

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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TO: Commodore Peter W. Mcfadden
FROM: Race Secretary Richard H. Roberts
SUBJECT: Race Secretary's Report

1. The results of the Fall Race Series and the combined, perpetual trophy results were mailed to the membership on October 14th, as scheduled.
2. Continuing the statistical work done by Andy Anderson, I've added 1994 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. The call to the Board meeting asked that I comment on the 1994 classes. The enclosed statistical table shows that the number of entrants has been decreasing, with the resulting reduction in the number of yachts in some classes. This year we had 39 yachts in the three A/B classes and 65 to 73 yachts in the five C classes. At some point we will have to face reducing the A/B classes to two and the C classes to four. That will ease the Race Committee's starting sequence a bit, but will cause problems in the assignment of perpetual trophies. On the other hand, four years ago Class B was down to 10 or fewer and now has bounced back to 15. The question is, should we strive for 20 to 25 on the starting line or are we satisfied with a 10-boat class? Will an active campaign to acquire new members add to the racing fleet?
4. I have attached a tabulation of the dates for Off Soundings Club events, showing the dates approved for 1995 and the proposed dates for 1996. Those 1996 dates are scheduled for approval at the Board meeting on January 20, 1995.
5. Time-on time scoring was used this year, with few comments or complaints from the fleet, so far. Because this system makes life a little easier on the Race Committee, I recommend that we continue its use.
6. This year we went forward with an Alternative Penalty scheme, where the penalty is 10 minutes added to the yacht's Corrected Time. The Alternative Penalty was used three times this year, with these results:

Spr	A-1	ELIXIR*	Fri	10th to 14th	Comb	1st to 2nd
Spr	C-4	BRER RABBIT III	Fri	2nd to 5th	Comb	12th to 12th
Fall	CR-1	ERRANT*	Sat	4th to 10th	Comb	7th to 9th

*Carrying a 5% Penalty

My conclusion is that the 10-minute penalty gives a marked change in position for the day's race (3 to 6 places -- about what we had intended), but the effect on the places in the combined results is harder to assess. Of course, the Alternative Penalty is aimed at a foul made in one race, not at the series.

7. This year we revised our Minimum Equipment and Accommodations Standards to be consistent with ORC Regulations, and enclosed a copy of those Regulations with the Spring First Notice. An effect of this was to move the cut-off length for going from single lifelines to double lifelines from 35 ft LOA to 28 ft LOA, on relatively short notice. Existing lifeline configurations were "grandfathered" for the 1994 Spring and Fall Race Series.

8. Other procedural changes were:

- a. A procedure to notify of corrections to the Sailing Instructions by radio was included in the Sailing Instructions.
- b. A Mark to the northeast of the Gardiner's Bay Starting Area was provided for and a course using that Mark was included for selection by the Race Committee.
- c. Class Flags assigned to Class C-2 and Class CR-2 were changed, to avoid conflict.

9. For a number of years, we have said that each yacht must have a sail number and it must be a sail number conforming to Racing Rule 25. For the Off Soundings fleet, this means that, except for numbers allotted by an international class association (e.g., J-24), the numbers are to be those assigned by US SAILING. This has been pointed out to several of our fleet, and some have complied. In my letter forwarding the Fall Series results, I have mentioned this issue and have stated that I plan to verify the validity of low sail number yachts, followed by specific communication with those owners that need to work on this.

10. I was pretty much out of touch for much of the summer, being ensconced in Yale-New Haven Hospital from June 2 - July 3 and recuperating at home thereafter. I want to thank the members of the Board of Governors for pitching in and doing much of the work I couldn't do. In particular, I thank Bill Ames for taking on the chores of Acting Race Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Roberts

Richard H. Roberts
Race Secretary

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DATES FOR OFF SOUNDINGS EVENTS

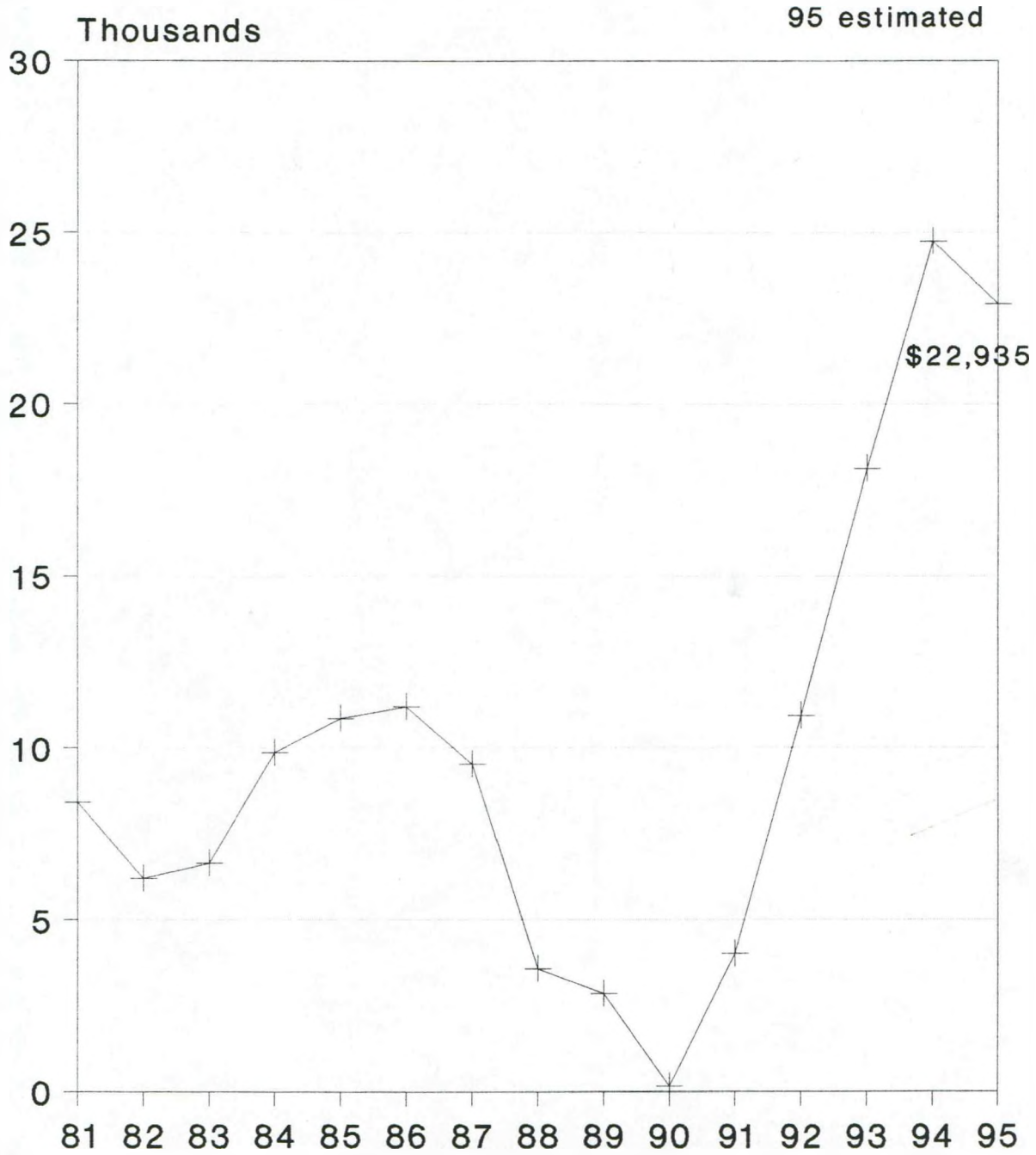
	<u>APPROVED</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>1996</u>
Guest Invitation Cut-off	March 23	March 21
Annual Meeting and Shore Party	April 8	April 6 #
SPRING RACE SERIES		
First Notice	April 21	April 19
Closing Date	May 25	May 23
Final Notice	June 9	June 7
Race Dates	June 16-17	June 14-15
Results of Spring Race Series	July 14	July 12
FALL RACE SERIES		
First Notice	July 14	July 12
Closing Date	August 24	August 22
Final Notice	September 8	September 6
Race Dates	September 15-16	September 13-14
Final Results	October 13	October 11
BOARD MEETINGS		
January	January 20	January 19
April	April 8	April 6
October	October 28	October 26
REFERENCE DATES		
Easter	April 16	April 7
Bermuda Race start	June 16 (M/B)	
Labor Day	September 4	September 2
Dyer Dhow Derby	October	October
US SAILING Meeting	October 18-22	October 16-20

NOTES

Consider these issues for 1996: (1996 date approval is scheduled for the January 1994 meeting.)

#April 6th is Easter Eve

FINANCIAL BALANCE ON HAND AS OF JAN 1 OF INDICATED YEAR



Race Entry Statistics

October 16, 1999

Class	S 1988	S 1989	S 1990	S 1991	S 1992	S 1993	S 1994	X	F 1988	F 1989	F 1990	F 1991	F 1992	F 1993	F 1994
DESTINATION	BI	BI	BI	BI	BI	BI	BI		SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
A-1	15	13	12	19	14	15	16		17	10	15	16	13	15	15
A-2	11	14	14	15	12	13	8		12	16	14	15	12	11	9
B	11	9	9	11	12	13	15		11	10	13	16	13	16	15
C-1	28	23	23	22	17	19	11		24	23	18	16	17	17	14
C-2	22	19	21	16	17	19	11		20	12	15	18	15	15	11
C-3	15	17	13	18	16	16	12		14	15	19	13	15	15	15
C-4	16	19	16	13	16	15	14		14	21	17	12	16	14	16
C-5	14	17	18	15	16	15	17		15	14	17	11	17	15	17
CR, CR-1	29	28	24	27	31	15	17		26	27	26	23	26	16	19
CR-2						13	15							15	13
Totals	161	159	150	156	151	153	136		153	148	154	140	144	149	144
Crew Count		909	882	903	891	915	791			844	846	805	833	869	818
Crew per Yacht		5.7	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.8			5.7	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7
Income, yacht + crew		\$8,630	\$10,583	\$10,800	\$10,634	\$11,017	\$8,879			\$8,024	\$10,505	\$9,700	\$10,039	\$10,622	\$9,390
\$ per yacht		\$54.30	\$70.55	\$69.23	\$70.42	\$72.01	\$65.29			\$54.22	\$68.21	\$69.29	\$69.72	\$71.29	\$65.21
\$ Non-racers @ \$6					\$78	\$174	\$96						\$108	\$204	\$174
Fee, per yacht	\$15	\$20	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$30		\$20	\$20	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$30
Fee, per crew	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6		\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6