



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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53RD ANNUAL FALL RACE SERIES
1990
SEPTEMBER 14TH AND 15TH

FIRST NOTICE

Enclosed are the following:

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

Again this fall, the Off Soundings fleet will race from New London to Dering Harbor on Friday, September 14th, and will race on selected courses on Saturday, September 15th, in Gardiners Bay. Both evenings we will rendezvous at the Shelter Island Yacht Club in Dering Harbor.

PHRF handicapping will be used for all classes in 1990. There will again be three "A" and "B" Classes, five "C" Classes and a Cruising Canvas Class.

PHRF ratings will be based on the work of the PHRF of Long Island Sound (the PHRF group of the Eastern Connecticut Yacht Racing 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 yachts of a class type (such as a Tartan 41 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 not 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.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

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

1. Complete the enclosed Entry Blank and send by First Class Mail, postmarked on or before August 23rd to Allen N. Anderson, Race Secretary, 264 N. Water Street, RR #1 - Box 22B, Stonington, CT 06378. 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 1990 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. 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 15, 1987 or later. Please read and complete the Entry Blank carefully. 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, CT 06415, postmarked not later than August 23, 1990. Your measurer should keep one copy. The third copy is for your files.

The closing date of August 23, 1990 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 and non-receipt of entries due to postal problems will not be an exception to the closing date. If you have not received an acknowledgment card from the Race Secretary prior to the deadline please call to inquire. In addition, sending entries by certified mail can help.

Also, do not hold up your entry waiting for measurements, etc. Get the entry in and expedite the measurement separately. However, please note that measurements are also subject to the closing date.

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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 and could invalidate your last minute entry. If you are close to the deadline, ask your post office to handcancel your entry envelope immediately to ensure proper postmarking.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ENTRANTS

Your contribution is vital to allow continuation of the services rendered which have made our races so successful. Please note that the contribution per yacht is \$35.00 and \$6.00 per person on board. Please make your check payable to the Off Soundings Club and enclose it with your Entry Blank.

GUEST VESSEL INVITATION

The closing date for guest invitations was set at March 21, 1990 for both Spring and Fall Series. No more guests may be invited for 1990 racing.

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.
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. These yachts will be permitted to race using ratings shown on the yacht's valid rating 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 Rating Council (ORC) Category 4 requirements of January 1987 (as adapted by OSC) including lifelines and pulpits. It is your responsibility to meet these requirements. A copy of the ORC Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standards was included in the first notice for the Spring Series.

You will note that the Entry Blank requires you to sign a certification that your yacht meets the Category 4 requirements in all respects and that you agree to the waiver contained on the reverse thereof. In addition, you must acknowledge your direct responsibility as master/captain in advising underage crew members of the prohibition on their drinking at Off Soundings Club events. 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 form to enter.
 - b. Spinnakers (including mizzen spinnakers) may not be used.

YACHT ELIGIBILITY

5. continued:

- c. Spinnaker poles may be used as whisker poles.
- d. Only one sail at a time, other than forestaysails on standard double-head rigs, 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 Yacht Racing Union requirements regarding sail numbers are mandatory for Off Soundings participation in all classes. Class insignia, however, may be displayed. Failure to have a USYRU assigned sail number could be cause for entry rejection.

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 vertically as far forward on the pulpit as possible. This is of great assistance to all participants while racing, and aids the Race Committee as it finishes upwards of 170 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	Charlie

Those owners unsure of their yacht's class may call me (H) 203/535-4049 after September 1st (time will be short - do not write).

RADIO NOTICE

Race Committee communications will be carried on VHF-FM Channel 9.

OTHER RACING INFORMATION

Handicap penalties for winners are fifteen percent (15%) for first place, ten percent (10%) for second place and five percent (5%) for third place, with a maximum penalty of forty-five percent (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. Handicap penalties 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.

The class starting sequence will be: A-2, A-1, C-4, C-3, B, C-2, C-1, C-5, Cruising Canvas.

PLEASE NOTE:

The IYRU Racing Rules were revised and updated in 1989. USYRU added "Prescriptions" for use in the United States, and published the new Rule Book (1989-1992) last year. Copies are available through USYRU.

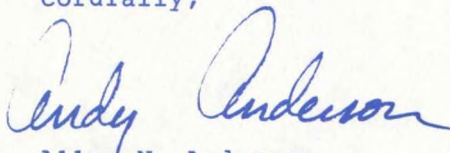
These rules became effective May 1, 1989 and are in effect for our races.

CLUB TIES AND PATCHES

Club members may obtain our club tie for \$13.00, a gold bullion pin-on blazer patch for \$10.00, a tie clasp for \$8.00, cap button for \$5.00, burgee brooch pins for the ladies for \$5.00 and burgees for \$16.00 from your Treasurer, Leslie Bowman, 15 Sharon Lane, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 - (203) 388-1655.

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

Cordially,



Allen N. Anderson
Race Secretary
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GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESERVATION SHEET

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1990

Burr's Yacht Haven at New London can provide Off Soundings participants moorings for Thursday night or from the preceding weekend at his normal rates. Please contact the dockmaster upon arrival for docking and/or rafting instructions. It is not necessary, but to be on the safe side, if you wish to make advanced reservations, contact Burr's, 244 Pequot Avenue, New London, CT 06320. Telephone: (203) 443-8457. Launch service will be available up until 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening. If you expect to require service after that hour, you should make your own arrangements. Lighted municipal parking is located a block away for weekend parking. Please do not use Burr's in-yard parking for the entire weekend as it is reserved for their regular clientele.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15, 1990

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-serve basis as pointed out by the Shelter Island Yacht Club launch operators. A charge per night of \$15.00 will be made for each yacht on a mooring, whether directly moored or rafted or anchored within the Shelter Island grid. The mooring fees will be collected by Shelter Island Yacht Club.

LAUNCH SERVICE

There will be launches flying the Shelter Island Yacht Club burgee available for transportation ashore from 2:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday and on Sunday a.m. 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 permitted, mainbrace splicing will commence at 1730. Please assist in keeping the grounds neat and tidy by using the trash barrels available.