



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Off Soundings Club Members and Guests

As the OSC evolves and plans for our 75th Anniversary year, we continue to seek ways to improve the Club and provide the best off shore race series possible. This requires your participation and a bit of luck with the weather. While we often sail under challenging conditions, our Race Committee strives to provide fair and equitable racing through rational class assignment and good course selection. You will note in the attached NOR, that this year we will use the RRS Low Point system to determine weekend results. This is a significant departure from our prior practice. We hope you like it! Of course the after race parties are always a high point of the weekend and we do our best to keep it that way.

Our Club recognizes that we live in a changing world and we are attempting to change, as appropriate, with it. As boat designs continue to evolve, we are mindful of the need to attract these new boats to our events and to offer all participants good competition and sailing. Your ideas and thoughts on our accommodation of this evolution would be appreciated. We have taken steps to streamline the membership process, so that this will be timelier after a nomination is made. Another change that is occurring is the whole subject of electronic communications between the Club and the membership. Our recent survey of other clubs and of our own membership encourages us to continue with our initiatives in this regard. Our objective is providing timely communications that is often not possible with the facilities of the postal service. You will be seeing more of this through our website and direct email communication.

One of our recent initiatives has been to reduce some of the Club's mystique. A new section on our website has been posted to answer Frequently Asked Questions. Please take a look at this and give us some feedback. There are obviously other Frequent Questions that need a response. Please send them to us.

We are currently planning for our 75th Anniversary year in 2008. Plans include a video, photo boat, special mementos, and a gala Annual Dinner to be held on April 5th, 2008. Please save the date and plan to join us for a memorable evening. Sarah Hale-Porter would appreciate your ideas and help. Please see her on Block Island or contact her through the web site.

On behalf of the Officers, I look forward to seeing you on the water and at Block Island this spring.

Good Sailing,
Bob Geary