



## OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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### 56th ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES 1993 SEPTEMBER 17th and 18th

#### FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

1. Fall Race Series Entry Blank
2. General Information and Reservation Sheet
3. Results of the Spring Race Series

The Off Soundings fleet will race from New London to Dering Harbor on Friday, September 17th. For a change in venue this year, we will race in Little Peconic Bay and Great Peconic Bay on Saturday, September 18th. The courses are being developed, but the starting area is expected to be in Noyack Bay, about the same distance from Dering Harbor as our Gardiners Bay Starting Area. (Scrutiny of the current edition of Chart No.12358 is suggested.) Each evening we will rendezvous at the Shelter Island Yacht Club in Dering Harbor.

PHRF handicapping will be used for all classes in 1993. There will be three "A" and "B" classes, five "C" classes and two Cruising Canvas Classes.

PHRF ratings will be based on the work of the PHRF of Long Island Sound (the PHRF group of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association), information from regional areas with PHRF experience, and additional information which may be developed by the OSC Chief Measurer. The adjustment factors will be in accordance with the PHRF of LIS procedures. A valid Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate is required from which necessary yacht dimensional information may be taken. Owners of a class type (such as Tartan 30 or Morgan 34, etc.) must inform the OSC Chief Measurer of any substantial modifications to the yacht which might affect the speed potential but which might not be evident on the Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate. Examples of such modifications are added keel ballast and lightened interior joiner work. This request must be treated in a true Corinthian spirit. Those entrants who apply for and receive a rating certificate from the PHRF of LIS are requested to submit a copy of that certificate with their entry, but this does not waive the requirement to have a valid Off Soundings Club Measurement Data Certificate.

The logistic particulars for this series are outlined on the enclosed General Information and Reservations Sheet. Information on docking, mooring, shore facilities, transportation, emergency facilities, etc., are included therein and you are requested to make whatever reservations you wish direct and early.

The legal age for drinking in New York State is twenty-one. The "Captain's Responsibility" statement printed on the reverse of the Entry Blank makes it clear that your signature denotes that, as Master/Captain, you shoulder the responsibility that your under-age crew members are advised of the prohibition on their drinking at Off Soundings Club events. Further, you take full responsibility for their actions. Guest invitees who have not received prior communication please take note of this emphasis on the Master/Captain's responsibility,

## ENTRY PROCEDURE

Off Soundings Club races are open to those member and guest yachts which qualify in all respects to the provisions outlined in this First Notice.

1. You must complete the enclosed Entry Blank and send it by First Class Mail, postmarked on or before August 26th, to Richard H. Roberts, Race Secretary, 60 Dart Street, New London, CT 06320. Your entry will be acknowledged by return postcard.
2. In order to determine perpetual trophy winners accurately and assign handicap penalties equitably, it will be necessary to confirm the ownership or charter arrangement of all entered yachts for each race series. Please list the names of all owners or charterers, whether or not also listed as master(s), in the space provided on the Entry Blank.
3. Please be reminded that our rules require that at least one of the persons in whose name the yacht is entered, i.e., master(s), must be on board for both races and must be in command of the yacht, and must be an Off Soundings Club member or a 1993 guest.

For reasons of space, please do not list more than two names as Master. If yours is a syndicate boat and you wish to list the syndicate name, indicate the skipper's name only.

4. You must have a valid OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB MEASUREMENT DATA CERTIFICATE. A valid OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB MEASUREMENT DATA CERTIFICATE is one that is less than three years old, i.e., with an original date of September 17, 1990 or later. Please read and fill out the Entry Blank carefully and completely. If the yacht does not have a valid Measurement Data Certificate, it must be measured by one of the following: an Off Soundings Club approved measurer, your yacht club measurer, or a yachting association measurer. The Certificate should be completed in triplicate, with one copy being sent to Norman E. Rabe, Off Soundings Club Chief Measurer, 33 Valley Drive, Salem, Connecticut 06420, postmarked not later than August 26, 1993. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

The closing date of August 26, 1993 for entries and Measurement Data Certificates is the latest possible date and will be rigidly adhered to. Absolutely no exceptions will be made.

The U. S. Postal Service has been known to lose entries. Please note that non-receipt of entries due to postal problems will not be an exception to the closing date. If you have not received an acknowledgement card from the Race Secretary prior to the deadline, please call to inquire.

Also, do not hold up your entry waiting for your measurement. Get the Entry in and expedite the measurement separately. However, please note that the Measurement Data Certificate is also subject to the same closing date.

An additional note of caution: since postmarks govern on entry deadlines, be advised that the U.S. Postal Service often picks up outlying office or drop-box mail and transfers it to a main station for cancellation. This can cause a delay in postmarking that could invalidate your last-minute entry. If you are close to the deadline, ask your post office to hand-cancel your entry envelope immediately, to insure proper postmarking.

## CONTRIBUTION FROM ENTRANTS

Your contribution is vital to allow continuation of the quality services rendered which have made our races so successful and which you have come to expect. Please note that, in order to assign actual expenses equitably, there is a \$35 contribution per yacht plus \$6 per person on board. Please make your check payable to the Off Soundings Club and enclose it with your Entry Blank.

Your Board of Governors wishes to remind you that non-racing members and guests are always welcome at our rendezvous parties, at the normal per-person rate. We've included a place on the Entry Blank for you to let us know how many non-racing people to expect, and to include payment to cover them.

### 1994 RACE SERIES

For planning purposes, the closing date for submittal of guest invitation requests for 1994 racing is March 17, 1994.

### RULES

The Race Series will be governed by the Constitution of the Off Soundings Club (specifically, its Article VIII, Section 4), the 1993-1996 International Yacht Racing Rules, the Prescriptions of US SAILING and by the Sailing Instructions.

The new Rule Book (1993-1996) is effective April 1, 1993 and is distinguished by its blue cover. It has been mailed to each member of US SAILING. Others may join US SAILING and get a book, or may purchase the book from US SAILING for \$15. (Call 401-849-5200 to join or to order.)

The new Rules required that we develop an Off Soundings Club procedure for cancelling a race and caused other changes in our Sailing Instructions. Attention will be called to such changes in the Final Notice.

### YACHT ELIGIBILITY

1. For handicapping purposes, the maximum PHRF base boat number will be 300.
2. The minimum L.O.A. of yachts which may race in the OSC Annual Race Series is 23.75 feet. Yachts smaller than this L.O.A. will not be permitted to race, nor will yachts in excess of 62 feet L.O.A. Yachts must have self-bailing cockpits and be capable of normal cruising (head, galley, bunks, etc.).
3. Excepted from this ruling are yachts, owned by members, which fall outside the limits of 2 above, but which have raced in a series prior to this date. Those yachts will be permitted to race using ratings based on the yacht's valid Measurement Data Certificate, so long as there is no change in yacht ownership.
4. To qualify to race in Off Soundings Club races, your yacht must meet all Offshore Racing Council (ORC) Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standards Category 4 requirements (as adapted by OSC in March 1988) including lifelines and pulpits. It is your responsibility to meet these requirements. A copy of the ORC Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standards, Category 4, as adapted by OSC, March 1988 was included in the First Notice for the 1993 Spring Race Series.

You will note that the Entry Blank requires you to sign a certification that your yacht meets the Category 4 requirements as adapted by OSC in all respects and that you agree to the waiver contained on the reverse thereof. As a Corinthian yachtsman, your certifying signature is the verification needed to assure that all entrants have complied and are racing fairly and truly.

5. Board of Governors action has defined Cruising Canvas Class requirements as follows:
  - a. Only Off Soundings Club members may enter. You must mark the appropriate box on the Entry Blank to enter.
  - b. Spinnakers (including mizzen spinnakers) may not be used.
  - c. Spinnaker poles may be used as whisker poles.
  - d. Only one sail at a time, other than forestaysails on a standard double-head rig, may be tacked forward of the mainmast (foremast on schooners). This does not prohibit a transient condition (i.e., during a sail change evolution).
  - e. Use of other sails, such as mules, mizzen staysails, is permitted.
  - f. Yachts must meet all Off Soundings eligibility requirements.
6. United States Sailing Association requirements regarding sail numbers are mandatory for Off Soundings participation. Class insignia, however, may be displayed.
7. You must fly a class flag at all times during the race. This flag shall be no smaller than size "0", (i.e., 12" x 15"). It should be flown as vertically, as far forward as possible, on the pulpit. This is of great assistance to all participants while racing, and aids the Race Committee as it finishes upwards of 150 yachts.

The following International Code Flags will be used as class flags:

A-1	Alpha
A-2	Echo
B	Kilo
C-1	Papa
C-2	Quebec
C-3	Foxtrot
C-4	Zulu
C-5	Juliet
Cruising Canvas, Upper	Uniform
Cruising Canvas, Lower	Lima

Those owners unsure of their yacht's Class may call me at 203-443-4621 (H) after September 7th. (Time will be short -- do not write.)

### RADIO NOTICE

The Coast Guard First District has advised that, effective April 1, 1992 and within its jurisdiction, VHF Channel 9 is to be used as the calling channel, reserving the use of Channel 16 for distress communications. Off Soundings Race Committee communications will be carried out on VHF Channel 72.

## PENALTY INFORMATION

Handicap penalties for winners are 15% for first place, 10% for second place, and 5% for third place, with a maximum penalty of 45%. Present penalties will be carried over if a class changes for any reason.

Handicap penalties may be worked off in three race series. To work off a penalty, you must start both races in each series and either be identified as a finisher or submit a written withdrawal as soon as possible to the Race Secretary. A handicap penalty will be removed after five race series, sailed or not.

If a yacht is acquired by a person not associated with the acquisition of the penalty, the penalty will be dropped from the yacht. If the owner then purchases or charters a non-similar yacht, he will also not continue to carry the penalty. It is the responsibility of the entrant to contact the Race Secretary prior to the entry closing date if there is any question regarding the dropping of a penalty.

## CLUB TIES AND PATCHES, ETC.

The Off Soundings Club has recently arranged with Sportslines to offer an expanded line of ties, burgees, patches, pins, shirts, hats and jackets for sale. A brochure was included with the recent notice of the Annual Meeting. Inquire directly at Sportslines, Box 227, No. Branford, CT 06471; 203-488-2558. Some of the merchandise will be available at the Shore Party.

Good sailing, and we look forward to seeing you at Shelter Island.

Cordially,



Richard H. Roberts  
Race Secretary  
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### GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESERVATION SHEET

Thursday, September 16, 1993

Burr's Yacht Haven at New London can provide dock space for Thursday night or from the preceding weekend at the normal rate of \$1.25 per foot (plus tax). Please contact the dockmaster upon arrival for docking instructions. It is not necessary, but to be on the safe side, if you wish to make advance reservations, contact Burr's, 244 Pequot Avenue, New London, CT 06320. Telephone: 203-443-8457. Lighted municipal parking is available a short block away for weekend parking. Please do not use Burr's in-yard parking for the entire weekend, as that is reserved for their regular clientele.

Friday and Saturday, September 17 & 18, 1993

The Shelter Island Yacht Club at Dering Harbor, Shelter Island, New York will be the site of the weekend rendezvous.

#### MOORINGS AND ANCHORING

Moorings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis as pointed out by the Shelter Island Yacht Club launch operators. A charge per night of \$25.00 will be made for each yacht within Dering Harbor, whether moored, anchored or rafted.

#### LAUNCH SERVICE

There will be launches flying the Shelter Island Yacht Club burgee available for transportation ashore from 1400 to 0130 on Friday, 0700 to 0130 Saturday and on Sunday morning. Please note that the last ferry from Greenport is at midnight. The launch schedule is rigid, so plan accordingly.

#### REFRESHMENTS

Spigotted crocks will be arranged north of the clubhouse and may be readily identified by the code flags properly arrayed. Timely finishes permitting, mainbrace splicing will commence at 1730. Please assist in keeping the grounds neat and tidy by using the trash barrels available.

#### DINING

For Off Soundings Club race participants, the Shelter Island Yacht Club will put on a Chicken BBQ Friday night and a Steak Roast Saturday night, both buffet style. Reservations are suggested, and can be made by calling 516-749-1500 no later than Monday, September 13th. Shelter Island Yacht Club may arrange for music on Friday night for everyone's enjoyment. In addition, you may arrange for box lunches the evening before you need them.