

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB



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TO: Commodore W. Frank Bohlen
FROM: Race Secretary Richard H. Roberts
SUBJECT: Race Secretary's Report

1. The combined, perpetual trophy results were mailed to the members and guests on October 15th, as scheduled. That mailing would normally also include the results of the Fall Race Series, but that Series was cancelled out of respect for the approaching Hurricane Floyd.
2. Continuing the statistical work began when Andy Anderson was Race Secretary, I've added 1999 information to the attached table of Race Entry Statistics, together with some financial information for earlier years, and the enclosed table is provided for your study.
3. I have attached a tabulation of the dates for Off Soundings Club events, showing the dates approved for 2000 and the proposed dates for 2001. Those 2001 dates are scheduled for review and approval at the Board meeting on January 21, 2000.
4. We have been following the new Guest Invitation policy approved by the Board. I accepted "Early-Decision" Guest Invitation Applications up to April 15th (the Thursday prior to the April Board meeting), in lieu of the previous mid-March date, and at that meeting distributed the proposed guest list to the Board for its review and approval. The Guest Invitation Cut-Off is now two weeks prior to the race entry closing (either Spring or Fall). The resulting additions to the guest list were then circulated to the Board, with objections to be raised by any Board member on the eighth day prior to the race entry closing. (None was raised.) Race entry packages were then mailed to those guests seven days before the race entry closing.

For our 1999 races, these are the Guest Invitation Application statistics:

Received April 15 or earlier*	8	Entered:	6 (Spring)	6 (Fall)
Received April 15 - May 6*	17	Entered:	13	8
Received May 7 - August 12*	8	Entered:		5

*Does not include Membership Committee invitees. Does not include the Service Academies.

See the enclosed table "Guest Participation - 1999" for more information. You will note that 19 of the 25 Guests approved for the Spring Series actually entered. For the Fall Series, those numbers are 19 entered out of 33 approved. (One of the Fall Guest entrants subsequently scratched before the Race Booklet went to the printer.)

This year, the Board voted to allow Guests to elect to enter the Cruising Canvas Classes. Although the decision came after the entry forms had been printed saying "Members Only," five Guests in the Spring, and one in the Fall, selected this option.

5. This year we continued with an Alternative Penalty scheme, where the penalty is 10 minutes added to the boat's Corrected Time. Just one boat elected to accept an Alternative Penalty in 1999: PHOENIX (Bruce Cox in C-2) in Friday's race in the Spring. The 10-minute penalty moved PHOENIX from 11th to 14th in that race.

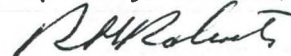
6. The Board approved the combining of Classes A-1, A-2 and B into Classes A and B, and this has been done. As part of this change, the Blunt White Trophy was changed to consider two successive years in Classes A and B, and the Kenneth Millet Trophy (Class A-2) will not be awarded for 1999. The total number of A/B boats dropped slightly this year.

7. We now have two High Performance Classes, Class C-3 and Class C-4. Participation in those two classes is not as high as we had hoped, but Classes C-2 and C-5 are relieved that the high performance boats are not "killing" them. The Race Secretary has a concern that the MADRIGAL trophy (for best combined results for two successive years in Class C-4 and C-5) considers a mixture of racing boats and high performance boats. A solution would be to shift the MADRIGAL trophy to cover the high performance boats, thus applying it to Classes C-3 and C-4. Alternatively, both the high performance classes and the MADRIGAL trophy could be re-designated, say for Class C-4 and C-5, or maybe for Class D-1 and D-2. If there is interest in pursuing this, a specific proposal will be presented at the January meeting.

8. As mentioned at the prior Board meeting, it is time to review our "Off Soundings Club Minimum Equipment and Accommodations Standard." What we have been using (the blue sheet) is dated April 2, 1994. The Deputy Race Secretary has conducted a review of that document against Category 4 of the latest ORC Regulations and has produced for consideration a revised Off Soundings Club standard. This will be distributed at the October 23rd Board meeting with a request that it be reviewed as preparation for discussion and approval consideration at our January 21st Board meeting.

9. With the cancellation of both days of the Fall Race Series, the Commodore asked each of the Class Representatives to contact the skippers in his Class to inform of the cancellation. Some called me for some of the telephone numbers, as the numbers were shown on each boat's entry form. I soon decided to enter into my master database the home and office numbers for each of the 130 boats that had entered the Fall Race Series. Having done this, I was able to print out and fax to Bruce Lockwood, at his request, the phone numbers for all of Class CR-1. For the future, I'll add corrections and new numbers as the entries come in, keeping that database up-to-date.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard H. Roberts
Race Secretary

Event	Year 1998	Year 1999	Year 2000	Year 2001	Year 2002	Year 2003	Year 2004	Year 2005	Year 2006	Year 2007
Status	APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED							
Early Guest Invitation Cut-off	April 2	April 15	April 6	April 5	April 4	April 3	April 1	Mar 31	Mar 30	April 12
Annual Meeting/Dinner	April 4	April 17	April 8	April 7	April 6	April 5	April 3	April 2	April 8	April 14
Easter	April 12	April 4	April 23	April 15	Mar 31	April 20	April 11	Mar 27	April 16	April 8
SPRING RACE SERIES										
First Notice	April 17	April 23	April 21	April 20	April 19	April 18	April 16	April 15	April 14	April 27
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off	May 7	May 6	May 4	May 3	May 9	May 8	May 6	May 5	May 4	May 3
Closing Date	May 21	May 20	May 18	May 17	May 23	May 22	May 20	May 19	May 18	May 17
Final Notice	June 5	June 4	June 2	June 1	June 7	June 6	June 4	June 3	June 2	June 1
Race Dates	June 12-13	June 11-12	June 9-10	June 8-9	June 14-15	June 13-14	June 11-12	June 10-11	June 9-10	June 8-9
Bermuda Race start	June 19	June 18 (M/B)	June 16	Jun 15 ??(M/B)	June 21 ??	(M/B)		(M/B)		(M/B)
Spring Race Series Results	July 10	July 9	July 7	July 6	July 12	July 11	July 9	July 8	July 7	July 6
FALL RACE SERIES										
First Notice	July 10	July 9	July 7	July 6	July 12	July 11	July 9	July 8	July 7	July 6
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off	August 13	August 12	August 10	August 9	August 8	August 7	August 12	August 11	August 10	August 9
Closing Date	August 27	August 26	August 24	August 23	August 22	August 21	August 26	August 25	August 24	August 23
Final Notice	Sept 11	Sept 10	Sept 8	Sept 7	Sept 6	Sept 5	Sept 10	Sept 9	Sept 8	Sept 7
Race Dates	Sept 18-19	Sept 17-18	Sept 15-16	Sept 14-15	Sept 13-14	Sept 12-13	Sept 17-18	Sept 16-17	Sept 15-16	Sept 14-15
Labor Day	Sept 7	Sept 6	Sept 4	Sept 3	Sept 2	Sept 1	Sept 6	Sept 5	Sept 4	Sept 3
Final Results	Oct 16	Oct 15	Oct 13	Oct 12	Oct 11	Oct 10	Oct 15	Oct 14	Oct 13	Oct 12
BOARD MEETINGS										
January	Jan 16	Jan 22	Jan 21	Jan 19	Jan 18	Jan 17	Jan 16	Jan 21	Jan 20	Jan 19
April	April 4	April 10	April 8	April 7	April 6	April 5	April 3	April 2	April 1	April 14
October	Oct 31	Oct 23	Oct 28	Oct 27	Oct 26	Oct 25	Oct 30	Oct 29	Oct 28	Oct 27
US SAILING Annual Mtg	Oct 21-25	Oct 27-31	Oct 11-15	Oct 17-21	Oct 16-20	Oct 15-19	Oct 20-24	Oct 19-23	Oct 18-21??	Oct 17-21??
Dyer Dhow Derby	Oct 24	Oct 23								

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DATES FOR OFF SOUNDINGS EVENTS

	<u>APPROVED 2000</u>	<u>PROPOSED 2001</u>
"Early-decision" Guest Invitation Cut-off *	April 6	April 5
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	April 8	April 7
SPRING RACE SERIES		
First Notice	April 21	April 20
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off **	May 4	May 3
Closing Date	May 18	May 17
Final Notice	June 2	June 1
Race Dates	June 9-10	June 8-9
Results of Spring Race Series	July 7	July 6
FALL RACE SERIES		
First Notice	July 7	July 6
Late Guest Invitation Cut-off **	August 10	August 9
Closing Date	August 24	August 23
Final Notice	September 8	September 7
Race Dates	September 15-16	September 14-15
Final Results	October 13	October 12
BOARD MEETINGS		
January	January 21	January 19
April	April 8	April 7
October	October 28	October 27
REFERENCE DATES		
Easter	April 23	April 15
Bermuda Race (3rd? Fri in June)	June 16	June 15?? (M/B)
Labor Day	September 4	September 3
Dyer Dhow Derby	October ___ ‡	October ___ ‡
US SAILING Meeting	October 11-15	October 17-21

NOTES

* Thursday prior to the Annual Meeting

** 14 days prior to the Closing Date

‡ Seaport is considering scheduling so as to avoid US SAILING meeting

Guest Participation
1999

List	First name	Last Name	Town	Stat	Spring	Fall	Boat
RS-1	Robert J.	Austin-LaFrance	Groton	CT	[Late]	Entered	PREMIUM
RS-1	Ted	Avedesian	Westerly	RI	Entered		ELAN
RS-1	Richard	Calabro	Narragansett	RI	Entered	Entered	PINOCCHIO
RS-1	Doug	Craig	Rocky Hill	CT	Entered - CR	Entered - CR	BRYAN STATION
RS-1	Gary	Krogman	Southampton	NY	Entered - CR	[Late]	VOLITION
RS-1	Robert	Page	Stony Creek	CT	Entered	Entered	ELLEN
RS-1	John E.	Patry, Jr.	Windsor	CT	Entered - CR	Entered	PESTY
RS-1	Sylvan R.	Shemitz	Woodbridge	CT		Entered	LIGHT FANTASTIC
RS-2	Paul	Bazzano	Old Saybrook	CT		Entered	HEARTBEAT
RS-2	Allan R.	Blair	Essex	CT			ELAN
RS-2	Chris	Bouzaid	Jamestown	RI			WAIRERE
RS-2	Dennis L.	Carriere	Forestville	CT			PALADIN
RS-2	Steve	Clarke	Portsmouth	RI	Entered		USHUAIA
RS-2	William	Cronin	Glastonbury	CT	Entered - CR		SURPRISE!
RS-2	Russell	Cumming	Mystic	CT	Entered	Entered	AEOLUS
RS-2	Lee	Henchman	Milford	CT	w/Joel Green	w/Joel Green	CALIENTE
RS-2	Thomas	Lee	Essex	CT	Entered		RICOCHET
RS-2	J. R.	Maxwell	Stonington	CT	Entered		FI FI
RS-2	Gregory	Moore	Boston	MA	Entered	Entered	IRIE
RS-2	David	Nauber	Rockfall	CT	Entered	Entered	WOLVRINE
RS-2	Ron	Pearl	Old Saybrook	CT	Entered	Entered	CIRCE
RS-2	Jeff	Rabuffo	Middletown	CT	Entered	Entered/scratch	XENEPHON
RS-2	Jeff	Sammis	Newport	RI	Entered	Entered	PERTURBATION
RS-2	Steve	Thurston	Barrington	RI	Entered		MARIAH
RS-2	David W.	Young	Stonington	CT	Entered - CR		INDIA
RS-3	Neil	Bergh	Salem	CT		[Late]	VESPER
RS-3	Phil	Dickey	Guilford	CT		Entered	TAO
RS-3	Patrick B.	Dillon	Mystic	CT		Entered	SHOE STRIING
RS-3	Eric	Johnson	Bristol	RI			SLEIJRIDE
RS-3	Martin	Lyons	Mystic	CT		Entered	CELEBRATION
RS-3	Peter	Maloney	Bristol	RI			CETACEAN
RS-3	John	Thomas	Branford	CT		Entered	BEAU CHE'
RS-3	Bill	Thomas	Branford	CT		Entered	BEAU CHE'

RS-1 April 15 or earlier
 RS-2 April 16 - May 6
 RS-3 May 7 - August 12