; phone 401-294-3361.

There are also slips available at Payne's Dock at \$1.50 per foot (\$2.00 per foot over 40 feet); phone 401-466-5572, and Champlin's Marina and Resort; phone 401-466-2641. Rates for Champlin's: <49', \$2.25 per foot; 50' - 69', \$2.50 per foot. Champlin's has a lot of space as they will raft boats three to four deep on each side of their long fixed docks.

The town of New Shoreham has lime-green moorings that are for rent on a first-come, first-served basis at \$30 per night. Rafting on these moorings is permitted, to a maximum of one boat on either side of the moored boat, each at \$30 per night.

LAUNCH SERVICE

There will be launches servicing the fleet of Off Soundings participants and available for transportation ashore between the hours of 1400 and 0130 Friday and Saturday nights. Morning service will be from 0700 - 0900 Saturday and 0700 - 1100 Sunday. They may also be available at other times during the course of the weekend to individuals, using their normal fee schedules. The launches monitor Channel 68 and appreciate the showing of "T" flags. Please display an OSC burgee or other OSC identification (e.g. the Final Notice booklet) to the launch operator.

REFRESHMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The after-race shore party will be held at THE OAR following Friday's and Saturday's races. Spigotted crocks will be arranged to the side of THE OAR and your beverage of choice may be readily identified by the code flags properly arrayed. Timely finishes permitting, mainbrace splicing will commence at approximately 1730. Results of the day's racing plus the combined results of the two-day series will be announced following the party. Please assist in keeping the grounds neat and tidy by using the trash barrels available.

A buffet dinner will be available Friday night and a buffet breakfast will be offered Saturday morning under the tent at THE OAR. More info will be in the Final Notice.

FACILITIES

Toilet and shower facilities in the lower level of THE OAR will be made available to race participants. Trash and garbage removal provisions have been arranged for and the deposit location will be in the vicinity of THE OAR.

NO-DISCHARGE ZONE

Great Salt Pond has been declared a federal no-discharge zone. Marine toilets and holding tanks cannot be discharged in the harbor. This includes Type I devices such as Lectra/San. The Harbor-master may board your vessel to ensure that seacocks are sealed. Discharge of "gray water," i.e., sinks, showers, etc. is permitted. The fine for unlawful discharge is \$200. The town of New Shoreham operates a pump-out boat at no charge. Advance arrangements must be made with the Harbormaster (Larry Constantine, 401-466-3204) for this service. Further, by courtesy and law, heads, except Type I, and holding tanks should not be discharged overboard within three miles of any shoreline.

TRANSPORTATION

TAXI: Privately operated taxis are the primary means of public transportation on the island. There should be plenty around seeking your business, as Off Soundings is the first major event of the season and the winter has been long and lean. The basic flat fare within the triangle New Harbor - Old Harbor - Airport is \$5.00 for up to five persons, plus \$1.00 per person over five. There are surcharges for longer distances, dirt roads, etc.

FERRY: Runs from Pt.Judith to and from Old Harbor several times per day. The trip takes a little over an hour. One way fare is \$6.60 for adults, \$3.15 for children. Round trip discounts are available. One way fare for a car is \$20.25, and advance reservations are required. Telephone 401-783-4613 for exact schedules and further information.

AIR SERVICE: New England Airlines operates flights (about 10 minutes flight time) to and from Block Island out of Westerly Airport on nearly an hourly schedule year round. Fare is \$34 one way, \$59 round trip. Call 800-243-2460 (outside RI), or 596-2460 (in RI) for schedules and reservations. Charters are also available.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Medical emergencies will be coordinated by the Fleet Surgeon, who will be guarding Channel 72. Participants are encouraged to have on board a medical kit properly outfitted and to be prepared to handle minor problems. Should you have a medical emergency, call the Committee Boat and/or the Fleet Surgeon on Channel 72.

While at Block Island, call:

Police	466-3220
Rescue Squad	466-3226
Doctor	466-2974

CLUB TIES, PATCHES, ETC.

The Off Soundings Club has arranged with The Club House to offer an expanded line of ties, burgees, patches, pins, shirts, hats and jackets for sale. Inquire directly at The Club House, 29 Soundview Road, Unit 5, Guilford, CT 06437; 203-453-8366 or 800-453-3224 or (fax) 203-453-8364. Special 1998 Off Soundings Spring Race Series tee shirts will be available at the Shore Party.

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