



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Winter News Letter

The days are getting longer so its time to start thinking about taking the boat cover off in preparation for the 1988 sailing season. With this in mind, the following is to bring you up to date on what has been happening in your Off Soundings Club over the winter months and the decisions that your Board of Governors has made.

It has been decided to exchange the racing locations for the Spring and Fall series. Please note that we will be going to Block Island and the Oar on June 10th and 11th. It appears that the Oar is very pleased to have us and hopefully the winds on Saturday will be stronger than the light ones we traditionally have in Gardiners Bay. Deering Yacht Club is delighted to host us in the fall (September 16th and 17th) and weather conditions should be better (no guarantees).

For the Annual Meeting, Vice Commodore George Hohenstein has planned a fine dinner and entertainment. Season awards and a commemorative film will be shown with excerpts from races over the years as well as the 1987 series. Bill Ames and his lively band will be on hand. It ought to be a great evening so mark your calendars for April 9th.

Important Dates for you to Remember

Closing date for entries and Measurement Certificates	May 19th and August 25th
Measurement Certificates must be more recent than	June 10, 1985 and September 16, 1985

For guests instructions and invitation forms, write our Race Secretary, Allen N. Anderson, 264 North Water Street, RR. 1 Box 22B, Stonington, CT 06378

For Membership Applications, write: Frank Bohlen, 1 Scott Lane, Mystic, CT 06355

A candidate has been chosen for the U S Y R A Award which represents the spirit of sailing and/or good sportsmanship. The award will be presented at our Annual Dinner. It has been forwarded for national consideration.

The Dhow Derby at Mystic Seaport was sailed October 24th. First place honors went to Ram Island, second Stonington Dingy Club, Off Soundings Club 16th. Next year's event will be October 22, 1988. Let's hope for a better showing.

Off Soundings Club rules for full battened mainsail without penalty:

- Mainsail girths and headboard within IOR limits.
- Approximately equally spaced battens, approximately parallel to boom.
- Slides or slugs on luff.
- Battens of constant cross section and made from wood or fiberglass.

For sails that do not meet these requirements, consult with Measurer Norm Rabe (203) 444-7866.

Lastly a reminder that as skippers we are responsible for our crews, both on and off our boats. With memories of our 1987 Fall Series and what might have occurred over that weekend, it seems appropriate to remind ourselves again to check our safety requirements and to be aware of any health problems of our crew so, in case of an emergency, the doctors who volunteer their services are provided with the proper information.

I wish you all a very successful sailing season in 1988.

Best regards,



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