



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Dear Wes:

I thought the innovations in the R.C. procedures worked very well last week-end. Nice job!!

I've had a thought that I'll toss out for what it is worth. When we have a true windward start, as we did on Saturday, having both Cruising Divisions starting at once makes it awfully tough on the smaller boats. Unless you're the one boat with the perfect start at the starboard tack end, you are sure to be in somebody's dirty air for a long time as the bigger boats sail over you one by one. It was a real horror story last Saturday with all these monsters up there, charging in and luffing and barging like crazy. (I was up there because at the time the other end was favored, and I thought everybody would be down there and I could get some clear air at ~~that~~ ^{the stbd.} end.) I tacked away and came around after the mob had gone.

I wonder whether it would be feasible to start ~~C-5~~ CR-2 five minutes after C-5 and CR-1 five minutes later. With all the "Racing" classes gone the general confusion is minimized, and I would think five minutes would give the skippers as well as the Committee enough time for a start, and you guys would still have the same amount of time to get to the finish.

Just a suggestion. I don't need a reply.

Best regards,
Don